

Exodus 25:1 -27:21

God's Provision for Holiness

"First of all, everything about the structure of the tabernacle was meant to teach the people about the holiness of God. It taught that God, in his mercy, condescends to be with his people and dwell among them. That is important. But above all, it taught the holiness of God. No one could barge into the tabernacle. The people as a whole had to stay outside. The priests could go inside the courtyard, but only certain priests could go inside the Holy Place. And only the high priest could go inside the most holy place, and only once a year on the Day of Atonement (see Heb. 9:6-8). The veils and altars and lavers for washing all taught that God is holy.

'Holy to the Lord' is something that people need to learn today. We have changed, and we do not live in an age that is concerned about holiness. But God has not changed, God is still a holy God. Boice

- I. We will never, at least in our short pilgrimage here on earth, fully grasp the great divide that exists between mankind's sin and God's holiness, it is a divide that man is incapable of crossing on his own. Jesus made that clear with the factual account of the death of a rich man who did not know the Lord and the death of a poverty-stricken man who did. Abraham, in response to the rich man's plea for relief from being in hades said, *between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us* (Lk. 16: 19-31). Upon his death, the rich man's fate was sealed because of unforgiven sin. And because of that great divide, God provided a bridge for sinners to cross through the ongoing sacrificial system he put in place for his covenant people the Israelites and through the once and for all sacrifice of his beloved Son, Jesus Christ. *For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit* (Rom. 8:3-4).

Ex. 25:1-8

2 Cor. 9:7

Heb. 8:3-6

Ceremonial law was meant to show physical representations of God's holiness and the holiness He expected from His people. The ceremonial law governed how the people were to approach God in worship, instituted remembrance of God's prior actions, and pointed ahead to the Messiah.
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Col. 1:21-22 *21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—*

II. *Throughout Israel's time in the wilderness on into the reign of King David and the first part of Solomon's period on the throne, the tabernacle served the people of God as the place where He would receive sacrifices and make His presence manifest in a special way. Yet as suitable as the tabernacle was for these purposes, it was never meant to be a permanent sanctuary. First of all it was a tent (Num. 1:47–51), which by its very nature is a temporary dwelling. Secondly, even though the Lord did accept the blood of the animals offered there as a covering for sin, the repetition of sacrifice gave evidence that what was done in the tabernacle was not enough to solve the problem of Israel's wickedness...*

Something more permanent than the tabernacle would have to be involved in the final atonement for sin. As long as the tabernacle and its counterpart the temple stood, the people of Israel were reminded that sin had not yet been conclusively dealt with. Imagine what it was like to be ancient Israelites who saw only the outside of the tabernacle, who knew that there was no way they could enter the presence of their covenant Lord — Yahweh, the one, true creator God. Like the repeated sacrifices, the curtains of the tabernacle and temple that stood between the Most Holy Place and the people taught them that they remained unclean. With no final assurance on account of the barriers to communion with God, like William Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth they must have said about their sin: "Out, damn'd spot! out, I say!" and felt no permanent relief.

But Christ entered "into heaven itself" forever, achieving the permanent atonement that alone can clean the conscience and render us just in the sight of the Father (Heb. 9:15–28). The tabernacle has been torn down and no longer needs to remind us of our separation from the Almighty, for Jesus has reconciled us to Him forever. ligonier.org

Ex. 25:9-27:210
Ezek. 1:13; 10:20
Ezek. 31:18
Heb. 9:4
John 6:35
Ps. 27:1
John 8:12
Rev. 4:5

1 Cor. 3:16
Heb. 8:5
Heb. 9:12
Mat. 27:15
Ps. 18:1-2
Ps. 118:27
Heb. 13:10-16
Ps. 84:10
Ps. 100:4

Coram Deo

(In the presence of God)

Those who have trusted in Christ alone for salvation need not be burdened with an overwhelming sense of guilt, since Jesus has removed the cause of our guilt, giving us peace with God the Father (Rom. 5:1–2). There is no sin too great that He will not forgive when we confess it before Him, so let us walk in repentance and be assured that in Christ God is no longer set on condemning we who love Him. ligonier.org

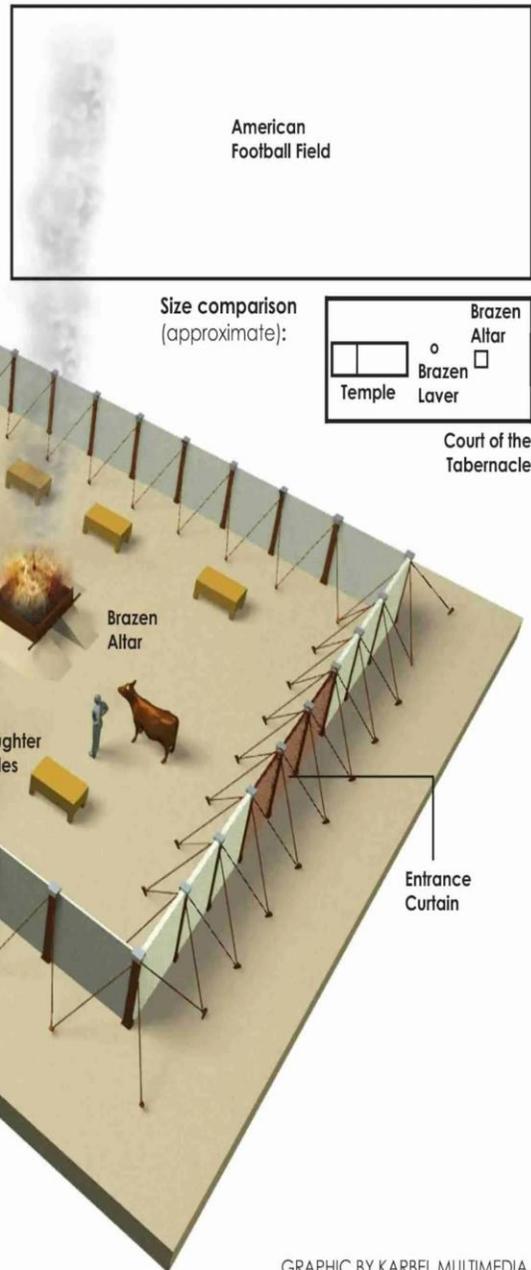
INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil

TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen



The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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Gold Lampstand

Ex 25:35-40

Bulbs on Center Support

- Under The 1st Pair Of Branches
- Under The 2nd Pair Of Branches
- Under The 3rd Pair Of Branches

One Piece, Bulbs and Branches

- Of One Piece
- Of Hammered Work
- Of Pure Gold

The 7 Lamps, 25:37

- Mount To Shed Light
- On The Space In Front Of It

Snuffers and Trays

- From A Talent Of Pure Gold
- With All Utensils.

*Make Them After The Pattern
Shown To You On The Mountain*



A Talent
of Pure Gold
(Approx. 75 lbs)