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Reasons For Studying The Old Testament Tabernacle

One of the reasons for studying the Old Testament Tabernacle is found in the New Testament in the Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy.

I. According to II Timothy 3:16 and 17, All Scripture Is Profitable; thus, Studying the Old Testament Tabernacle Is Profitable for Believers in All Generations.

Some people ask, "What is in the Old Testament that we, today, need?" God never said that we need only parts of His Word. The worth of every sermon and lesson we study can be proven by II Timothy 3:16 and 17.

When people say that the Old Testament and portions in the New Testament were meant only for some other day or some other generation, the importance of all Scripture can be proven by these two verses in II Timothy.

There is a Stature of Truth in these verses. A Stature of Truth is formed by four points that repeat the pattern of the Cross. All the Word of God follows the pattern of the Cross in the way it was written under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works** (II Timothy 3:16,17).

The following diagram presents the Stature of Truth formed by these verses:

ALL Scripture Is Profitable:

**D. All Scripture Is Profitable
for Instruction in Righteousness.**

**B. All Scripture Is
Profitable for
Reproof.**

**C. All Scripture Is Profitable
for Correction.**

**A. All Scripture Is Profitable
for Doctrine.**

**1. Doctrine Comes in the Following Way
(Isaiah 28:9-13):**

- Precept upon Precept, Line upon Line
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**2. What Happens when We Do *not*
Receive Doctrine (Isaiah 28:13):**

d. We Will Be Taken.

b. We Will Be Broken.

c. We Will Be Snared.

a. We Will Fall Backward.

**3. What Happens when We *Do* Receive
Doctrine (I Corinthians 3:3):**

- We Cease from Envy.
 - We Cease from Strife or Contention
for Superiority.
 - We Cease from Divisions and Separations.
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The word *thoroughly* means through and through. How are we going to be furnished *through* and *through*? The Apostle Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, said, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine.” A lot of people who fight and fuss about doctrine are still babes themselves because God gives doctrine only to those who are weaned from the breast.

What did the Prophet Isaiah say about the matter of doctrine? In the twenty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, the Prophet told us how we can know when we are in a position to receive true doctrine. Some Christians have the idea that doctrine is an opinion or an idea about what the Bible means by what it says. However, the word *doctrine* simply means to teach by example. Jesus taught doctrine by His example.

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear. **But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken** (Isaiah 28:9-13).

Why, in these verses, did Isaiah repeat “precept upon precept and line upon line”? He was saying that we do not learn all of God’s Precepts at one time. We learn Precepts little by little, as we build Line upon Line of Truth, by searching and studying and praying for God to teach us His whole Truth: Precept upon Precept. Then, the Prophet repeated: “Precept upon Precept.” When we learn a little bit of Truth, we learn it a Line at a time. A *Line* is just a little bit at a time. We learn a little bit to begin with; then, we learn a little bit more.

Because people do not have a vision of Christ’s complete Spiritual Stature, when they get a little Precept and a little Line, they say, “We have it all now,” so they try to build a whole house out of a small portion of Truth, perhaps using only one Precept and one Line that they have initially learned in God’s Word, not realizing that they are at the very bottom or beginning of a greater Truth, which they have, as yet, not had revealed to them in its entirety.

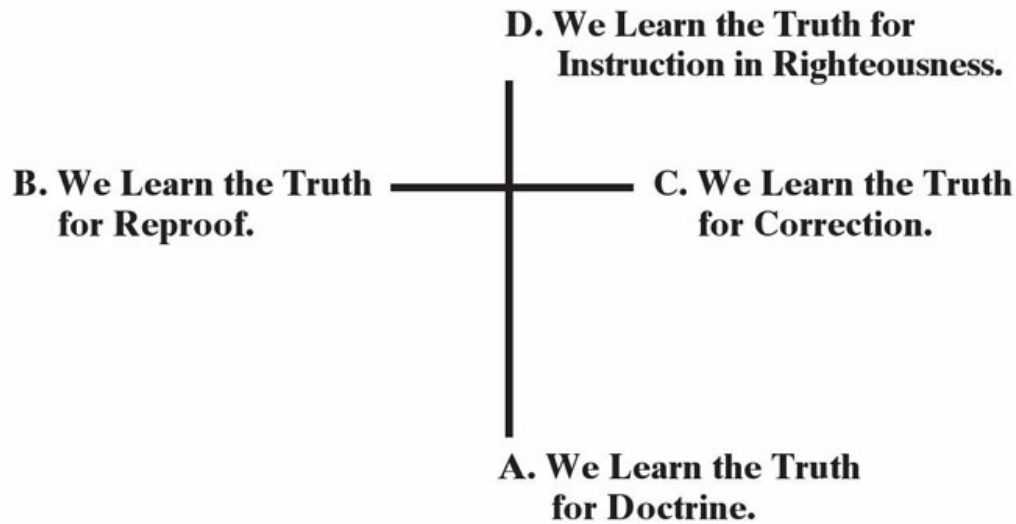
God’s Word says that those who have been weaned from the breast will be eligible to learn His doctrine. In other words, believers who are no longer spiritual babes can learn doctrine. Isaiah 28:10, tells how to grow in God’s Precepts. When the Apostle Paul said: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works,” he meant through and through — our gaining Stature through and through until it just oozes out of us because we are so filled with all the experiences and Truths that are hidden in Christ Jesus.

Christ’s Spiritual Stature is built Precept upon Precept and Line upon Line, and if we do not build Spiritual Stature this way, the Prophet Isaiah further told us what will happen if we have not used God’s Word to build Stature. If we do not allow God to build His Precepts and Lines within us, the Spirit of God, through the Prophet, gave the following warning:

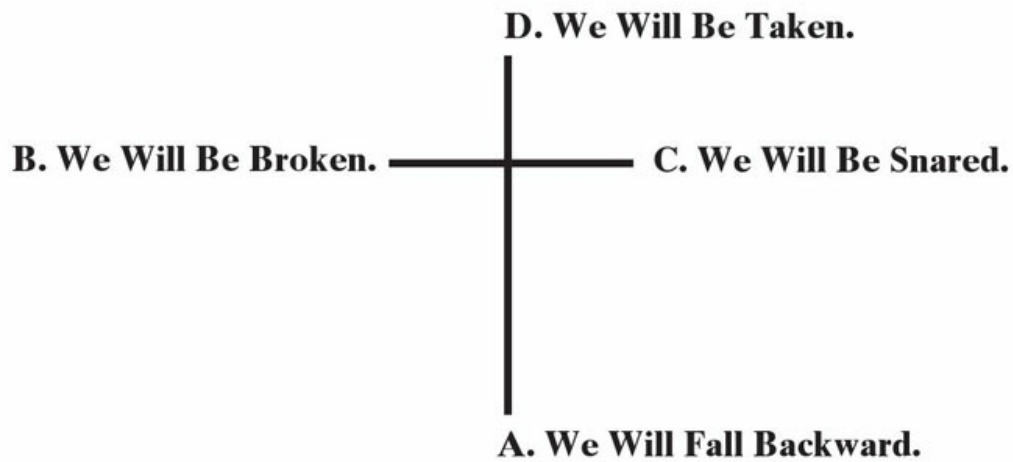
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If we do not let the Word of God build Spiritual Stature in us, the same Word that would be a Light will be Judgment and darkness to us. Isaiah said, “[T]hat they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”

We climb this Stature by learning its Truth, Precept upon Precept and Line upon Line, for the following reasons:



If we do not grow in Christ's Spiritual Stature by seeking more Light from God's Word, then the Light we have discarded will make us build the following stature:



Instead of going forward and growing in Spiritual Stature, we will just start falling backward. This is why, when we have received Light or Understanding, we cannot play with it as though it were not a serious matter. When God starts laying Precept upon Precept and Line upon Line into our Spiritual Stature, we must not disesteem it. If we do not allow God's Word to build Spiritual Stature in us and *thoroughly* furnish us unto all good works, i.e., work His Will through and through in us, then we will fall backward.

Too many people want to see God's Word and Power at work in somebody else's life, but they are not too concerned about their own spiritual growth. While some people too often are happy to have God's Spirit moving through others, God wants His Spirit to work through everyone, especially those in the ministry. Not only does everyone need to allow the Power of the Spirit to work through him, but also God's Word needs to work through all believers.

Precept upon Precept, Line upon Line, as we grow spiritually, we understand more and more *true doctrine*. However, if we refuse to let the Word of God work in us and through us, we will fall backward. Then, what will happen to us? We will be broken. Next, we will be snared, and, finally, we will be taken captive by our enemy, the

Devil. In other words, we will fulfill the Stature of Truth described by the Prophet Isaiah.

If we do not allow the Word of God to work in us, ridding us of unChristlike attitudes in our hearts, there will eventually be a time that we will fall backwards and be broken, snared, and taken captive.

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions*, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? (I Corinthians 3:3).

The Apostle Paul told us what characteristics designate people who have not learned doctrine: there will be envy and strife and divisions among them. In order to learn doctrine, one has to be drawn from the breast, spiritually, and be mature enough to be fed meat. Paul said:

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able* (I Corinthians 3:1,2).

In other words, Paul told the saints at Corinth that they were still on the breast; they were not yet weaned from the Milk of God's Word.

How do we know that we have been weaned from the Milk of the Word? From what will we cease? The Apostle named three things that will prove we have grown beyond the suckling stage of spiritual growth: we will cease from (1) envy, (2) strife, and (3) division. We will not turn green with envy when God uses somebody else in His service. God is not going to trust true doctrine to people who are envious. When envy controls our feelings, we cannot see straight.

A person who is no longer a baby in Christ ceases from strife. Strife is contention for superiority. In our carnality, we like to contend for superiority. If we see somebody else doing something well, we want to outdo them so that our name will be the one exalted. The average church is beset with this sin. Each person strives to get ahead of the other. Some churches teach that the more we dress up, the better testimony we are for Jesus. While God does not want us to be sloppy and dirty (we are supposed to be neat and clean), neither does God want us to be a "clotheshorse." Trying to out-dress everyone else is not a good testimony for Jesus. All this type of action does is to stir up strife in the church because somebody else will want the superior place, even if it is only in the way he or she dresses. Clothing prices are driven to extremes by people who want to show off their designer labels. God is not going to teach true doctrine to people who are full of strife and contention.

Another evidence of carnality and spiritual immaturity is division among brethren. Division is separation. Division is one great sin that God hates at the Communion Table. When we have been weaned from the Milk of the Word, we are no longer spiritual babes. This does not mean that we have crucified all the envy and strife and division in our flesh, but it does mean that we will not allow such things to rule and reign in our hearts and in our lives.

As we have just read, the Apostle Paul said that all Scripture is profitable for doctrine *and* reproof. Just as we do not get doctrine all at one time, neither do we get reproof all at one time. Some people think that because God has reproofed them on one point or two points that they have been reproofed forever. But how does reproof come? It comes here a little, and there a little; here a little, and there a little.

God's Word is also profitable for correction, but neither does He correct us all at one time. His correction comes Line upon Line and Line upon Line; a little here and a little there, as we grow in Christ's Spiritual Stature. We need continual correction so that we will grow straight and true.

God's Word is also profitable for instruction in righteousness. All Scripture is profitable so that we might be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. In other words, it takes our assimilating **all** Scripture — from Genesis to Revelation — in order to build, in our hearts and wills, a full Stature of a Living Word like unto the Son of God.

So this is one reason we study the Old Testament Tabernacle; it is part of ALL Scripture, and ALL Scripture is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness! This is not the most important reason we study the Old Testament Scriptures, but it is a good enough reason. Because of this one reason, we can study the Old Testament Tabernacle and know that we will find Principles of doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness that will furnish building materials for our Spiritual Stature.

II. Studying the Old Testament Tabernacle Enables Us to Be a Wise Masterbuilder.

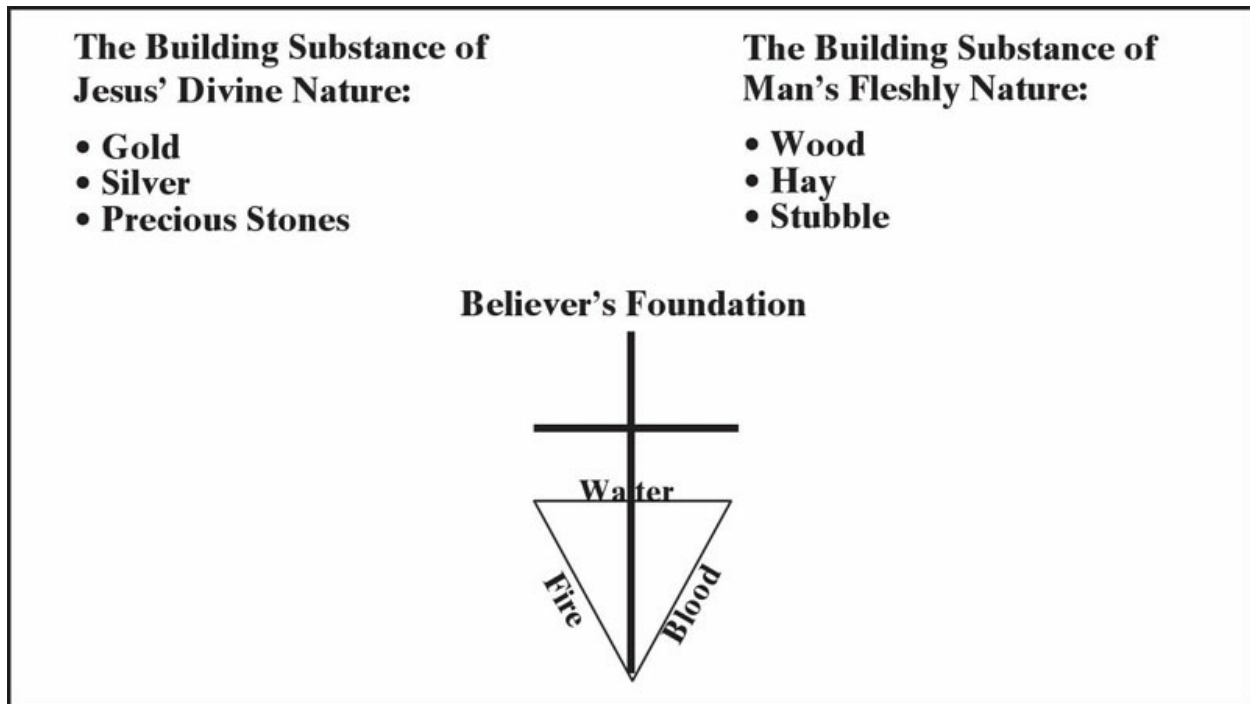
Not only do we study the Old Testament Tabernacle because all Scripture is profitable for our spiritual education,

but we also study the Old Testament Tabernacle because it teaches us how to be a wise masterbuilder in constructing our Spiritual Stature, which the Apostle Paul described in I Corinthians.

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (I Corinthians 3:9-15).

We must study all Scripture to be a wise masterbuilder because it takes all Scripture to help us to discern between the Gold, the Silver, the Precious Stones (the only lasting building materials) and the wood, hay, and stubble, which are bound to be consumed because they will eventually be burned up by God's Judgment Fire. Our carnal nature cannot withstand God's Righteous Judgment Fire.

Wood, hay, and stubble represent our fleshly nature, while Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones represent the divine Nature of Jesus' Stature that must be laid on top of our foundation because Jesus Christ is the believer's Foundation, and only His Stature of Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones can be built on Him.



All Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, is necessary to show us all the reproof, the correction, and the instruction we need in order to have our carnal nature changed and to grow into the Likeness of Christ, our Creator. Without reproof and correction, we will build with wood, hay, and stubble. Paul said, "I have laid the foundation, which is Jesus Christ, and other foundation can no man lay than that which is already laid, which is Jesus Christ." Jesus Christ is our Foundation. Through ministers' preaching the Gospel of the shed Blood of Christ, and by our receiving it, ministers lay the proper Spiritual Foundation in us. Further, by preaching the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, with speaking in other Tongues, ministers lay more of the proper Spiritual Foundation in us, and, by preaching the Baptism of Jesus Christ's Name in Water, outwardly and inwardly, ministers lay the final portion of Christ's Spiritual Foundation in us.

Jesus Christ's Blood, Fire, and Water make up the believer's Spiritual Foundation, and they form the first part of the Seal of the Bride in the believer's heart. The Apostle Paul said, "[I] have laid the foundation [of Blood, Fire, and Water]." No man can lay that; it is already laid. Then, he said, "[L]et every man take heed *how he buildeth* thereupon." Ministers can lay the foundation in us by witnessing about the things God has helped them to build in

their own Spiritual Stature; however, they cannot build Spiritual Stature in us; we have to do that ourselves by studying God's Word and by seeking God in prayer.

Some people build with wood, hay, and stubble because they do not utilize all Scripture in seeking the Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones of Christ's Word with which to build. Some people give their hearts to the LORD and receive Salvation; then, they waste the rest of their time fussing, fighting, and living according to the dictates of their carnal flesh, which is just wood, hay, and stubble.

Other people have another type of Spiritual Building. While they have the proper Foundation, they use mixed building materials and end up with a little Silver and Gold, here and there, but they lay in some wood, along with the Gold and Silver.

Somebody else says, "I am going all the way with Jesus." At first, this person humbles himself and begins to take heed as to how he should build, and he begins to lay hold of All Scripture, so Jesus reveals more and more Truth to him with which he can build spiritually.

If we receive Light and instruction in the Word of God, then bypass one word of what we see of Truth in God's Word, we are not going to have a perfect Building! We have to obey the Word and walk in the Light we receive until we have obeyed *all* Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. As we have need of certain Scriptures to be revealed, to be quickened, to be put within us, to be obeyed in our spiritual lives, Jesus will give us the Light we need when we need it. If we are sincere and honest, and if we desire to be united as one with Jesus Christ — instead of with some denomination or person or church — we will recognize the Truth in God's Word when it is brought to our attention.

To make a good and acceptable Spiritual Building, we must build with Silver, Gold, and Precious Stones because God's Word says that, in the Judgment Day, our Spiritual Building will be tried by Judgment Fire. If the Holy Ghost Fire does not purify our Spiritual Building, it will not be able to enter into Eternity because our old man, our carnal flesh that is corrupt, has to be purged of all its impurities, of all its dross, of all its wood, hay, and stubble so that only Christ's Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones are left.

These Truths prove that not everybody is going to be in the Bride because Jesus Christ is not going to marry a spiritual baby. He is going to marry somebody who has grown up in Spiritual Stature to full maturity. The spiritual Foundations to our Spiritual Buildings are going to be saved, so as by Fire, regardless of the material that is built on top of them, but only because the Holy Ghost Fire will be put on these Buildings to burn and to purge them. No one is going to be able to bypass the burning Fire of the Holy Ghost at the Judgment Seat.

If we do not take God's Judgments, now, and let Him burn out the wood, hay, and stubble of our flesh, we are going to meet His Fire at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Our Spiritual Building will pass through the burning Fire, but it will be too late for us to do anything about changing it. The Fire is going to burn, completely, the Spiritual Buildings that are made of wood, hay, and stubble.

After the Fire has burned off all the wood, hay, and stubble, the Bible says that believers will be left with just their Foundation. They will suffer the loss of all the things they did that were done under the direction and control of their flesh. We may be serving God, even preaching or teaching a Sunday School class, but if we are doing it because we want to have a position or because we want to be seen or if we are doing it out of strife because we want to contend with somebody else for a place of recognition, we need not think that we are building with Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones.

Our motives make our works the works of the flesh. If we are not careful, so many things we do will be motivated by a desire to be seen by somebody else, rather than being provoked by the Spirit of God.

Sometimes, for example, saints of God will come to God's House and lift up their hands in praise to the LORD, trying to make others think that they have the victory. They do not want to humble themselves and say, "God, I have been acting like a devil today. I have been fussing and striving all day." What they should do is just bow down and weep some tears of repentance and let God work a change in their attitudes; then, they should get up, with tears streaming down their faces, and say, "Jesus, I want to go on with You. I love You. You are more real to me than anything else."

We must all be sincere. Spiritual Pride will make us praise the LORD when we have no praise in our souls. We must let go of the wood, hay, and stubble in our hearts and wills so that the structure on top of our Spiritual Foundation will survive God's Fire.

God is going to put Fire on every Spiritual Building, and every Building that is made of wood, hay, and stubble will be burned up! The person who has built with fleshly materials will be saved because he has a spiritual Foundation, but that is all he will have.

Christ's Bride will have built with Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones, so her Spiritual Building will survive the

Fire. When God puts the Bride's Building in the Fire, the Gold will just shimmer and glisten all the more; the Silver will just gleam all the more; those Precious Stones that garnish her Building will just sparkle all the more. Holy Ghost Fire only reveals and makes brighter what God has laid inside us.

Christians need All Scripture for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction, so if we do not study the Old Testament Tabernacle and learn the lessons that God has laid out for us there, we will not be reproofed and corrected through the Principles of Truth found in that part of God's Word; therefore, we will not be able to clean the wood, hay, and stubble off of our Foundation, and we will miss out when we get to Glory.

III. The Old Testament Tabernacle, the First Tabernacle, Was a Figure, a Type, and a Shadow of the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ, the Second and More Perfect Tabernacle; thus, Studying It Teaches Us about Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

The Book of Hebrews reveals the next reason for our studying the Old Testament Tabernacle. The Church of Ephesus lost her Candlestick of Truth and Light when she put her *works* for Jesus above her *love* for Him. However, despite what the majority has done in some generations, there have always been individuals who have sought and held onto the Truth. The Church of Ephesus, as a whole, lost the Candlestick of revelation of being married to Jesus Christ. When the Truth was rejected, the Church went through the Dark Ages. Finally, the Truth began to rise again, about the time of the Philadelphia Church.

Now, in the Laodicean Church Age, God is restoring the Candlestick of Truth that shines out the Light of Truth about getting married to Jesus Christ. No wonder the Devil hates the Bride's Message so much. No wonder there are those who fight it so hard. Regardless of how people try, they will never stop the Truth because they never started it.

Chapter nine in the Book of Hebrews contains multitudes of Principles of Truth that show us the importance of studying the Old Testament Tabernacle.

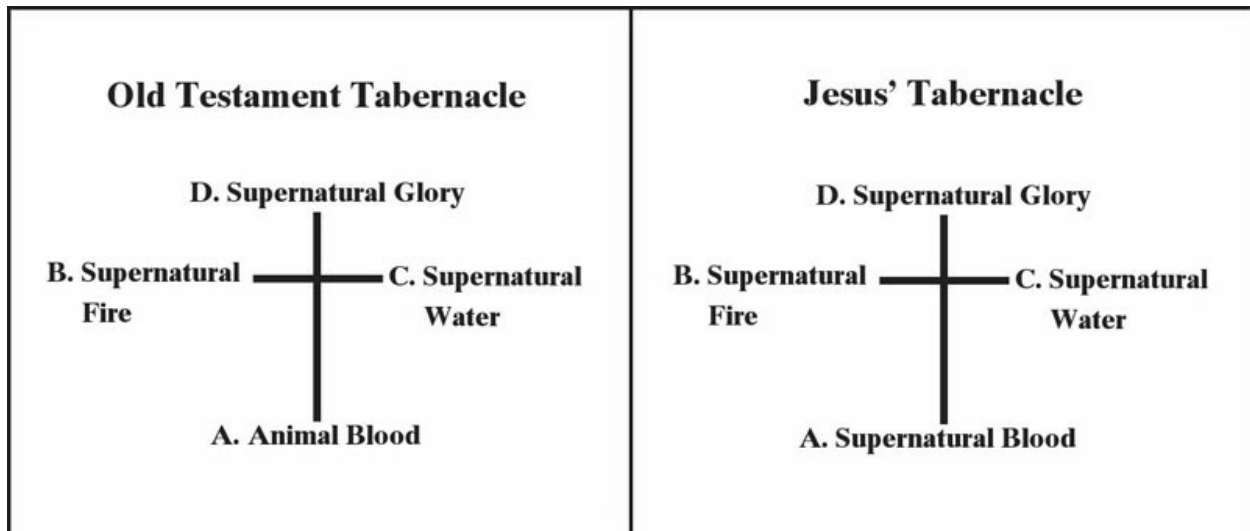
Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. **For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick,** and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. **Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year,** not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: **The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present,** in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; *Which stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. **But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;** (Hebrews 9:1-11).

Moses' Tabernacle was called the First Tabernacle; it was a figure of the Living Tabernacle that was yet to come. The Second Tabernacle was the Body or Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ. Nowhere else in the Bible is the Stature of Jesus Christ laid out and pictured and symbolized in such minute detail as in the First Tabernacle. It cannot be changed! Jesus Christ was revealed in the Mosaic Tabernacle through its structure and furnishings and through the High Priest and the ministry of the Priests in the Tabernacle. New Testament Scriptures that refer to growing up in Stature are puzzling until one sees Jesus Christ's Spiritual Stature revealed in the Mosaic Tabernacle.

Hebrews 9:7-10 describes the Mosaic Tabernacle. Verse nine tells us that it was a *figure* for the time then present or in Moses' day. The Tabernacle was a picture of what was *going to come later*. At that time, all their ceremonies, all their washings, and all their sacrifices were pictures of the LORD Jesus Christ's future Ministry. If we want to know about the Ministry of the Blood of Christ, we must go back to the Old Testament Tabernacle. Minute details in the Tabernacle give us pictures of Jesus Christ's Life and Ministry in the New Testament.

After Paul had described the Mosaic Tabernacle, which told them that this earthly Tabernacle was a figure, a picture, a type, he continued, "*But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building.*" The earthly First Tabernacle was made with hands. The Second Tabernacle was spiritual and greater than the First Tabernacle; it was more perfect.

There were a lot of supernatural things in the first Tabernacle, but there were still more in the second Tabernacle.



First, the Fire in the Mosaic Tabernacle was supernatural. The Fire that fell on the sacrifices on the Brazen Altar came out from before the LORD. The Priests were required to keep this Fire burning. Also, the Water in the Laver was supernatural; it came out of the Rock that followed the Israelites through the wilderness. The *shekinah* Glory of God dwelled in the Holy of Holies. This was the supernatural Glory of God. The supernatural Fire was carried throughout the entire Tabernacle. So throughout the entire Tabernacle, there were supernatural things. But one thing was lacking: there was no supernatural blood. All they had for sacrifice was the blood of animals — the blood of bulls, bullocks, heifers, lambs, and goats, for example.

The animal blood was a picture, a figure of that which was to come. Jesus came in the flesh, in a Building not made with hands. His Body had sprung from the Blood-Seed that God put in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ had a Body or a House that was not made with hands, a Tabernacle that was not made with hands.

Without supernatural Blood, there could be no putting away of sin. Animal blood was merely a covering for sin until Jesus Christ came to Earth to be the perfect Sacrifice on Calvary's Cross. This is why believers in the Old Testament dispensation were sent to Paradise when they died, rather than going to Heaven as New Testament believers do, now that the Blood of Jesus Christ has been shed to take away sin. Jesus' Body was a more perfect and a greater Tabernacle.

John 1:14 talks about the Christ, the Word, the Son of God being made flesh.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

So the Word, the Christ, dwelt among people on Earth. He became a Living Tabernacle and dwelt among men. Since the First Tabernacle was a picture of the Stature of Jesus Christ and since it gives us a picture of what it is like to grow up spiritually, in His Likeness and His Image, we have an eternal reason to study the Old Testament Tabernacle.

IV. By Studying the Spiritual Aspects of the Old Testament Tabernacle, We Learn How We Can Build Spiritual Stature on Top of Our Foundation.

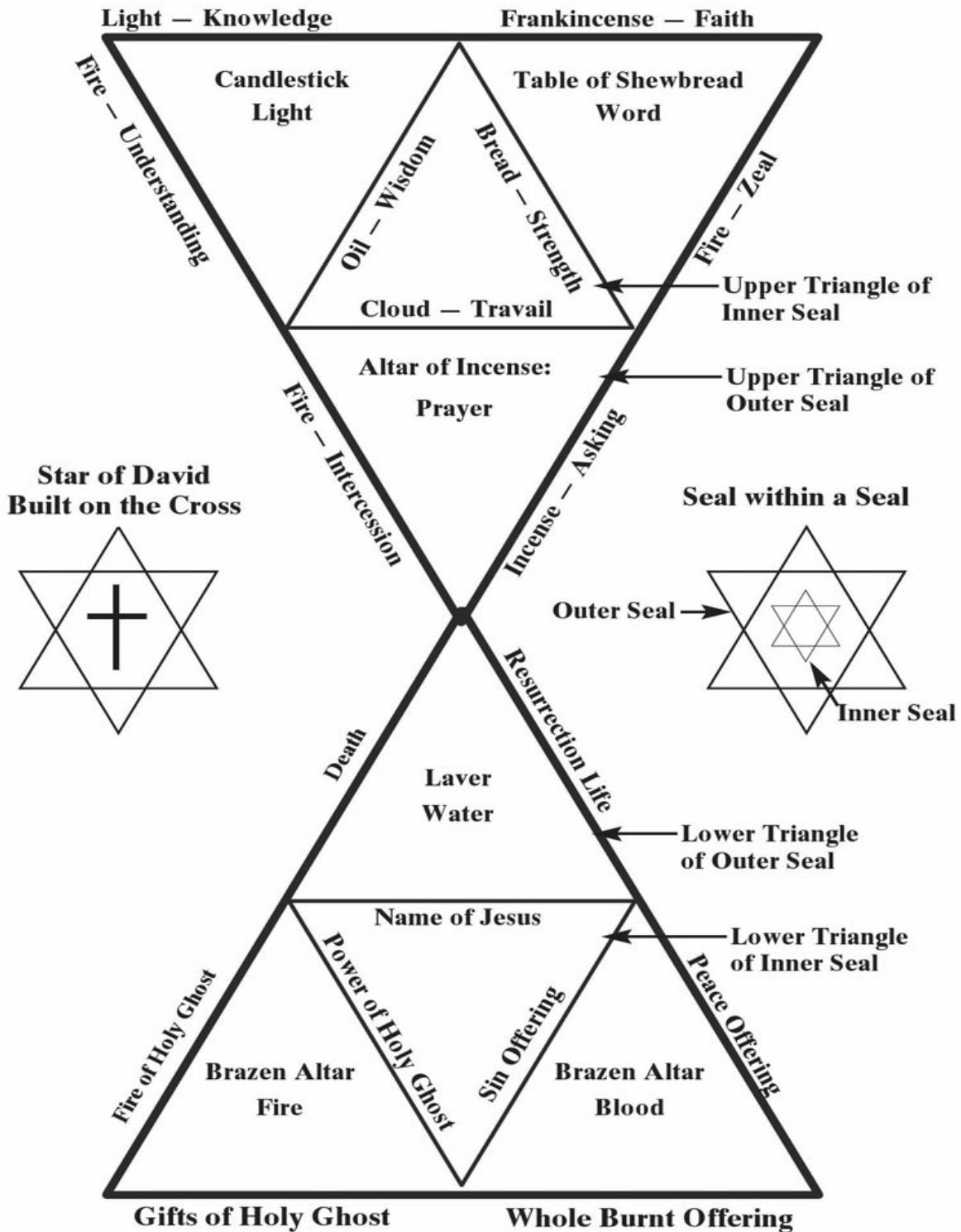
Building Spiritual Stature is another term for spiritual growth. It is the Bride of Jesus Christ who will grow to the height of spiritual maturity, while taking her spiritual journey through her lifetime on Earth. Being the Bride of Jesus Christ is the Prize to which the Apostle Paul referred when he said he pressed toward the Prize of the High Calling in Christ Jesus.

But how can we become Christ's Bride and be married to Him? In order to be married to Him, we have to build Spiritual Stature in the form of the Cross. As we build Spiritual Stature a Seal is formed around us, which becomes the Seal of the Bride.*

God had Moses place the furniture in the Mosaic Tabernacle in the form of the Cross, and the Priests' experiences

at each piece of furniture, as they ministered there, form the Seal of the Bride. The Star of David represents the Rule and Reign of the Resurrected Christ, and the Cross, upon which the Seal is built, represents the Crucified Christ.

**The Inner and Outer Seals of the Bride (Song of Solomon 8:6)
as Depicted by the Priests' Ministry at Each Piece
of Furniture in the Mosaic Tabernacle**



At the Brazen Altar, the Blood-side or the Blood of the Sin Offering, the Whole Burnt Offering, and the Peace Offering are experienced by the believer. The Fire-side (the Holy-Ghost-side of the Bridal Seal) is also formed there. At the Laver, the Water-side of the Seal is formed by the Name, Death, and Life of the LORD Jesus Christ. These two pieces of furniture were in the Courtyard of the Tabernacle. Thus, the Seal of Blood, Fire, and Water was drawn out, in type and shadow, in the Courtyard of the Tabernacle.

The three experiences of the Priest's ministry at the Golden Altar, the Table of Shewbread, and the Golden Candlestick, acquaint us with the Seal of the Bride that is formed in the Holy Place by Prayer at the Golden Altar; by the Strength of the Word found at the Table of Shewbread; and by the Light of Wisdom from the Word, as depicted by the Golden Candlestick. The Head-realm of Christ's Stature is found in the Holy of Holies.

The perfect formation of the Seal of the Bride is a triangle within a triangle. If the two inner triangles are put together, an inner Seal is formed. Then, an outer Seal is formed with the two outer triangles, when the upper triangle is dropped down over the lower triangle.

This configuration presents the same Principles that are seen in the Song of Solomon. In chapter eight, the Bridegroom said to His Bride: "Set me as a *seal* upon thine *heart* [this is the inner Seal], as a *seal* upon thine *arm* [this is the outer Seal]...(Song of Solomon 8:6).

In the Stature of Jesus Christ, which is portrayed in the Mosaic Tabernacle, this Seal is very clear. For example, the animal sacrifices included three types of offerings, which pictured the three ministries of Christ's Blood. There was the Sin Offering blood, the Whole Burnt Offering blood, and the Peace Offering blood.

God's Purpose in the three types of offerings was to show the Ministry of Christ's Blood. Some people, when they receive Christ's shed Blood for sin, think that they have all the Blood they need. They do not even know how to claim and plead and daily apply the Blood of Jesus to their hearts and wills.

The Fire on the Brazen Altar represented the Holy Ghost, and there are three sides to the Holy Ghost Seal, Just as there are three sides to the Blood Seal. The complete Foundational Seal of the Holy Ghost in the Courtyard is this: Power, Gifts, and Fire.

Then, there are three sides to the Holy Ghost in the Holy Place, at the Altar of Incense. So very many people are unlearned when it comes to knowing much about the Holy Ghost. All they know about the Holy Ghost is that people who have it speak in Tongues and demonstrate in the Spirit. Even people who have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost usually do not know what praying in Holy Ghost Travail and Intercession is. They do not recognize the sounds of Travail and Intercession, let alone understand how the Holy Ghost ministers through these two kinds of praying. Believers can grow only so far in Christ's Stature before they will need the help of Holy Ghost Travail and Intercession to take them higher because the enemy of our soul fights us on higher levels of spiritual attainment. So to overcome him, we need greater power. When Christians are not acquainted with Travail and Intercession, they cannot discern between that type of Holy Ghost praying and stammering lips.

Just as there are three sides to the Holy Ghost in the Courtyard, there are three sides to Holy Ghost Prayer in the Holy Place: Travail, Intercession, and Asking Prayer.

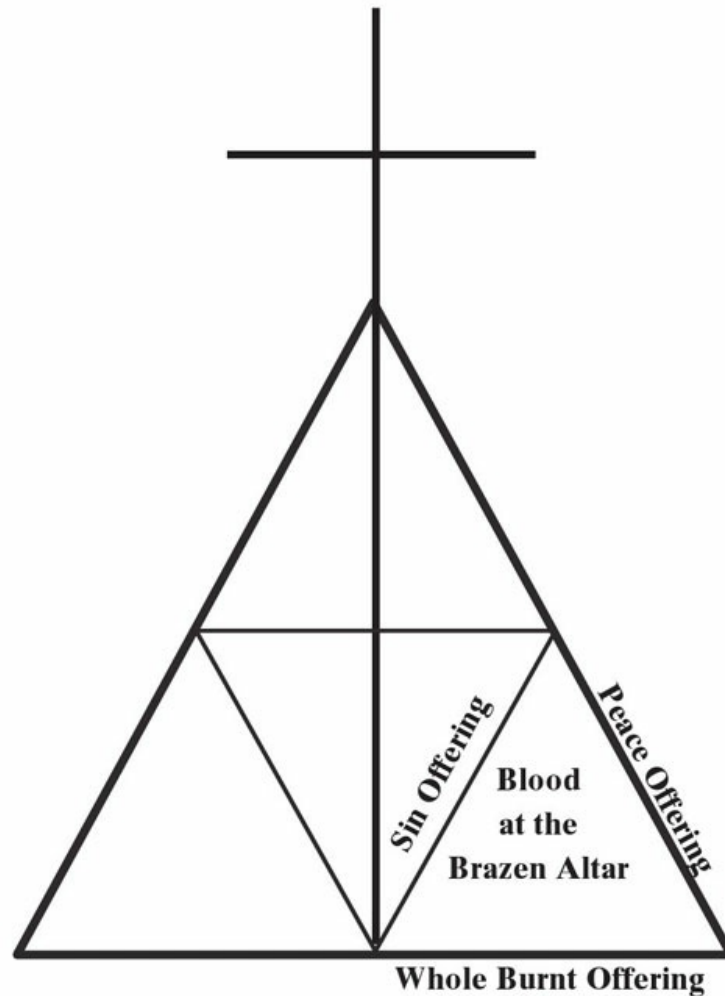
Some believers stop in their spiritual growth after they get Christ's Blood for sin. Some progress to the experience of having the Power of the Holy Ghost bless them, and they shout and feel the Power of the Spirit in a real way. After this, they say, "This is it. I have all that God has for me. Amen! Praise God!" This is also the mistake that many Pentecostal people make. After receiving the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in Tongues, they let spiritual pride envelope them and make them think, "Now, I have it all." So they build a fence around the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit and say, "This is it. We have it all."

Some believers take a journey a little higher in Stature and are baptized in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ in water, and they say, "We have it all. We are married to Jesus now." Yet they fuss and fight all the time that they are saying they are married to Jesus. This does not make sense, does it? No! because it is just not the Truth.

Just as there are three sides to the Blood and three sides to the Fire, there are three sides to the Water: Jesus Christ's Name, His Death, and His Life.

A. The Blood Seal of the Bride Is Formed in the Courtyard.

The Inner and Outer Seal of Blood in the Mosaic Tabernacle



God does things for our admonition. The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, said that the things that happened to Israel were written for our example and for our admonition.

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come (I Corinthians 10:11).

Israel's journey from Egypt to Canaan's Land* is the believer's example of growth to maturity as a Bride, for in order to reach Canaan's Land or *Beulah Land*, which means *married land*, God took her through many experiences. Her first experience, when she began her journey from Egypt, was the application of the blood of slain animals that she put over the doorposts and on the lintels of the houses in order to protect herself from the Death Angel. The blood delivered her from the power of Death.

God's order of dealing with Israel in Egypt was the same way He used, later, when He laid out the Tabernacle in the wilderness, and it is the same order that He uses with us now. Israel started her journey from Egypt with the application blood; the Priests started with the sacrifice of animal blood for the people's sins, when they ministered in the Tabernacle in the wilderness, and we start with Christ's Sacrifice of His Blood for our Salvation.

Israel could have stayed in Egypt and built a wall around herself and said, "My, this is so wonderful. We will just stay here under the protection of blood." This is what a lot of people do now, spiritually. They receive Christ's Blood for a Sin Offering, and they build a wall around it and say, "This is it. This is tremendous." Because God reveals a few things about Salvation to us, we get all puffed up with spiritual pride and think that we have grown up

in Stature. This is why some believers do not go on for God and grow spiritually. They think that they have reached the Holy of Holies, when in reality, they are still at the foot of Jesus Christ's Stature in the Courtyard.

God cannot take us higher in spiritual growth if we think we have already attained all Christ has for us. We must constantly seek God, down in the low place, for more revelation of His Plan for us until we see our need; then, God can lead us higher by taking us into greater and greater experiences. God cannot save anybody until that person sees himself as a sinner and acknowledges his need; then, he has to want God to do something about his need.

So Israel's first experience was blood. She had not gone very far; in fact, she was still in Egypt, when she got the Cloud and Fire to lead her, which was a picture of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire. A lot of people think that when they get the Holy Ghost, they have taken a great leap over into spiritual Canaan's Land, but they are still in Egypt, which we know by the pattern of growth that God has put in His Word to guide us onward toward spiritual Canaan's Land.

Israel was not Christ's Bride until she had completed her wilderness journey and had entered Canaan's Land or married land. So do not be too hard on people when they get the Holy Ghost if you still see some carnal actions and attitudes in their lives. Believers can have been in the Crucified Way for a while and still not have overcome all their flesh.

Israel kept walking out of Egypt, but she had not gone very far until God sent a tremendous Cloud and Fire to lead them. The Cloud and Fire was a type, a picture, a figure of the Holy Ghost and Fire. Then, Israel came to the Red Sea. Going Through the sea was her outward Baptism in Christ's Name. However, the Cloud and Fire kept leading her, and the Israelites kept walking through the wilderness until they came to the River Jordan. Here, they experienced the inner Baptism of the LORD's Name.

Once they had crossed Jordan, they were in Canaan's Land, but still they were not perfect. The Bride still was not perfect after she was married to the Bridegroom, according to the fourth chapter of the Song of Solomon, because Israel still had to learn subjection as a wife.

Learning subjection as an espoused wife is quite different from learning subjection as a spouse. When a woman is just dating her fiancé, she has to learn to give a little bit here and there — maybe she has to agree to go where he wants to go, although the idea does not appeal to her. But this is not the same subjection that a *wife* must learn. Before marriage, a woman can retain a certain amount of independence and individuality. There is some subjection necessary before marriage, but after a woman has been married, all of a sudden, she wakes up to discover that she is no longer a separate individual who can act entirely independently.

Likewise, after we get married to Jesus Christ and are in spiritual Canaan's Land, we still have to learn subjection as a spouse. The wife, in the Song of Solomon, had to learn that, when the Bridegroom came and knocked on the door and said: "[O]pen to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night" (Song of Solomon 5:2) that she had to obey speedily, or He would leave. In this instance, the Bridegroom was saying, "My hair is full of *drops of night*. I have a lot of hidden things to reveal to you." (His *drops* referred to His doctrines, which she had to learn Line upon Line, Precept upon Precept.) But at this stage of her spiritual growth, instead of opening the door, His spouse said, "I have put off my coat, my robe, and I have washed my feet." So the Bridegroom just went on His way. (He does not beg us; He *invites* us to follow Him.) But, then, the Bride missed His Love, the Love of a Husband, and she could not stand being without it. Sadly, He had already gone by the time she was sorry she had not responded to His invitation. She had to learn subjection as a wife so that, when He said, "Come," she came!

This, then, was Israel's experience: she experienced the blood first; then, she experienced the Fire (in the Cloud and Fire); then, she experienced two baptisms of the Water. The Name on the Rod opened the waters in the Red Sea for her, which gives us a picture of taking on the Name of Jesus, outwardly, in Water Baptism. Also, once they were in the wilderness and the Tabernacle had been built, the Priests could not minister in the Tabernacle before they had been washed outwardly (baptized or submerged) in the Waters of the Laver. After their initial baptism, they returned daily to the Laver to wash their hands and their feet before ministering to the people and before going before the LORD.

These experiences of Israel and the Priests picture our outer and inner baptisms. We are bathed or baptized once in Jesus' Name, Death, and Life; then, we have to return, daily, to put our hands and feet, by faith, in the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life so that we can minister with clean hands and walk before the LORD with clean feet.

This order of worship lasted until Jesus Christ came to Earth and fulfilled all the Old Testament shadows and types. Israel's experience on her journey out of Egypt and through the wilderness followed the same pattern.

This same order is laid out for us, now, as we grow in Christ's Spiritual Stature. Our experiences, today, follow the picture, the blueprint, that God established in the Mosaic Tabernacle.

The Old Testament Priests made three types of blood offerings because it took all three kinds of sacrifices to picture the full, mature Work of Jesus Christ's Blood.

1. Christ's Sin Offering Blood Forms the First Side of the Blood Seal for the Bride.

The Sin Offering Blood is the beginning of the mature foundation of the Blood Seal. After appropriating the Blood for Sin, we begin to become acquainted with the LORD Jesus Christ's Blood, Line upon Line, Precept upon Precept. We learn a little here and a little there, and as we begin to grow up in Christ's Spiritual Stature, our roots of Understanding and experience in His Blood reach deeper and deeper. We do not build the whole Foundation of our Spiritual Stature at one time because this is a Living Foundation. We get a Seed of Truth; then, our little plant of believing in Jesus Christ begins to reach up, and as it reaches up, it needs more Foundation, so as we go on for God, praying and searching His Word, our Understanding and belief reaches down deeper in the Blood, deeper in the Holy Ghost, and deeper in the Waters of Christ's Name, Death, and Life.

God's Commands for the sacrifices to be used for the blood for the Sin Offering start in Exodus 29:10-14, with the Sin Offering blood for the Priests.

And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock. And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar. And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul that is above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar. But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: **it is a sin offering** (Exodus 29:10-14).

A bullock was to be slain, and a little bit of the bullock's blood was to be put upon the horns of the Brazen Altar. The horns speak of Power. In other words, the blood was put there to show the Power of the Sin Offering Blood of Jesus Christ. All the rest of the bullock's blood was poured at the bottom of the Altar.

When the Tabernacle was in the Wilderness, and Israel was continually moving from place to place, they did not have to worry too much about the rest of the blood that was not used around the Altar; they simply poured it out. However, when they settled in Canaan's Land and had a permanent Temple, they still operated by the same blueprint and observed the same Principles of operation. However, being in a Temple, not in a Tabernacle in the wilderness, made the dispersment of the blood different. In the Temple, instead of pouring all the blood at the bottom of the Altar, they had a little pipe that ran from the Brazen Altar out to the Brook of Kidron. The blood and the Water were then joined together and flowed down to the sea. Think of the literally multitudes of animals that were offered, and the blood of all those animals that flowed into the sea. This was a picture of the vastness of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ that carries all the sins of repentant believers into God's Sea of Forgetfulness.

Solomon sacrificed a thousand Peace Offerings on just one day, so the amount of blood and Water that flowed into the sea was tremendous. Why? Because all this blood was a picture of the Blood of Jesus Christ that was shed to cover the sins of the whole world. The Sea of Forgetfulness, where He has buried sin, was with God.

On the Day of Atonement, there were two goats used for sacrifice: one was slain, and one was sent into the wilderness, never to return. The sins of the people were confessed over the goat to be slain, and blood was obtained from this goat. The same sin that was dipped, so to speak, in the blood of that slain animal was turned around and confessed over the *scapegoat*, and the scapegoat was sent away into the wilderness, never to return. (Perhaps many people have wondered what part of Jesus went somewhere and never came back again since the two goats were pictures of Jesus and His Sacrifice for sin.) Although Jesus died, rose again, and went back to Heaven, what part of Jesus went somewhere as a scapegoat and never returned? This puzzled me, and I cried and sought God for the answer. Then, one day, when I was in the Spirit before God, He gave me a vision, and I saw the Blood and Water coming out of Jesus' Heart, the Blood of the Sin Offering and the Waters of His Death came out as one stream. The Blood and the Water were joined together, and I saw it flowing back behind God's Back to form the Sea of Forgetfulness. The Blood from the Sin Offering was not kept in the Tabernacle; it flowed out to the Dead Sea, and the scapegoat never came back.

It broke my heart into a million pieces when I saw how the very Heart of Jesus, the very Blood of His Heart, became a Scapegoat, became a Sin Offering for mankind. No wonder our sins will never rise again because the Blood of the Sin Offering that flows back behind God's Back has them safely buried and secured behind God's Back, never to be remembered against us anymore. How wonderful to know that God has provided a place for the

permanent disposal of our sins.

A little of the Sin Offering blood was put on the horns of the Altar to signify its Power, but it was the blood that flowed out to the sea that God used to cover Israel's sins. This blood was a picture, a type of the LORD Jesus Christ's Blood until He came to Earth and shed His Blood at Calvary. Now, Jesus Christ's Blood not only covers our sins, but it takes them away, just as the Blood flowed out of His Heart and around behind God's Back.

Some folks have the experience of the Sin Offering Blood, and they build a wall around it and think, "My, this is so tremendous and so wonderful that nothing else could be more precious than this." So they stop with this beginning experience and never grow spiritually beyond this level.

I, too, had that experience along the way. In the beginning of my walk with the LORD, every time I had a new experience with Him (because I was ignorant and did not know how big He was and how wonderful He was), I would think, "LORD, nothing else could be so wonderful. You have just emptied out your storehouse this time. You could not have anything else with which to bless me. Nothing could be more wonderful than this." This is how we feel when God is blessing us. We feel so good; we think that nobody could ever have had an experience like ours. We think that God could not have anything else more wonderful than our new experience. Then, spiritual pride comes up inside us, and we build a wall around that experience, limiting God as though His Power is finite.

After going on with God, from experience to experience, it finally dawns on a person how big God really is! He has innumerable things that we have not yet learned nor experienced. When a believer begins to get really acquainted with God, he begins to feel his true size. Isaiah 40:15, says: "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing." If all the nations in the world "are as a drop of water in a bucket," that is a big drop. But each of us is a very small part of that big drop. How very, very small, then, we are within God's great Creation! We are not as big as we think we are.

Beloved, the God we serve can hold the world in the span of His Hands, and He can stretch out the Heavens. He has done all the wonderful things we can see and all the magnificent things we have not seen that are beyond counting, nor have His Spiritual Resources begun to be exhausted. Here is another lovely thing about this thought: the Bible says that all His Treasures are hid in Christ. The Father hid all His Treasures in Christ, His Son.

2. Christ's Whole Burnt Offering Blood Forms the Second Side of the Blood Seal for the Bride.

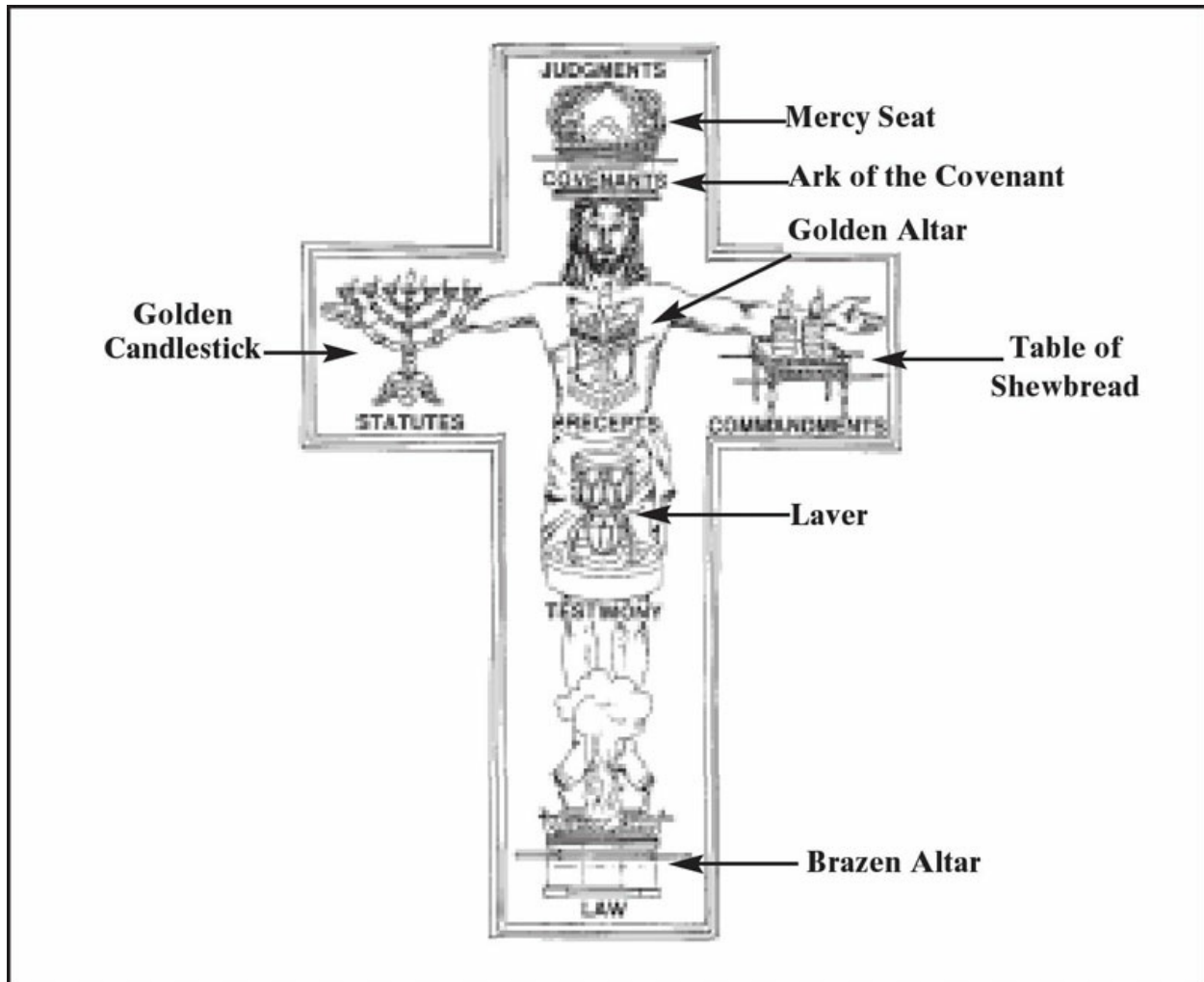
Exodus 29:15-18 records God's Commands for the Whole Burnt Offering. This offering presented another ministry of Christ's Blood. Not all of Jesus' Blood flowed out of His Heart and back into the Sea of Forgetfulness. Part of it was carried to the Mercy Seat in Heaven and is available for us, today, for other purposes.

Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. And **thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle it round about upon the altar.** And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and unto his head. And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: *it is a burnt offering unto the LORD: it is a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD* (Exodus 29:15-18).

The Priest put the blood of the Whole Burnt Offering round about the Brazen Altar, which resulted in the Altar's being covered with blood.

After we, as a sinner, have come to Jesus and after we have knelt down and repented and have had Him wash away our sins and have had them carried behind God's Back, we still need to come, daily, to His Feet to consecrate ourselves afresh and anew to Him.

The Brazen Altar was at the Foot of Christ's Spiritual Stature, as outlined in the Mosaic Tabernacle.



As we daily come before the LORD and bow before Him and receive the Blood from the Whole Burnt Offering, His Blood sanctifies us. The Whole Burnt Offering Blood consecrates, dedicates, sets us apart, and washes us from the defilement that we accumulate as we walk through the world. It cleanses our carnal flesh that spews out from time to time, from our old man, our old heart. Thank God for His Blood that consecrates and separates us from the world and our flesh.

What is wrong when we have things in our lives that we seem not to be able to overcome? The answer is that we need to leave the things that are hindering us of this world and kneel at the Brazen Altar until Jesus' Blood flows out from His Feet and consecrates us afresh and anew. At the bottom of our hearts, we may want to go on for God, but, then, something comes against us to take away our desire to press on with God, and we seem stalled. However, if we stay at the foot of the Cross until the Blood comes down and overflows our will, it will separate, consecrate, and dedicate our wills and our hearts unto the LORD. This, then, is Jesus' Blood of Consecration — His Blood of Dedication — His Whole Burnt Offering Blood.

What made the wall of Jericho fall down flat? The secret was in the type of horns they blew. The horns were rams' horns. The animal used for the Whole Burnt Offering was the ram. There is Power in godliness, in separation, in consecration that was manifested in the horns from the rams that were slain for the Whole Burnt Offering.

There is Power in the Whole Burnt Offering Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. If we lay hold of some Rams' Horns of consecration, they have a powerful melody and tone that will cause any walls before us to fall flat; hence, they will help us to possess the Land — Beulah Land — Married Land. We cannot possess the *land* of our old heart and drive out all the enemies who dwell there without the Rams' Horns and the Blood of Consecration from the Whole Burnt Offering Blood of Jesus Christ.

The victory at Jericho had to be a joint effort. As for us, we will not take any bigger victory, jointly, than we have

taken personally. We have to take personal victory, first; then, when we come together, we will be in one mind and one spirit.

All the Priests had rams' horns, which they had gotten from the consecration offerings. Joshua instructed them to walk around the city every day and have their horns ready to blow as they went around the city the last time.

God's Principles are the same throughout His Word so that, once we are acquainted with one of God's Principles of Operation, we get to know our God in a new way.

The Spiritual Principle we have just mentioned is that *preparation* must come *before revelation*. Before God revealed His Power at Jericho, when He smashed its walls flat, the Israelites had to prepare. They had to consecrate themselves and lay hold of the ram's horn of consecration. Once they were prepared, Joshua said, in so many words, "Take up your horns, now, and walk around the city every day for six days — one time every day. But on the seventh day, walk around the city seven times."

Seven is God's number for completion. The number thirteen also appears in this scene. Thirteen is the number of the Bride and the Bridegroom. Six is the number of man, and seven is the number of Jesus Christ, the Complete One, the Perfect Tabernacle. When our Spiritual Tabernacle (number six) gets married to Christ's Spiritual Tabernacle (number seven), we have the number thirteen. So when the people walked around Jericho six times — once each day for six days — plus seven times on the seventh day — they encompassed the city a total of thirteen times, a symbol that they were married to the LORD's consecration, that they were married to the Living Ram's Horn, not just symbolically joined. Anyone can take a ram's horn and blow through it, but if you are not married to it, it has no melody.

On the seventh day, Joshua said, "When I give the order, you blow." Why does God's Word say that they were to blow when Joshua gave the order? The answer is because Joshua was in the Spirit, and he knew when they were going to make the last step that completed the seventh time around the city on the seventh day. When they came upon that last and seventh step, Joshua said, "This is it! Now, blow!" So they blew with all their might, and the walls fell down. Why? The Power of Consecration made them fall down.

God's Word says that, in the last days, Christians will have a *form* of godliness but deny the *power* thereof. They will deny that godliness, consecration, and separation have Power!

The doctrine of Balaam says that there is nothing wrong with doing almost anything a person wants to do, if it makes him feel good. No one with this ideology has a Ram's Horn left. No wonder his walls are not falling down. A lot of walls are going to have to fall down if we expect to possess spiritual Canaan's Land and be made One in Christ.

Men have built their walls all around about them. But, beloved, we must take our walls down. Let us face the Truth; it is time for our walls to come down that hide our rebellion, our pride, and our independence. This is true for everyone. Do not look at innocent people and expect them to be perfect. They are just little woolly lambs who are seeking to go on for God. Even if they have been serving God for a long time, they still will not be perfect. If we want to look at somebody's flesh, sooner or later, around one corner or another, someone's flesh will be exposed, and they will not act as a Christian should. If we really want to look at somebody's flesh, we should look in the mirror. Then, we will get a good look at someone who has flesh — an old carnal heart. We must not stretch our necks to look at others. Why work so hard, when we can make it easy by looking in the mirror?

The basic problem, stemming from immaturity, is not with church members; the problem always stems from the pulpit. If the minister in the pulpit is sufficiently mature in Spiritual Stature to have Jesus' Love in dealing with people, on one hand, and a strong enough arm to discipline them, on the other hand, there will be good order in the church and good unity and harmony between its members. Jesus Christ is our Example and the Model of Perfection for which we strive. We all need Rams' Horns of consecration and the substance of the Whole Burnt Offering Blood to give us overcoming Power.

We need to kneel daily at Jesus' Feet and say, "LORD, how can I consecrate myself to a greater degree? Show me. Separate me from my flesh in a greater way, today, than You did yesterday." And, beloved, He will show us how to live more separated from the world, the flesh, and the Devil, and how to be more consecrated in our love and service to Him.

When we are busy with our own Temples and are going on for God, we do not have much time, energy, or desire to be looking at someone else's failures. We are too busy with our own Spiritual Building, nor do we have any time to waste. We must hurry to build our own Spiritual Building because there are deadlines to meet in the spiritual realm, as well as in the natural realm. Jesus is coming for us soon; He will either come for us, personally, or He will come in the air to catch away the saints who are overcomers.

The LORD continually speaks, by His Spirit, saying that His coming is soon. There is a goal to be reached, and

there is a deadline to reaching it. We have a lot of building to do, spiritually, if we are to finish our own Temples, so why should we worry about somebody else's Temple? Not that we do not do what we can to help others spiritually, but we do not need to pick others apart and always to be criticizing them since we all fall short of being just like Jesus. Let us, rather, be concerned about others spiritually, and pray for them and help them and try to show them the way to go on for God and to be His Bride.

These, then, are some important reasons we study the Old Testament Tabernacle. In this booklet, we have only begun building the Seal of the Bride, by giving the Seal of the Blood, which lays the foundation for building all the Seal. Extensive studies on the Blood Offerings are found in the five volumes that deal with God and His Blood.*

Also, a complete study of the Old Testament Tabernacle is found in the author's book *Precious Gem In The Tabernacle*.** Truly, Jesus Christ is the Precious Gem Who left the glories of Heaven to come to Earth, where He shed His Blood so that we might grow in His Spiritual Stature and attain the Prize of being His Mature Bride.

May God Bless this study to your heart, and may you gain a vision of the riches that are hidden in Christ Jesus.