

XX. WHAT THE BIBLE SAY

LESSON TWENTY

... ABOUT THE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY TRUTHS (CONTINUED)

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson we want to see the Spirit, Soul and Body truths in the Tabernacle, so that, we might deepen our understanding and appreciation of these wonderful truths.

TABERNACLE/BELIEVER/DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

Exodus 25:8,9

John 2:21

1 Corinthians 3:16

1 Corinthians 6:19

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

2 Corinthians 6:16

2 Peter 1:14

John 14:23

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that the believer is compared to the Tabernacle, which was and is the dwelling place of God.

The Tabernacle is a trinity. There is the oblong outer court. Within this outer court is the tabernacle building itself with its two rooms. The first room (twice as large as the second or inner room) is called the "sanctuary" or holy place. The second room, or inner room, which is four square is the "holy of holies (Hebrews 9:2,3)

The outer, earthly court would compare to our "outer man", **THE BODY.**

The tabernacle building itself, being in the "heart" of the outer court would, roughly speaking, compare to our "heart", which then has two rooms. Room one of the heart, the holy place or sanctuary, is the **SOUL.** Room two, or the inner room of the heart, the holy of holies, is the **SPIRIT.**

WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THIS TRUTH?

A. The practical application of the dividing of the Spirit, Soul and Body is most readily seen in the comparison of the triune nature of the Believer, with the Tabernacle, with its outer court, holy place and holy of holies and the furnishings of each room.

1. The "Holy of Holies" is a picture of the SPIRIT.

Once a year the High Priest went into the most Holy Place with the blood of the sacrificial lamb. Here he sprinkled the blood of the lamb upon the Mercy Seat which covered the Ark of the Covenant, and in so doing the people's sins were covered by the blood of the lamb shed for them.

This is a perfect picture of what happens in salvation, or Justification.

Romans 5:9

Hebrews 6:20

Hebrews 10:10

Hebrews 8:12

Jesus, the High Priest, entered into your spirit when you by faith received Him as your Savior, sprinkling the blood of the Sacrificial Lamb of God, who died once for all, and for all time, and when the blood of Calvary was applied to your, the sinner's spirit, all your sins (past, present and future) were forgiven, never to be remembered against you ever again.

Three things in the holy of holies picture Christ in our spirit.

- First, we see that the High Priest on the Day of Atonement pictures Christ our High Priest in our "holy of holies", that is to say, in our spirit giving us "once and for all" a positional relationship with God our Father
 - John 1:12,13
- Second, the Ark of the Covenant, with its valuables pictures Christ in us and His riches available to us, giving us a provisional heir-ship. Our soul will have no lack if it will appropriate the hidden riches of Christ's wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, pictured by the manna, Aaron's rod, the law, and the mercy seat.
 - 1 Corinthians 1:30
- Third, Jesus in us, is pictured by the angel of God (Christ in the O.T.) within the pillar of the Holy Spirit cloud giving us a personal relationship.
 - Leviticus 16:2
 - Exodus 14:19
 - Acts 27:23
 - 1 Corinthians 10:4

2. The "Holy Place" or sanctuary pictures the SOUL and the soul life of the believer.

As the Priests ministered daily in the holy place, so the soul of the believer needs daily ministry. This daily ministry in the soul of the believer is seen in the articles of furniture in the holy place.

- **THE TABLE OF SHEW BREAD** is a picture of the Word of life and the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Word. The believer "Eats the Word." Fresh bread a must, yesterdays bread (Bible study, meditation on the Word) will not do for today. We are to continually partake of God's Bread (Word) to have a healthy, sanctified, set apart, holy soul life. Many believers are starving themselves to death spiritually because they are being disobedient to this truth.
 - John 6:35, 41, 48-51
 - John 5:39
 - Romans 10:17
 - John 15:26
- **THE INCENSE ALTAR** speaks of the need to have continual prayer as part of our soul life, as the fire was never to be allowed to go out on the incense altar, so to have a healthy soul life, the believer is to pray without ceasing.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - Revelation 5:8
 - Psalm 141:1-2
 - Jude 20
- **THE GOLDEN CANDLE STICK** with its seven branches speaks of doctrines of sanctification, that is to say, the doctrines of Christ, which light up the way. This is the life of walking in Christ. The candle stick branches had to have fresh oil morning and night, even so, the soul life of the believer needs to be filled with the Spirit. The oil, anointing of the Spirit supplies the fuel to give light to the soul life. If the light was not on in the Holy Place, the children of Israel would backslide, so it is with believers who do not have the oil of God's Spirit in their lives, the light in their soul has gone out and their life is out of control.
 - John 8:12
 - Hebrews 6:1
 - Ephesians 5:18

- 1 John 2:20,27
- 1 Timothy 1:10
- 1 Timothy 4:1,6,13,16

3. The "Outer-court" pictures the BODY.

Our Bodies have a ministry of sacrifice.

2 Corinthians 5:1

2 Peter 1:14

Romans 12:1

Ephesians 5:26

Exodus 30:18-21 (20)

Job 22:30

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that our bodies as the dwelling place of God/tabernacle of God are to be holy (pure) without sin, being cleansed by the washing/laver of the Word, that we might minister life, instead of death.