

Hi, everyone, and welcome to the broadcast. Today I'm going to be continuing with our series on the Jewish roots of the faith. And today's message is going to be the Christian and the outer court, a journey into the tabernacle. So we have most of us have heard about the tabernacle of Moses, and it was constructed under the leadership of Moses, approximately a year after he led the Hebrews out of Egypt. And it was to be God's dwelling place among the Hebrew people. And God has had a history of choosing to dwell among men. he dwelt with Adam and Eve in the garden. The Bible in Genesis three eight says that God walked in the garden in the cool of the day. So God was physically present, walking in the garden where he placed man, and then that time, man was without sin. So God could be in their presence, because there was no separation from sin yet. Once sin entered the picture, that change Men can no longer be in the direct presence of God. Otherwise they would die. So then we have the tabernacle, where he dwelt with the Hebrews in, in a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, directly over the Holy of Holies. These, the cloud and the pillar of fire were directly over the Holy of Holies, in the tabernacle. And he had to dwell with them in that way, because they could not be in his direct presence. Then we have God dwelling in the first and the second temple and the Holy of Holies. And then Jesus, God took on flesh and tabernacled among men, he dwelt with men. And then we also know that Jesus will come again and we will again, be able like in the garden before sin entered the picture, we will once again be able to dwell with God directly in his presence. So there is a rich history there of God. Always desiring to dwell with ma'am. So back to the tabernacle, God gave very specific instructions for the construction of the tabernacle and for what would be within it. And today we're going to concern ourselves with what is known as the outer chord of the tabernacle. And there were three sections of the tabernacle, there was the outer court, there was the holy place, and then the Holy of Holies. And the Holy of Holies was where God Himself dwelled. No man could enter except for the high priest, and even that was only once a year on the Day of Atonement to make atonement for the children of Israel. So only the high priest once a year could enter the Holy of Holies. The holy place was right in between the outer court and the Holy of Holies. And here in the holy place, you would find the table of showbread the golden lampstand the altar of incense will go into this further in another teaching, but this section was separated From the Holy of Holies, by a veil, and this is the veil that it references with regards to the temple that was torn into upon Jesus's death giving man direct access to God. So we no longer needed a high priest, we no longer needed a mediator, to go into the Holy of Holies. For us to make atonement for sin, Jesus became our high priest, and gave man direct access to God. But again, we'll delve into that deeper in a later message. So the outer court, which is what we're going to be dealing with today, this was the first place a person would enter in the tabernacle. And in this area, you would find a brazen altar and a bronze laver, the altar which was the first thing that you would approach was for people to come and offer sacrifices.

The labor was for cleansing. bronze in the Bible represents judgment and sin. So the hour record is a place where sin is dealt with by sacrifice and cleansing. To the Christian, this is the area that for us represents salvation, the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins, and then the cleansing the washing and baptism. Before one could progress into the holy place, one first had to deal with sin, the blood of an innocent creature had to be shed on the altar. And then the priests would cleanse themselves in the labor, which was between the altar and the holy place. And only then could they enter the holy place and Minister. So the outer court represents sacrifice for sin and cleansing in the water.

The idea here is to progress further, to move forward into the holy place. But many times what happens is Christians stay in the outer court. They know Jesus, they're baptized. They're saved. But they never get past that. They stay stuck on the fundamentals of the faith, but they never go deeper to know God more intimately. They stay in the outer court. They stay in the section of the tabernacle where sin has dealt with, where salvation is attained, but they don't get to know the one who provides it. And many times it just to clarify Christians who do go past this Christians who do go deeper in their walk, they'll move back and forth. Many times I know for me, I move back and forth many times a day, you may be in the very presence of God, you may be in prayer, and feel like you're entering into the very presence of God. And then later on in the day, somebody you'll be listening to gossip and then you need to go back to the outer court to deal with that sin. Many, many, many times a day we're moving back and forth. And that's the way the top Alcohol was the present and stay in one section of the tabernacle, they moved back and forth. But the idea here is progression, not dwelling. You can progress further into the Holy of Holies. And then you can need to go back to the outer court. But as long as you don't dwell there, God wants us to get into His presence. But many times, a Christian will get saved and they'll stay in the outer court. Maybe it's fear, maybe they don't feel like they're worthy to get into His presence. Maybe they don't know. Maybe nobody's told them how to progress further. Maybe they think they need some special knowledge. Maybe they're not plugged into a church, who is helping to, to mentor them. Maybe they don't have other believers in their lives and they don't know how to progress further. Many, many times Christians get saved and they think that they've become part of a religion but we We're not part of our religion, we've entered into relationship, not religion, and relationship like like any relationship. It takes time. But it also takes conversation. It takes getting to know the the other person, you have to learn about them. And the only way you get to know them better and get into a deeper relationship with them is by knowing them more. And God is no different. The Bible talks about when we're babes, we need milk. But then there's that expectation like a baby. A newborn baby is on milk, they they lack they don't have the teeth. They don't have the reflex to eat solid food. If you put a piece of steak into a baby's mouth,

there's a good chance they're gonna choke on it because they don't have the teeth to chew it nor do they have the reflex yet to make that chewing motion. So they're not capable of eating meat. They're their babes. And when you're first saved, you're a babe. You're still learning. You're still growing, you have to progress in your walk. The idea here again, is progression. The Bible makes it clear we're expected to move on to solid food at some point in time. And if you're staying stuck in the outer court, you're not progressing. How do we progress again, we're in relationship. We learn more about God by reading his word. We spend time in prayer. You don't need a theology degree to know God more. God has torn that veil in into and you have access. My access to God is no easier than your access. I'm in none of us is any more spiritual or special, then you you have the ability to know God in every way. And it's done through prayer. And it's done through studying and reading his word, getting into a church where you're fed. That's how you know God deeper. That's how you move outside the outer core.

So I hope that this encourages you to go deeper in your walk. And if you have questions, if you if you're wondering how few if you just want to ask a question about this, please feel free to comment. Not only can Will I be able to comment back but others will also see your comments and be able to help. So I invite you to take a step deeper with me as we next explore the holy place. Again, you may find sometimes you have to visit the record again and that's okay. As long as you don't dwell there. So again, I hope you enjoyed the message. If you have questions, please comment. If you want to be notified when the next message comes out, subscribe. Over on the right hand side of the page. This is a blog subscription and is not a mailing list. So you'll only be notified when there's a new blog post for the mailing list to get newsletters, get some resources here and there. There's a little pop up that you probably saw when you came to the page. It'll show up again in a few days, if you if you clicked off of it, don't worry about it. But if you want to subscribe to the newsletter, go ahead and fill that out. But on the right hand side that is for the blog only. So go ahead and subscribe and you'll get a notification and I thank you for listening.

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