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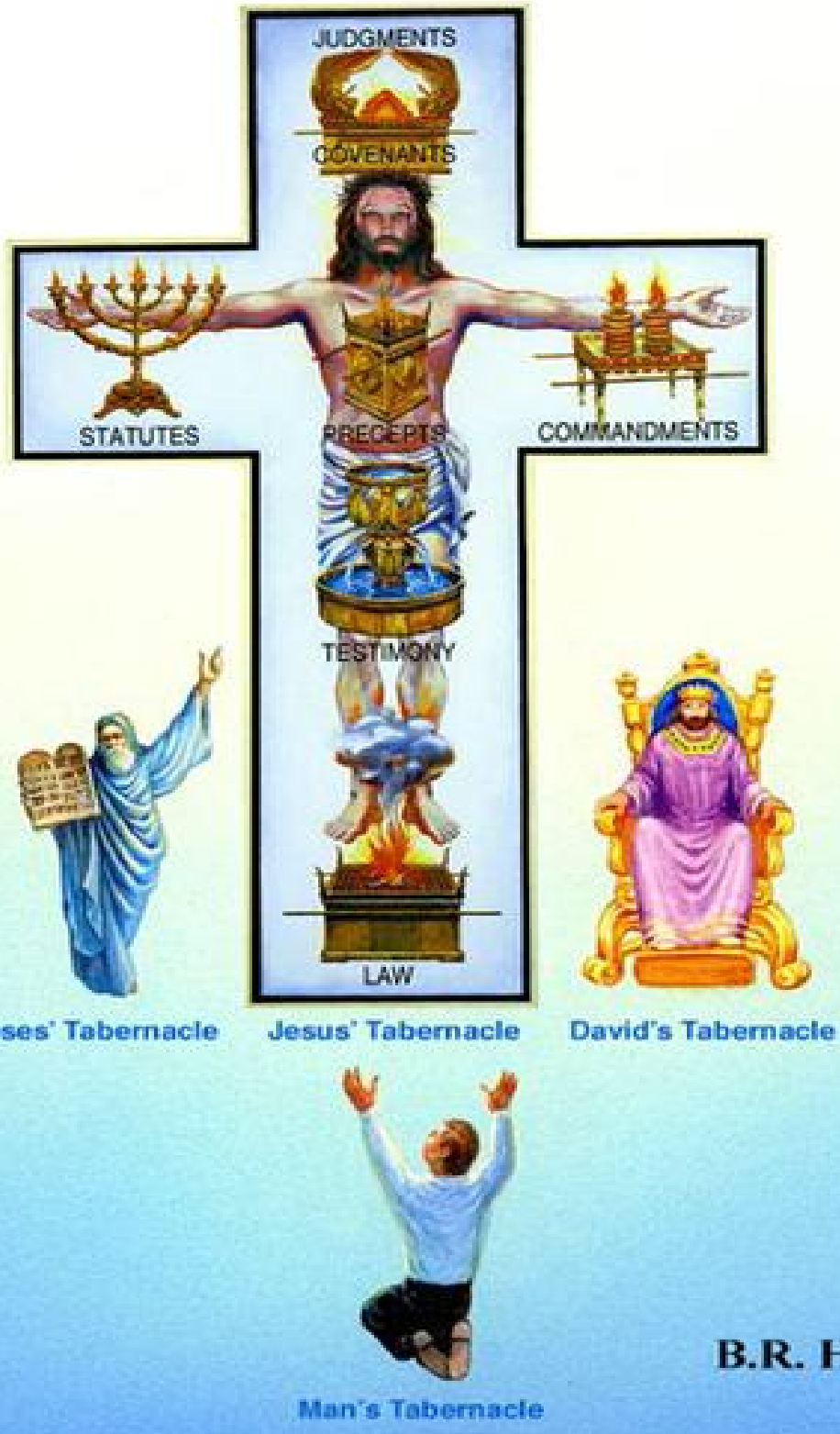

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Introduction

The purpose of this book is to explain to born-again believers God's Divine Blueprint for building a personal, living Tabernacle in their hearts and beings, or in other words, to explain growing into the fullness of the Spiritual Stature of God's Son, Jesus Christ, as God's Word commands Christians to do. Throughout the Bible are found many Scriptures that teach believers how to build a mature Spiritual Building according to the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ. Jesus' Spiritual Stature is the Christian's perfect Divine Blueprint for all spiritual building and growth.

The Eternal Creator has given mankind intellectual powers and faculties, but repentant man must pray for God to fill these powers with His Infinite, Divine Understanding so that he can comprehend God's living Eternal Blueprint for spiritual building and growth. Enlightened Understanding will cause believers' hearts to be absorbed with the desire and aim to build Spiritual Stature.

Before the construction of a building can begin, an architect must produce a blueprint or design of the building. In the case of a Spiritual Building, God is the Divine Architect, Who has planned man's Spiritual Building. He has given man His design for a Building, which is the form of His Only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, before one can erect a building, one must have a proper site or terrain on which it will rest. God has chosen the hearts of mankind as the sites on which to construct living, growing, Spiritual Temples, patterned after the Blueprint of the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ.

In the natural realm and in the spiritual realm, building or growing produces tremendous rewards. The reward for building or growing spiritually begins in the present world and extends into the future. Repentant man's reward for building spiritually is the restoration in his human heart of the revelation of God's Word, with its rays of glorious Light

from His ineffable, shining Face that will change him back into the Image and Likeness of God. Because God's Word and Glory are Infinite, they are both present and eternal.

God has established the privilege to build spiritually through His Son, Jesus Christ, Who has left the Building Blocks of His Humility, Surrender, and Obedience in each of His crucified footprints on this Earth. Man is given space and time in this present life to walk in Jesus Christ's steps and to lay hold of these spiritual Building Blocks in order to construct a personal Tabernacle in the Image and Likeness of God's Son.

The first detailed picture of God's Son was revealed in the Mosaic Tabernacle in the wilderness. Hence, the Mosaic Tabernacle becomes an invaluable tool for opening a believer's understanding to the particular spiritual experiences involved in reaching full maturity in Jesus Christ.

The New Testament confirms the importance of the Mosaic Tabernacle (known as the first Tabernacle) as a shadow, a figure, or image of the second greater and more perfect Tabernacle, Jesus Christ.[1] Since the charge of every Christian is to become like Jesus Christ (that is, to have the Likeness of His Spiritual Stature formed within), the Mosaic Tabernacle, with its shadows and imagery, is important for the believer to understand because it becomes his initial Blueprint to follow if he wants to reach spiritual maturity. Once Christians understand the Blueprint and have the Building Blocks from Jesus' Tabernacle, they are able, by God's Grace, to build a Spiritual Building with joy and gladness.

Other places in the Bible provide the same Divine Blueprint for spiritual growth. In Psalm 119, King David outlines the pattern of God's Word that is congruous with the Mosaic Tabernacle. Jesus' Life (His personal Tabernacle) exemplifies this Pattern. All three of these Tabernacles agree in one; namely, they present the Nature of the LORD Jesus Christ, and they all have been given to show repentant souls how to grow up into spiritual maturity in order to regain the place in the Eternal Plan that God had for mankind before Lucifer tempted them to sin and to disobey God. Jesus reiterates these same Spiritual Principles and follows the Pattern of the Tabernacle in what is commonly referred to as the *Sermon on the Mount*, which will be the subject of a separate book.

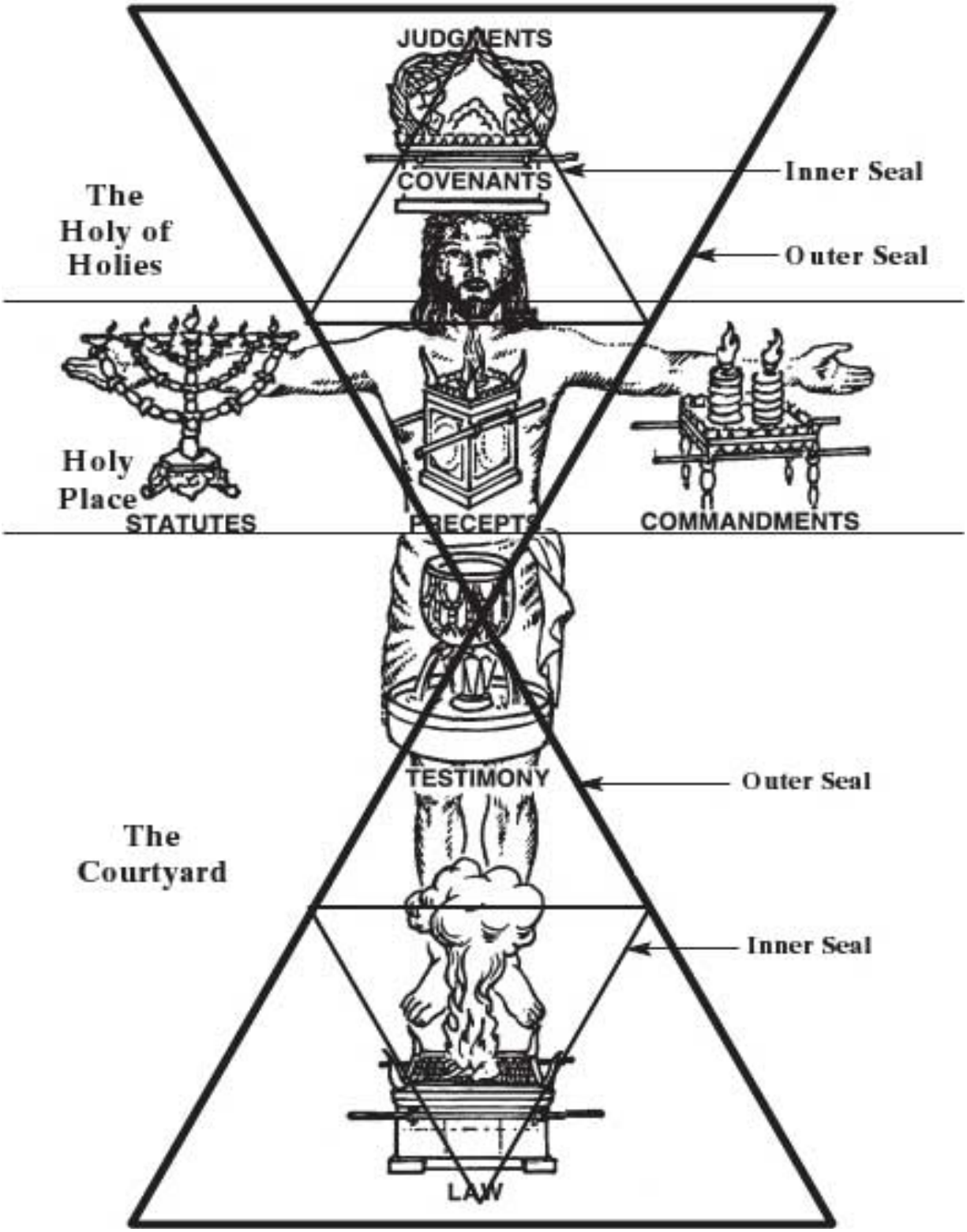
My sincere prayer is that the LORD will put His spiritual blessing on the study of Truths in this book and that many hearts will be kindled with a

holy desire to grow into the mature Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ and be brought back into total Unity with the LORD.

—The Author

1 See Hebrews, chapters 8-10

Patterns for Spiritual Growth Found in Moses' Tabernacle, David's Tabernacle, and Jesus' Personal Tabernacle



Chapter One

God’s Patterns Of The Cross And The Inner and Outer Seals For Building Spiritual Stature

Man understands the natural Creation better than he does the spiritual one because he is a finite being. Man’s physical, mortal body limits his spiritual awareness and blinds him to the spiritual vision of God’s Eternal Things. It is easy for man to perceive literal things that he can see, touch, taste, hear, and smell in some material form. When man studies mathematically, optically, physically, and chemically, he gains a measure of worldly understanding through his physical senses. Man has discovered many of God’s laws that govern Creation, and he can make these laws work in his behalf as a result of his worldly knowledge. Man also can gain Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge, spiritually, if he applies himself to diligent, prayerful study of God’s Word. God’s Word is the key to understanding the spiritual side of Creation, which is just as real as the natural side.

From the earliest times, men have discovered that the universe exists through an orderly form of law and government. They have discovered that they can separate the time and the seasons by marking the movements of the sun, moon, and stars and dividing them into days, weeks, months, and years. From ancient days, man has observed the course of the stars, which has helped him to unravel many mysteries of the Heavens. Modern man has been able to go to the moon because he and the scientists before him have discovered certain laws that God established when He designed all the Creation.

All of man's studies of God's universe have shown him one indisputable fact: The Creator God is an orderly Being Who works by laws, by design, and by foresight. The only place where total chaos is found is not in outward nature, but within man's unconverted heart. With his superior intellect, man decided that he, too, could be a god who ruled over his own world and reigned over his own destiny. Man, who was God's greatest Creation on Earth, decided to join the evil forces of fallen Lucifer, the rebellious Angel who led some of the inhabitants of Heaven in an insurrection against the LORD God, the Creator. Fallen Lucifer is man's worst enemy because he always has tried to lead man away from the Kingdom of God in order to build a kingdom for himself.

All nature moves in an orderly manner under the LORD God's laws, except for man, who, apart from Christ, continues to rebel. Man is completely destructive because of his inability to bring back to life that which he has destroyed. Man has power to kill, but he has no power to make alive again. Man has power to bring chaos into his own life, into the lives of others, and into his environment, but he has no power to restore peace and calm.

Willfully independent and destructive, man needed a way back to God in order to find and to know total peace and orderliness once again. In His great Wisdom and Omniscience, God has provided His Master Plan for the restoration of man to his original place in God. The LORD desires a perfect people who will love and worship Him as their Owner and Master. God did not wait for man to search vainly for a way back to Him. Instead, God devised a Master Plan, a Blueprint in His Word, the Holy Bible, for man to follow. God's Blueprint reveals His Purpose and Plan of Redemption for mankind through the LORD Jesus Christ. God's designed Plan, which He uses to breach the separation that sin caused between Himself and man, is the Cross. In God's Plan for man's reconciliation to Himself and for man's growth to spiritual maturity, God always uses the Pattern of the Cross of Christ.

First, the Cross of Christ was God's Master Plan for man's redemption from sin. It was on the Cross that the spotless Lamb of God, the LORD Jesus Christ, died, shedding His pure Blood that atoned for every sin of mankind. From the beginning of God's dealings with sinful man—for his cleansing and atonement—even under the shadow and type, God has

always used sacrificial blood. God always has shown His Blueprint of the Cross that He uses to redeem sinful man, and He always has shown man the Cross that he must follow in his communion with God. The Blueprint of the Cross in Christ Jesus is God's provided way for communion between God and repentant sinners.

Second, the Cross is God's Pattern for spiritual growth after repentant man has experienced a new birth through the Blood of Jesus Christ. Since the LORD Jesus Christ is the perfect Example of true spiritual maturity, a Christian's ultimate goal should be to grow and to be like Him. In the Divine Counsel of the Eternal Godhead, it was ordained that, in God's time, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son, would hang upon a Cross. Therefore, when God began to reveal His Son, Who is disobedient man's way back to fellowship with God, He drew out the Pattern of the Stature of His Son in the form of a Cross.

God used the Cross as the Pattern or Blueprint for the Mosaic Tabernacle. He instructed Moses to build the Tabernacle in the wilderness according to the Heavenly Pattern that He had shown to him in the mount. The furniture was placed in the Tabernacle in the form of a Cross because each piece of furniture was a picture of a part of the Spiritual Stature of God's Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible tells Christians to "grow into the fulness of the stature of Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-15). Since God is orderly and governs all things by His Divine Laws, which are His Spiritual Principles of Growth, He has clearly shown the picture of the Stature of His Son in the Mosaic Tabernacle, giving man the perfect Pattern to follow in order to grow a Spiritual Stature in the Image and Likeness of Jesus Christ. When man acquires the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ, he is changed back into God's Image and Likeness.

Man could not build enormous skyscrapers if he did not first devise a plan and draw out a blueprint that enables him to keep adding structure on top of structure until he completes a towering number of floors. In order for the individual pieces of a skyscraper to fit together, to be solid, and to be in balance, a builder must follow a detailed blueprint. Although man did not build skyscrapers until modern times, the possibility of building such a towering structure was there all the time, but man had to discover the correct plan, and he had to seek for wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and expertise to help him implement his plan.

God also has given believers His orderly Plans for building spiritually, and He has given His Son, Who has the Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, and Power to help believers to build. However, believers must discover God's Plans by studying His Word. Once he understands God's Pattern for spiritual growth, the person himself is the only one who can limit his spiritual growth by refusing to allow the Son of God to help him. With God's Blueprint, a believer can build a mature, living, Eternal Tabernacle, if he so desires.

Because God furnishes the Plan, He furnishes the Power and the Tools with which to build. Then, He teaches believers how to use His celestial "Power Tools." Christ died to give His Supernatural Blood for cleansing so that the believer's mind can receive His Plans. He sent the Fire of His Holy Spirit to guide the believer in the way of His Plan, and He gives him His powerful, All-conquering Name to teach him how to use the Tools. If repentant man will but lift up, glorify, and praise Jesus' powerful Name, he will receive Wisdom to use the basic Tools that he needs in order to build spiritually. If Christians receive all of God's Tools and follow His Pattern, they cannot fail to grow in Spiritual Stature. God always works by Principles or Laws, both in His natural Creation and in His Spiritual Creation. By understanding God's Laws of growth or building, a person can become a mature Christian. Every earthly attainment requires a person to overcome obstacles and make sacrifices in order to obtain a satisfying reward. This is also true in the spiritual realm.

Apart from God's commands for Christians to grow, why should a person strive for spiritual maturity? Some people think that God is gracious enough in having saved them from the torment of Hell and the penalty of Death. However, others feel a strong compulsion to experience and to know more about Jesus than just the Truth that He died for their sins. Such souls love Jesus Christ so much that their love generates a desire in them to know Him in a closer, more intimate and more satisfying Unity, far beyond the relationship of a Saviour. They want to know Him as their Heavenly Bridegroom. Not every Christian has this burning desire to know the heights, depths, lengths, and breadths of the Truth in Christ Jesus. Therefore, not everyone will reach the place of spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus that will qualify them to be called His Bride.

The Nation of Israel was God's natural Bride, the one who was chosen

by God to carry the Promised Seed of the Messiah until Christ was conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Nation of Israel gave Christ, the Seed of Life, to the world. Israel is a shadow and type of Christ's Spiritual Bride who carries the Seeds of Truth and Life in her heart and shares them with the world. Israel grew, as a nation, from babyhood to maturity as she entered into experience after experience with God in her journey from Egypt to Canaan's Land.[2]

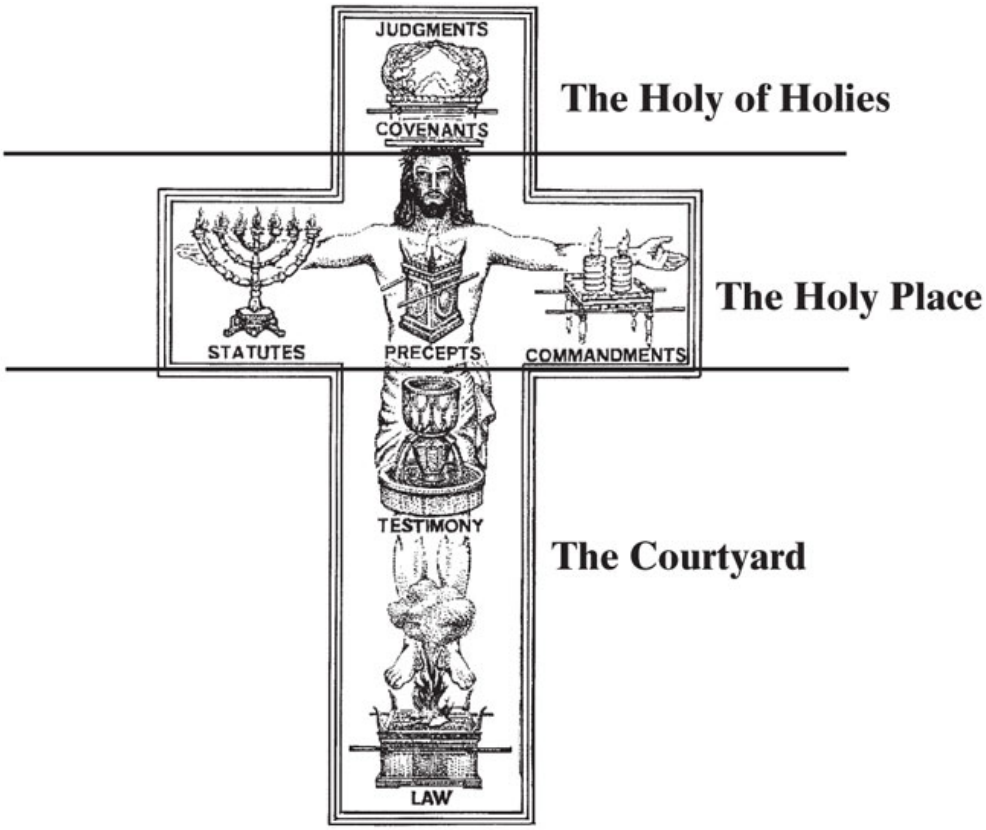
The Bible refers to Israel by different names, and each name denotes a stage of her expanding growth. First, she was called a *Son* in Egypt; second, in the wilderness, she was called the *Church;* third, after crossing the River Jordan into Canaan's Land, or Beulah Land, which means "married land," she was called a *Wife;* then, when God's throne was established in Jerusalem, she was called a *Mother.*

Before her journey out of Egyptian bondage, the entire nation received the blood of the slain lambs, which brought her to birth as a nation, and, there, she was called a Son (Exodus 4:22). The entire nation, as a Son, received the baptism of the Cloud and Fire on their way out of Egypt (Exodus 13:20-23). Then, the entire nation, as a Son, received the baptism of the Waters of the Red Sea, which took Israel into the wilderness, where she was called a Church (Acts 7:38). However, not everyone survived the wilderness journey. God humbled Israel in the wilderness with hunger and thirst to see who would bow in sweet submission to Him as an Espoused Bride. Only four of the adults who had begun their journey in Egypt entered and actually possessed Canaan's Land: Joshua, Caleb, Phineas, and Eleazar. So almost all of the Israelites rebelled, disobeyed God, and died in the Wilderness.

The three basic stages of spiritual experience through which Israel passed —Egypt, the Wilderness, and Canaan's Land—are pictured again in the Pattern that God revealed in the Mosaic Tabernacle. In the Tabernacle of Moses, there were three divisions: the Courtyard, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies. Everyone in Israel could come into the Courtyard where the offerings for sin, consecration, and peace were made, but not everyone was permitted to enter into the Holy Place or Holy of Holies. Only Priests who had been consecrated and set apart for service unto the LORD were allowed to enter the second division, the Holy Place, to minister at the Golden Altar of Prayer, at the Golden Candlestick of Light, and at the Golden Table of

Shewbread. Only the High Priest had the privilege to enter, once a year, into God's personal Presence in the Holy of Holies, the third and highest division. On the Day of Atonement, the High Priest stood before the Ark of the Covenant to minister the Blood of Unity and Oneness between God and the people.

These three divisions in the Mosaic Tabernacle display the unfolding of the three stages of the Fullness of the Cross of Truth or the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ. The Courtyard experiences reveal the Feet, Legs, and Loins of Christ's Spiritual Stature. The Holy Place reveals the Heart, the Shoulders, Arms, the Right Hand, and the Left Hand of His Spiritual Stature. The Holy of Holies reveals the Head of His Spiritual Stature.



The Truths found in the Mosaic Tabernacle are referred to throughout this study.[3] To begin, the Mosaic Pattern is introduced because it is God's Blueprint of His Son, Jesus Christ, Who is God's Living Pattern for all spiritual growth. Growing in Spiritual Stature is vitally important to every believer since a person's degree of spiritual growth determines whether he or she spends Eternity in the New Heavens, in the New Earth, or in the New

City.[4]

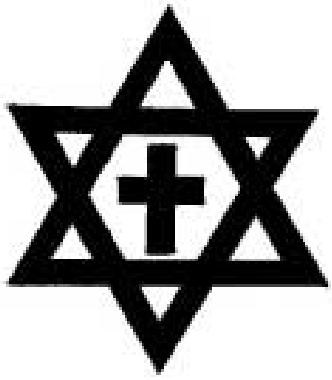
There is a deeper and higher relationship to be had with Jesus. Believers do not have to stop their spiritual growth in the Wilderness or even in the Holy Place. God has made the necessary provision so that all who desire to be in His Bride may enter into Canaan's Land, "Married Land," or the Holy of Holies. There, they will abide in His personal Presence forever. Those who grow into the Fullness of Christ's Spiritual Stature will experience one Eternal Day of Atonement with God and the Lamb in the New City, as His Bride. Those who attain this love relationship with Christ, here on Earth, enjoy fellowshipping the Unity of His Headship as Bridegroom now. They enjoy the glorious privilege of fulfilling the moral righteousness of His Law as His Wife because that pleases and satisfies His Heart and Will. But, more than this, there is the everlasting reward of being eternally arrayed in the Fine, White Linen Wedding Garments of the Bride and sharing all Eternity in the personal Presence of God and the Lamb in the New City, the New Jerusalem. This is a Prize for which it is worth working. The Prize is worth any and every sacrifice and struggle in order to grow and to build on one's Spiritual Foundation, which is the gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ. This is the greatest privilege and Prize of all Eternity—past, present, and future.

The purpose of this book is to show those who desire to be in the Bride of Jesus Christ how to grow up to spiritual maturity so that they can be joined in a Oneness of Spiritual Marriage Relationship with the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind. Christians grow through their personal experiences with Truth. Their Knowledge of theory alone does not produce Spiritual Stature. Spiritual growth comes either by theory joined to experience or by experience joined to theory. Believers' Spiritual Statures are formed upon their foundational gift of Salvation by laboring in prayer, by studying God's Word for the revealed theories of God's Truth, and by building according to God's Blueprint of the Cross of Christ, by allowing the Living Truth to become a part of them. The Living Truth cuts off the things that are unlike Christ in believers' old hearts and puts on Christ in their New Hearts.

As believers grow, a Seal of Light and Glory is formed around their Statures, protecting them from man's archenemy—fallen Lucifer, the "father of lies." Lucifer comes in his forms of Satan, Devil, Serpent, or

Dragon to try to steal from believers God's Humility Truth and Exalted Truth of the Cross, with its Seal of Light and Glory. However, when the Living Truth is engraved on the believer's heart, its surrounding Seal of Light and Glory protects the believer from fallen Lucifer's deceitful lies. The Bride of Jesus Christ will have in her heart this Stature, this Cross of Living Truth, with its Light and Glory. God has revealed in His Word the beautiful Pattern of this Seal of Light and Glory around the Cross to help mankind understand how to grow into spiritual maturity.

This Bridal Seal around the Cross was the sign that God gave to His natural bride, Israel, after she had entered into Canaan's Land and knew the LORD in a Oneness of spiritual relationship as her Spiritual Husbandman. This Glory Seal is also known as the Star of David and the Shield of David.



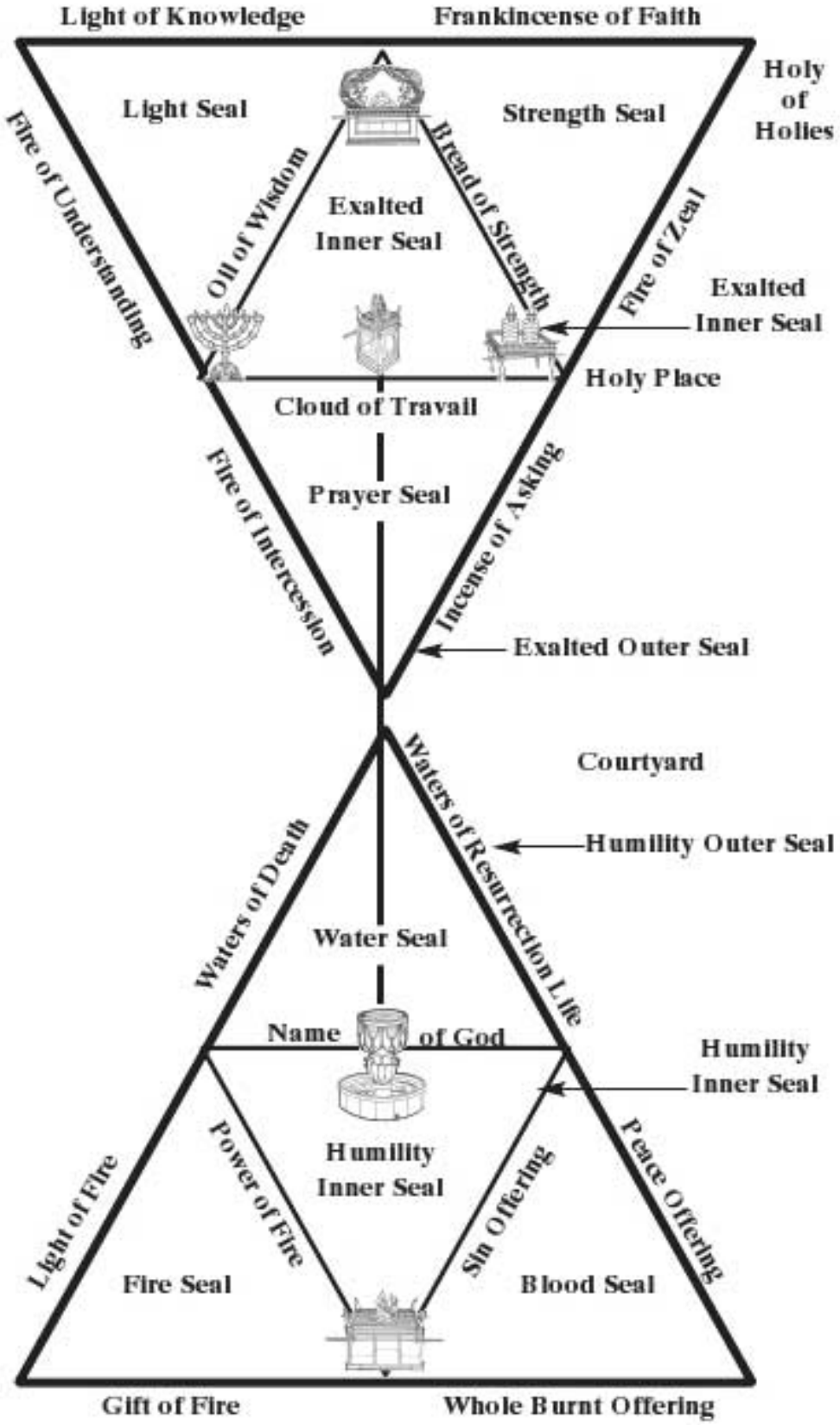
As the Priests ministered at each piece of furniture, their progression through the Mosaic Tabernacle formed a six-sided configuration, known as the Star of David. Since the seven pieces of furniture were laid out in the form of the Cross, the Priests' ministry at each piece of furniture also drew out the form of the Cross. These Patterns of the Cross and the Seal are pictures, shadows, and types of the Stature of Jesus Christ and the spiritual experiences to be found in Christ. Therefore, they are guides to lead believers, today, in the paths of spiritual experiences and growth in the Spiritual Stature of Christ Jesus.

God used the furniture in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness to reveal the picture of the Cross, i.e. the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ. He used the experiences that occurred at these seven pieces of furniture to form a six-sided Seal of Light and Glory, which pictures the Light and Glory of the Truth that is found in Jesus Christ.

God drew out the Blueprint of the Cross in the Mosaic Tabernacle by commanding Moses to set up the furniture, beginning with the highest point of the Cross—the Head of the Cross—at the Ark of the Covenant, and working down to the lowest point of the Cross—the Foot of the Cross—to the Brazen Altar. God unveiled the Cross by beginning with Himself at the Ark—the highest point of the Cross, and working downward to where man was—at the Foot of the Cross or the Brazen Altar. In His Mercy, God descended to man first; otherwise, man would not have had a way whereby he could ascend to God. This is one of God's Principles of Mercy to man. He extends Himself downward so that repentant man can climb upward into God's Presence.

When the layout of the furniture in the Mosaic Tabernacle is reviewed and the services rendered by the Priest examined at each piece of furniture, the Cross and the Seal of Light and Glory are revealed. The experiences encountered at each piece of furniture throughout the Tabernacle reveal a clear picture of the Cross of Truth in Christ Jesus, with its double Seal of protective Light and Glory Truth in Christ Jesus. This is God's Blueprint for Spiritual Growth.

Seal of Protection around the Cross of Living Truth



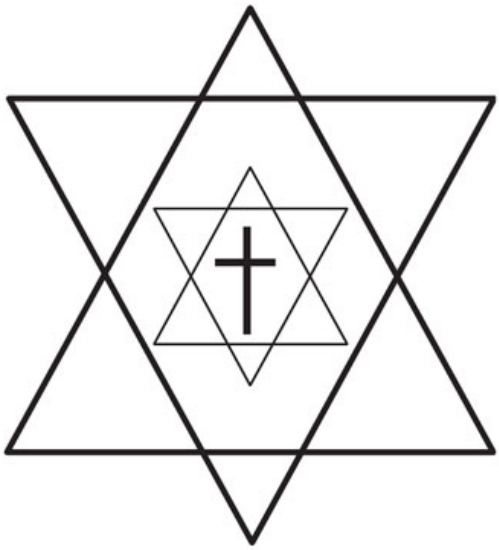
There are two complete Glory Seals in the Mosaic Tabernacle: an inner Seal for the heart and an outer Seal for the arm, both of which are built upon the Cross.[5] A six-sided star is formed when the *exalted inner* triangle, above, is taken out, as it were, and dropped down over the *humility inner* triangle, below. This teaches believers that God desires to seal their hearts with the Crucified Christ's Humility and with the Resurrected Christ's Exaltation.

Inner Seal of Glory Truth—Exalted Inner Triangle of the Resurrected Christ and the Humility Inner Triangle of the Crucified Christ

Outer Seal of Glory Truth—Exalted Outer Triangle of the Resurrected Christ and the Humility Outer Triangle of the Crucified Christ

Another Star is formed when the *exalted outer* triangle, above, is dropped down over the *humility outer* triangle, as it were. Thus, a Seal within a Seal is seen, which teaches that the large outer, visible Seal of worship and service to God is to be guided and governed by the small inner, invisible Seal, with the Cross in the heart.

Seal within a Seal—Union of Exalted Inner Seal and Outer Triangles of the Resurrected Christ with the Humility Inner and Outer Triangles of the Crucified Christ



The exalted portions of both the Inner and Outer Seals pertain to Truths revealed in the Holy Place. However, the focus in this book is on the Truth of the humility portions of both the Inner and Outer Seals that are revealed in the Courtyard of the Spiritual Tabernacle and that relate to the Humility Inner Seal and the Humility Outer Seal.

These two Patterns—the Cross of Truth and the Seal of Light and Glory—are the basic Spiritual Principles for this study of spiritual growth in the *Courtyard*. It is impossible to grow without growing in the Stature of Truth found in the Cross of Jesus. There is no protection of the Cross of Truth without experiencing the Light and Glory of God's Word that accompanies the Truth.

The Spiritual Bride belongs to Jesus Christ, and she is His personal Treasure. The Bride of Christ yearns to know each part of His Stature of Truth. She longs to understand all the Wisdom and Knowledge that is hidden in Him. She desires to be clothed with the Seal of Light and Glory of His Truth so that she can walk in the Light of His Will and His Way.

One of the beautiful aspects of God's Word is that its Patterns of Truth are repeated throughout the Bible, so when a Principle is learned, it becomes a key to open the believer's understanding to other Scriptures.

After studying the way God laid out the Blueprint of the Mosaic Tabernacle, one can see how other lessons in the Bible follow the progression of spiritual growth from the Foot of the Cross to its Head.

This study will correlate the Scriptures that fit into the Pattern of the Mosaic Tabernacle with the Scriptures found in King David's Tabernacle in Psalm 119 and with the Personal Tabernacle of Jesus. All together, these Scriptures present a complete picture of growth to spiritual maturity. In the Mosaic Tabernacle is the foundational Truth of the Cross and the Star of David. The other Tabernacles—David's Tabernacle in Psalm 119 and Jesus' Personal Tabernacle give added dimensions to the Truths displayed in Moses' Tabernacle.

Later, in another study, these same Patterns of Truth will be dealt with as they are found in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters five through seven.

All Truths in the three Tabernacles that are covered in this study fit into the Pattern of the Cross and the Star of David, and, together, they show believers exactly where they are in their journey toward spiritual maturity in the Spiritual Tabernacle of Jesus Christ. In these three Tabernacles are found the Principles that Christians must learn and live by if they want to be in the Spiritual Bride of Jesus Christ.

All three Tabernacles agree in every detail in their Patterns. For instance, all reflect the three major divisions of the Mosaic Tabernacle: the Courtyard, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies.

Likewise, the history of Israel's natural journey to Canaan's Land falls into three major divisions: Egypt, the Wilderness, and Canaan's Land. Because Israel continually encountered more Truth, she was able to progress from a Son-stage in Egypt, to a Church-stage in the wilderness, and to a Wife-and-Mother-stage in Canaan's Land by the end of her journey.

God's Spiritual Patterns are confirmed throughout His Word. When a Spiritual Principle is learned, it becomes a living Pattern to open one's Understanding to other Scriptures in which the same Spiritual Principle is found. After believers have studied God's Blueprint of the Mosaic Tabernacle, they can readily see how other Scriptures in the Bible follow the same progression of spiritual growth from the Foot of the Cross to the Head of the Cross. Sinful man's spiritual experience must begin at the Foot

of the Cross where the Sin Offering Blood is found. Then, by choice, a believer has the opportunity to move upward in the Cross of Jesus Christ to higher realms of spiritual maturity in Him.

This volume will cover the Spiritual Gifts of Truth necessary to foundational spiritual growth in the Courtyard experiences in the Foot Realm of the Cross. Subsequent volumes will reveal the spiritual experiences found in the Holy Place, the Shoulder Realm of the Cross, and in the Holy of Holies, the Head Realm of the Cross.

The aim in writing this book is for it to enlarge the reader's spiritual vision and lead each one to new spiritual experiences in the LORD Jesus Christ. Merely accumulating a rich storehouse of theoretical Knowledge of Divine Principles does not automatically transform a person into a "spiritual giant." Growth is a personal choice that each believer must make on a daily basis and over time, in order to lay hold of greater depths and heights in Christ Jesus. As believers humble themselves at the Feet of Jesus and let the Master Teacher show them how to apply the Principles of the Cross of Truth and the Seal of Light and Glory in their daily circumstances of life, their spiritual hearts will increase so that they will become more like Christ.

The full Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ prepares believers for the enjoyment of God's Eternal Bliss in the New City, and the Fullness of God's Word and Glory gives believers joy unspeakable and complete satisfaction now.

2 For a comprehensive study of God's Pattern for spiritual growth as shown in Israel's history as God's chosen nation, see: B. R. Hicks, *Israel's Journey From Egypt To Canaan's Land* (Jeffersonville, Indiana; Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc., 1992).

3 For a complete description of the furniture in the Mosaic Tabernacle, see *Precious Gem In the Tabernacle*, B. R. Hicks, Christ Gospel Churches International, Inc., 1961, digital edition 2012.

4 A study of believers' eternal abodes is found in the booklet *Degrees Of Reward For Spiritual Growth*, B. R. Hicks, Christ Gospel Churches International, Inc., 1984, digital edition 2012.

5 The Bride in the Song of Solomon prayed, "Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame" (Song of Solomon 8:6).

Chapter Two

Using The Principle Of Ascending And Descending To Build On The Pattern Of The Cross

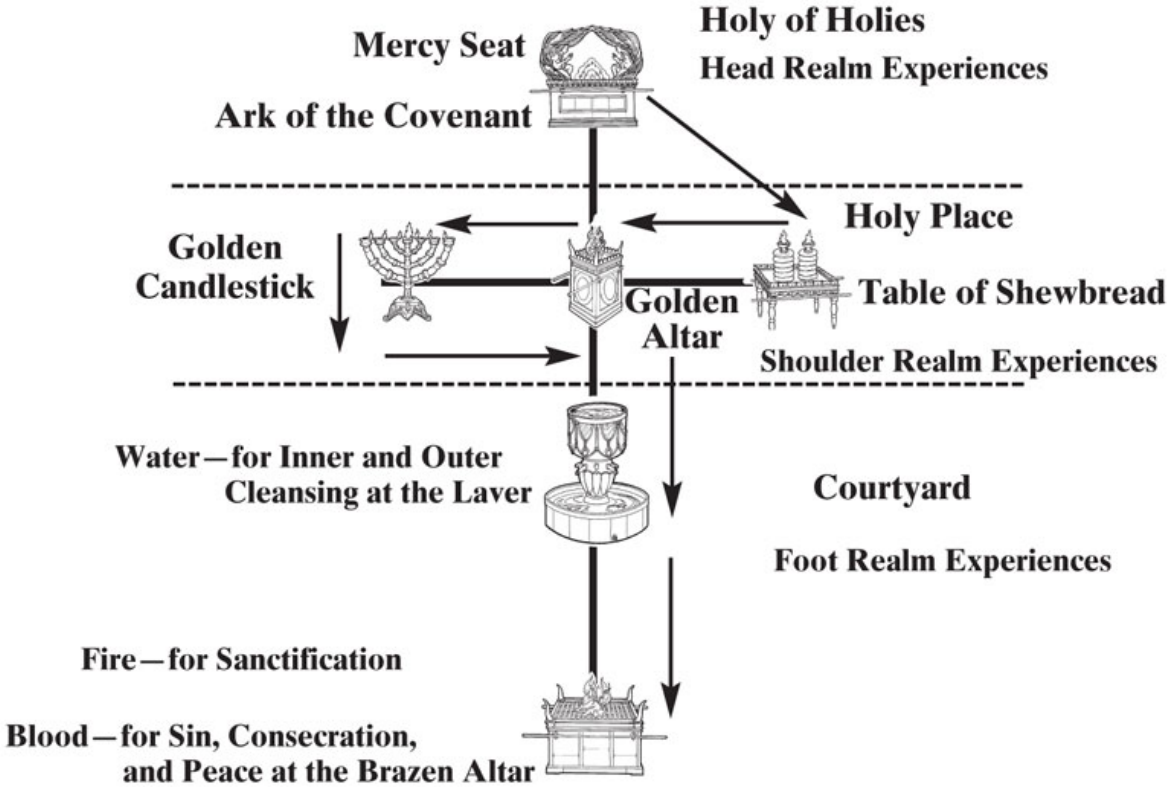
The Cross is the Pattern that God uses to descend to man with the Truth. It is also the Pattern that believers must use in ascending to God as they grow up to spiritual maturity. The act of spiritual building is done in accordance with several basic spiritual laws. This Principle of Descending and Ascending in the Cross of Truth is an important spiritual law, for it establishes the method God uses to communicate with believers. God never deviates in the way He operates.

To build, there must be a point of contact between the builder and the planner, as well as between the construction crew and the architect. God's Principle of Descending to communicate with believers is demonstrated in the way in which God had Moses to place the furniture in the Old Testament Tabernacle.

Exodus, chapter forty, tells about God's instructing Moses to place the seven pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle in the form of the Cross. This visibly established His Blueprint for man to follow in returning to a place of fellowship with his Creator. God began by placing the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat in the division of the Tabernacle *closest* to Himself—the Holy of Holies—which was at the top or Head of the Cross. It was actually the place in which His Glory would dwell once the Tabernacle had been completed. The pieces of furniture placed there pictured the LORD's merciful Headship, and from that point, the furniture was arranged to descend to the lowest place, the Foot of the Cross, where the Brazen Altar

was to be situated.

Old Testament Example of God Descending in the Form of the Cross from the Head Realm to the Foot Realm



The Brazen Altar was the place of sacrifice for fallen man's sin. In Moses' Tabernacle, under the Old Covenant, a person's journey back to God began when he accepted the blood sacrifice for sin at the Brazen Altar. Now, in Jesus Christ, under the New Covenant, once sinners repent and accept the precious Blood of Jesus as a sacrifice for sin, they can begin their journey in ascending in spiritual growth, which will eventually return them into full fellowship with God when they reach full spiritual maturity.

Once he had sinned, man was in no position to start where God started, in the Head Realm or the Holy of Holies. Man had to begin out in the Courtyard, with the blood of the sin offering; then, as a believer, he could ascend through the form of the Cross to the Holy Place and, finally, into the Holy of Holies. This Principle establishes the direction in which God extends Himself to meet man and the direction in which man must travel to

meet God.

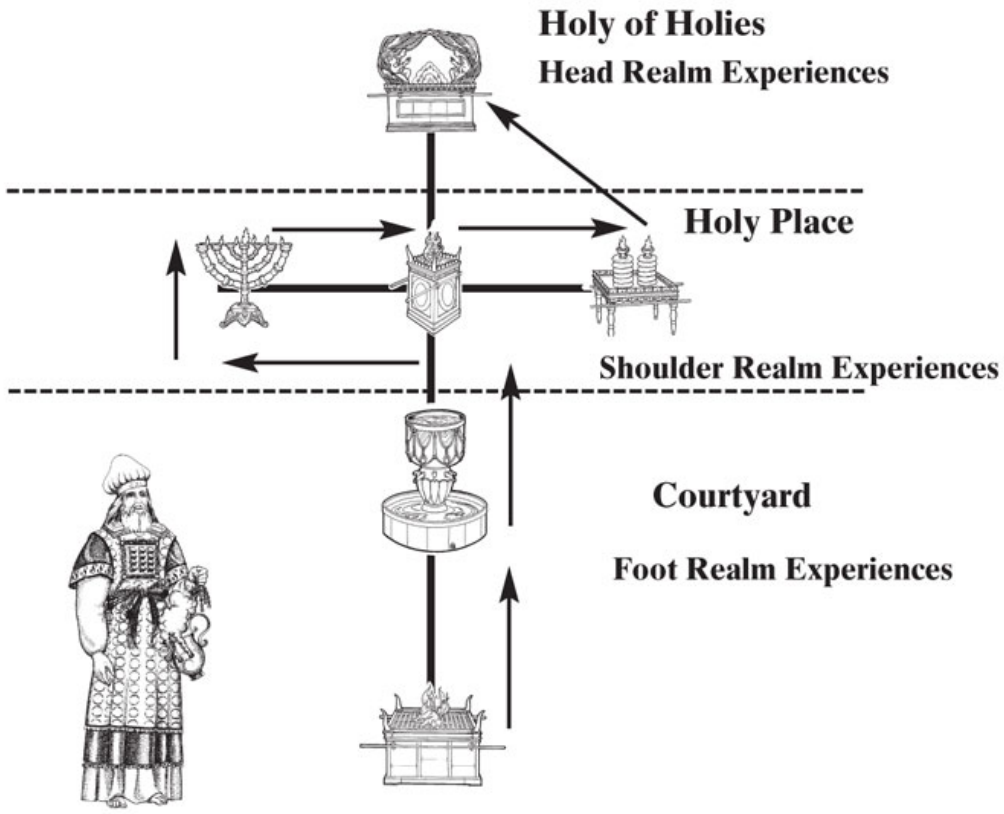
The Cross is the bridge between God and man—not the literal wooden cross, but the Word, the Cross of Truth, Jesus Christ, Who hung on the wooden cross. The Man, Christ Jesus, is man's Mediator, and the Pattern of the Cross reveals His Spiritual Stature that repentant man must assimilate if he is to grow back into God's Image.

God descends from His Throne of Mercy, down to the place of Grace, to meet repentant man. Does not the Bible say, "For by grace are ye saved"? The Brazen Altar, the place for the shedding of blood, pictured the Altar of the believer's Salvation, Jesus Christ. It is from the place of Grace or Salvation that the believer must begin his ascending journey if he is to reach the personal Presence or the Glory of God by spiritual growth.

The Stature of Christ, depicted by the furniture in the Mosaic Tabernacle, was accessible to all Israel only as far as the two pieces of furniture in the Courtyard—the Brazen Altar and the Laver. Only the Priests were privileged to view what was behind the curtain that hung between the Courtyard and the Holy Place. None but the High Priest entered into the Holy of Holies, behind the veil, and then only once a year, on the Day of Atonement. On that day, the High Priest, a shadow and type of Jesus Christ, entered through the veil into the Holy of Holies where God's dwelling Glory resided in a Glory Cloud upon the Mercy Seat. It is evident from the three separated divisions of the Old Testament Tabernacle that God reveals increasing measures of His Truth as one grows and matures spiritually.

This Spiritual Principle is established, again, in the Tabernacle of King David, as he described the Word of Truth in Psalm 119. In this Psalm, the LORD started with the Law at the Brazen Altar and ascended from the Foot Realm up to the Judgments and Covenants in the Head Realm of the Spiritual Stature, when He revealed His Tabernacle of Truth to King David.

Old Testament Example of Man Ascending in the Form of the Cross from the Head Realm to the Foot Realm

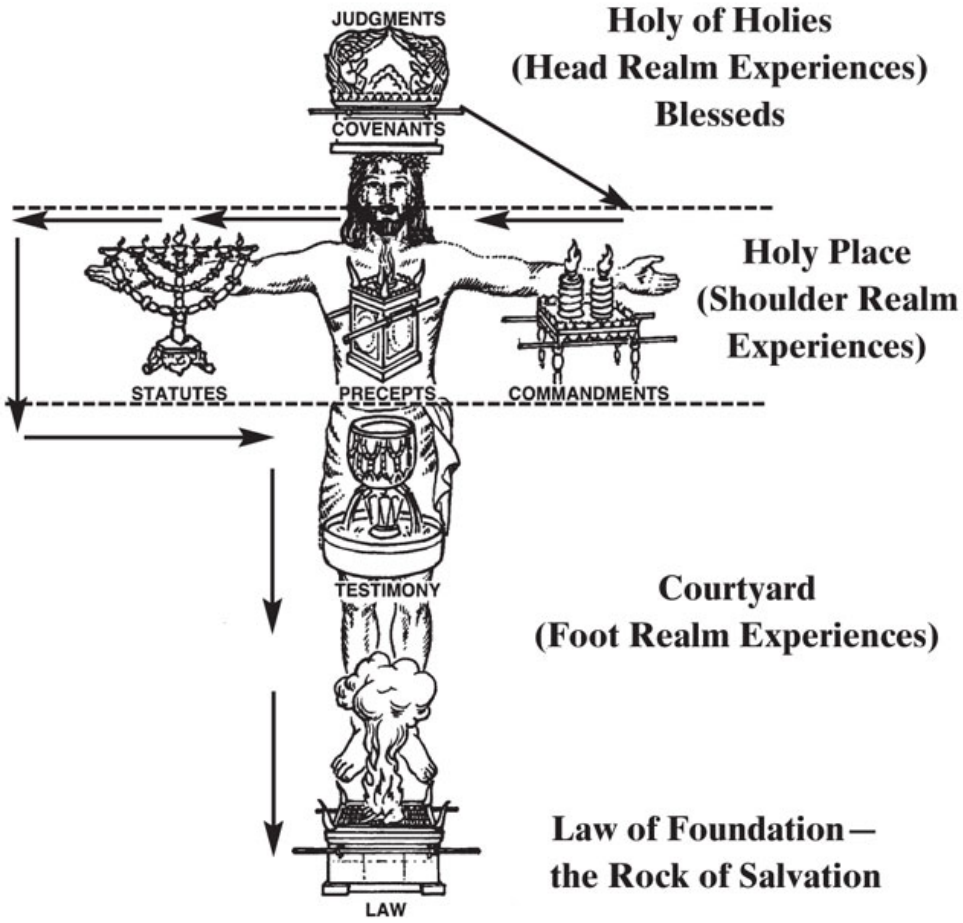


High Priest's Path of Ministry on the Day of Atonement

In a subsequent volume, we will see this same Principle of Spiritual Building as taught by Jesus in chapters five, six, and seven in the Gospel of Matthew. These verses are the longest and fullest continual discourse of our precious Saviour Jesus Christ.

In this example of growing spiritually, Jesus Christ's teachings descend in the form of the Cross or the same Pattern that God used in unfolding His Son's Spiritual Stature in the Mosaic Tabernacle. Jesus Christ started revealing His Spiritual Tabernacle of Truth in the *heights* of the Head Realm, with the "Blesseds." From there, He worked His way down through the Pattern of the Cross to where lost man was. He descended to the Depths of the Rock of Truth of Salvation, the foundation for all Spiritual Building, as He drew out the Blueprint for Christians to follow in growing to spiritual maturity.

New Testament Example of God Descending in the Form of the Cross from the Head Realm to the Foot Realm

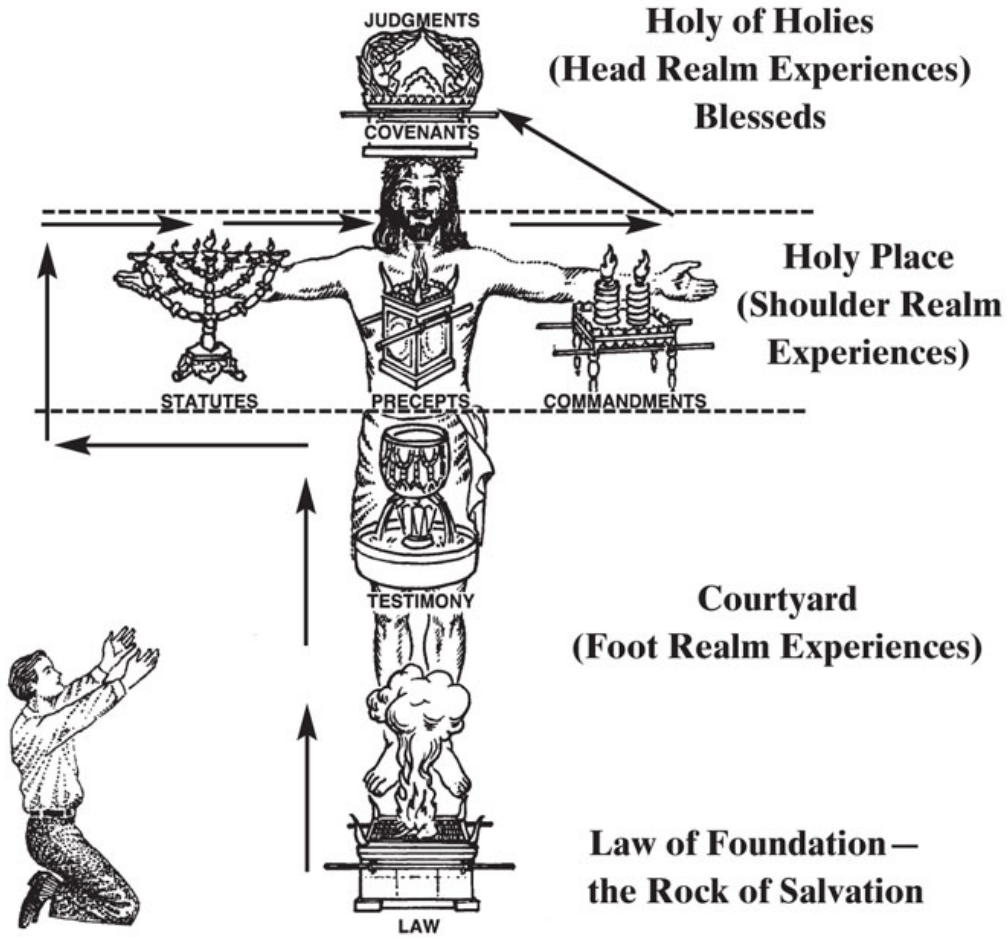


The word *blessed* means happy. Spiritual babes do not experience true happiness, gladness, and rejoicing during periods of false accusation and persecution. These emotional responses of happiness during times of trials come with spiritual maturity. Personal growth in the Word of God is necessary for the Head Realm "Blesseds" to become living realities in a believer's life.

Mankind cannot start where God starts—in the Head Realm—because he has fallen into the low pit of sin and death. Lost man must learn the way to ascend out of this pit. Lost man must be saved; that is, he must lay the foundation of Salvation on the Rock before he can start climbing and building a Spiritual Tabernacle of Truth and Light. Once the proper spiritual foundation has been laid in a believer's heart, he or she can begin to grow

spiritually and continue growing until he or she reaches spiritual maturity in Jesus Christ.

New Testament Example of Man Ascending in the Form of the Cross from the Foot Realm to the Head Realm



The Tabernacle of Truth taught by Jesus enlightens man's understanding of who man is (salt of the earth and light of the world), what he has to do (come under subjection to the moral government of God's Word), and what he must change (the willful corruptions and mistakes of the carnal nature). The Purpose of Jesus' Tabernacle of Truth is not to fill the believer's head with theoretical notions, but to lead, to guide, and to regulate his actions until he grows up into spiritual maturity.

Jesus' discourse in the Gospel of Matthew prophesied the blessedness that is the reward for spiritual attainment once a Christian has grown to the

Head Realm of Truth, and He proclaimed the character and nature of those who are entitled to that blessedness.

> Blessed *are* the **poor in spirit:** for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven.** Blessed *are* **they that mourn:** for **they shall be comforted.** Blessed *are* the **meek:** for **they shall inherit the earth.** Blessed *are* **they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:** for **they shall be filled.** Blessed *are* the **merciful:** for **they shall obtain mercy.** Blessed *are* the **pure in heart:** for **they shall see God.** Blessed ***are* the peacemakers:** for **they shall be called the children of God.** Blessed *are* **they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:** for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Blessed are ye, **when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you,* and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.** Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for **great *is* your reward in heaven:** for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you (Matthew 5:3-12).

Because Jesus started teaching in the Head Realm of Spiritual Stature (chapter five) and descended to Truth related to the Foot Realm (chapter seven), we must begin to study in chapter seven and work backwards to chapter five, if we are to learn His Tabernacle of Truth in the order in which man must grow. Man must start with the foundation—at the Foot of the Cross. From there, he can ascend progressively through the Cross into higher realms of maturity in Jesus Christ.

It is a thrill to see God's Blueprint of the Cross reappearing in the Word of God from Moses' Tabernacle to King David's Tabernacle and, then, on to Jesus' Personal Tabernacle in the New Testament.

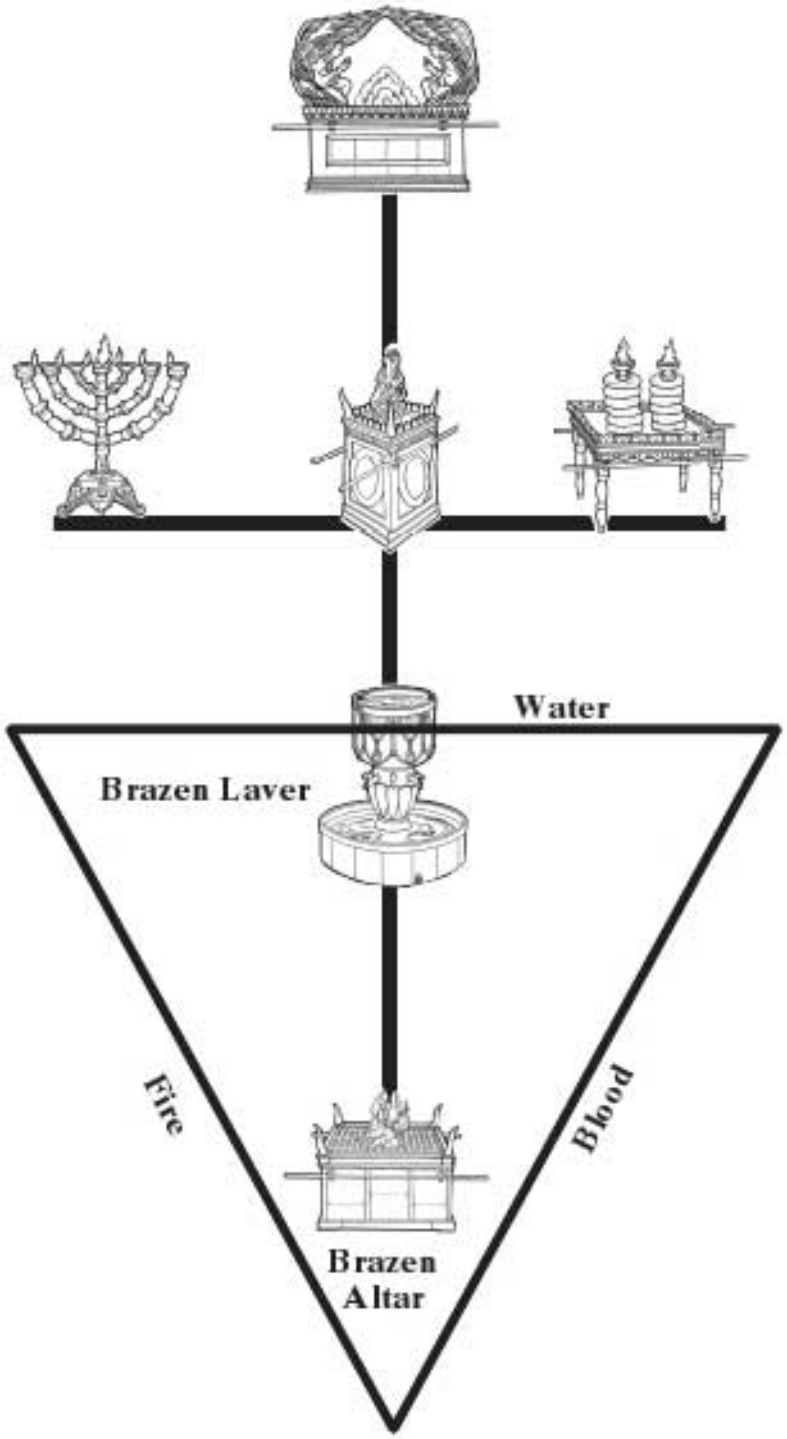
Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son, came into the world bearing the perfect Image or Form of the invisible God. He lived with His Feet in the Depths of God's Humility Glory and His Head in the Heights of God's Exalted Glory. He walked in the length and breadth of surrender and obedience to the Father's Will. The Bible says that the Fullness of the Godhead was in the Son. "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). Since Jesus Christ possesses perfect Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of Perfect Form—the form of the Cross—He is capable of leading mankind back into true fellowship with God by teaching him how to grow into complete spiritual maturity.

Chapter Three

Israel's Inner Humility Seal For The Heart Formed In The Courtyard Of The Mosaic Tabernacle

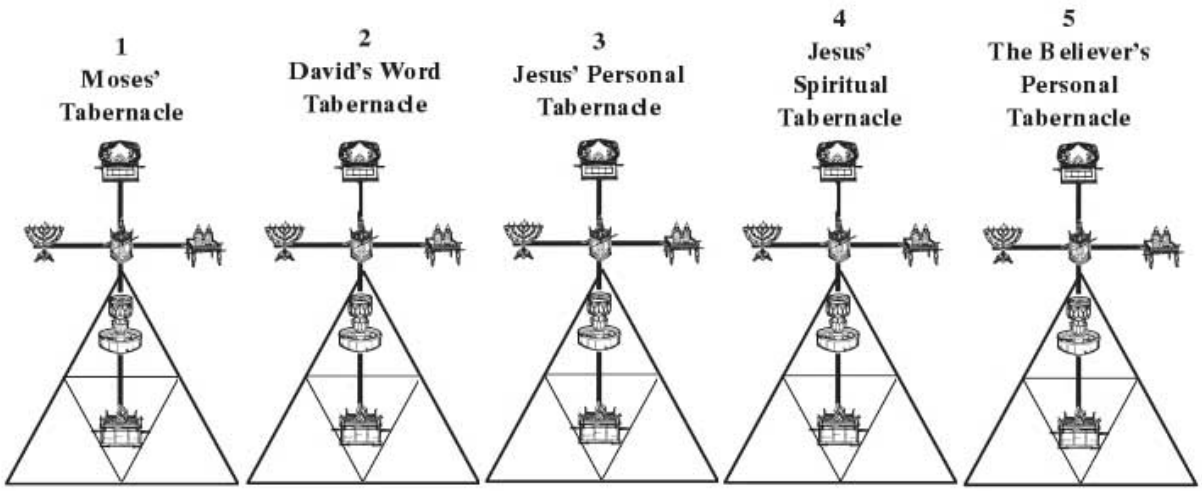
The Inner Humility Seal for Israel's experience of worship of the LORD in her heart consisted of a single triangle or Seal of Light and Glory found in the blood, Fire, and Water. This Seal is formed in the hearts of New Testament believers' experience of Salvation by the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Saviour, the Baptism of the Fire of the Holy Ghost, and Baptism in the Waters of the LORD's Name, which are the New Testament fulfillment of the Priests' ministry of blood sacrifice at the Brazen Altar, God's Fire that consumed the sacrifice, and the washing of the Priests for cleansing in the Waters of the Laver. This Seal is built upon the part of the Cross that was revealed in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle that relates to the Foot of the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ.

Israel's Inner Humility Seal for the Heart and the Believer's Inner Humility Seal of Experiences in the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ



By studying, step by step, the first division of theories and experiences found in the Cross and the Seal in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle, the same spiritual Patterns and Principles that are repeated in the Davidic Tabernacle, the Personal Tabernacle of Jesus, and in believers' personal Tabernacles of spiritual growth will then be recognizable. These same Patterns appear in Jesus' discourse on the Spiritual Tabernacle known as the "Sermon on the Mount."

Five Tabernacles that Show Christ's Stature with the Inner Seal of Experience in the Heart and the Outer Seal of Ministry for the Arm



God's Blueprint of Spiritual Principles or His Patterns of Spiritual Truth are the same—all the way from Moses' Tabernacle in the Old Testament—to the believer's own personal Spiritual Tabernacle, today.

In the Courtyard of Spiritual Truth, in the Cross of Truth, there is an Inner Seal of Light and Glory for the believer's heart, and there is an Outer Seal of Light and Glory for the believer's arm.

God wants the repentant heart sealed with all three experiences of the Truth of Blood, Fire, and Water. The Humility Seal of the Light and Glory from the Blood, the Fire, and the Water protects the Redemptive Truth of the Cross. After believers have experienced the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Fire of the Holy Ghost, and the Waters of His Name in their hearts, they will fight to protect the Redemptive Truth of the Cross of Christ. They will

enjoy complete surrender to God, true worship, and total freedom to share with others the glorious Truth of Christ.

The three sides of the Seal, however, are not engraved simultaneously. God starts with the first bar of the Inner Humility Seal of Light and Glory of the Sin Offering Blood and patiently works in an orderly fashion until all three sides of the Inner Seal are formed within the heart.

This chapter follows the step by step formation of the Inner Humility Seal of Light and Glory for the heart as it was formed in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle. This Inner Seal is called a Humility Seal of Light and Glory because it relates to the Truths of Christ's Humility Foundation that are found in the low place, at the Brazen Altar and at the Brazen Laver in the Courtyard.

The first Truth of the Cross and the Seal begins with a person's humbling himself to see his sin and guilt, and then, to confess and to acknowledge his sin and guilt to God and to receive Christ's Blood for the pardoning, the cleansing, and the sanctifying of his sin and guilt. Then, Christ clothes the believer with His Humility Light and Glory of His Sin Offering Blood that confirms His Justification and the impartation of His Righteousness. The Humility Seal clothes the believer with the Light of His Glory and Grace. The Truth of the Cross found at the Brazen Altar is that Jesus Christ came in Flesh and gave His Body as a Blood Sacrifice to redeem mankind.

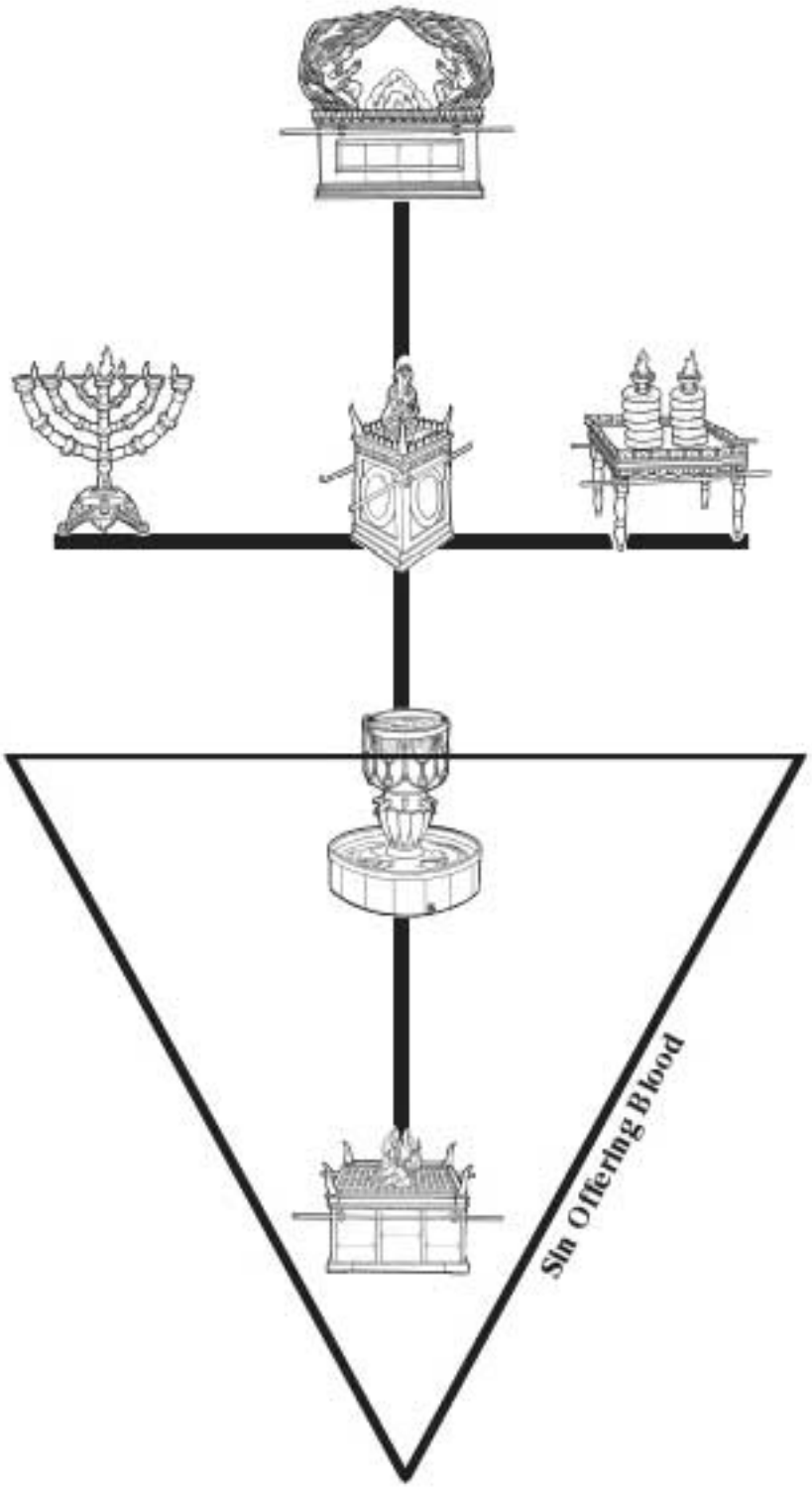
The first side of the Inner Humility Seal of Light and Glory in the Mosaic Tabernacle was formed by the blood of the sin offering at the Brazen Altar.

I. The Blood of the Sin Offering Was First to Be Offered.

> 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).

Formation of the First Bar of the Inner Humility Seal in the Mosaic Tabernacle



Formation of the First Bar of the
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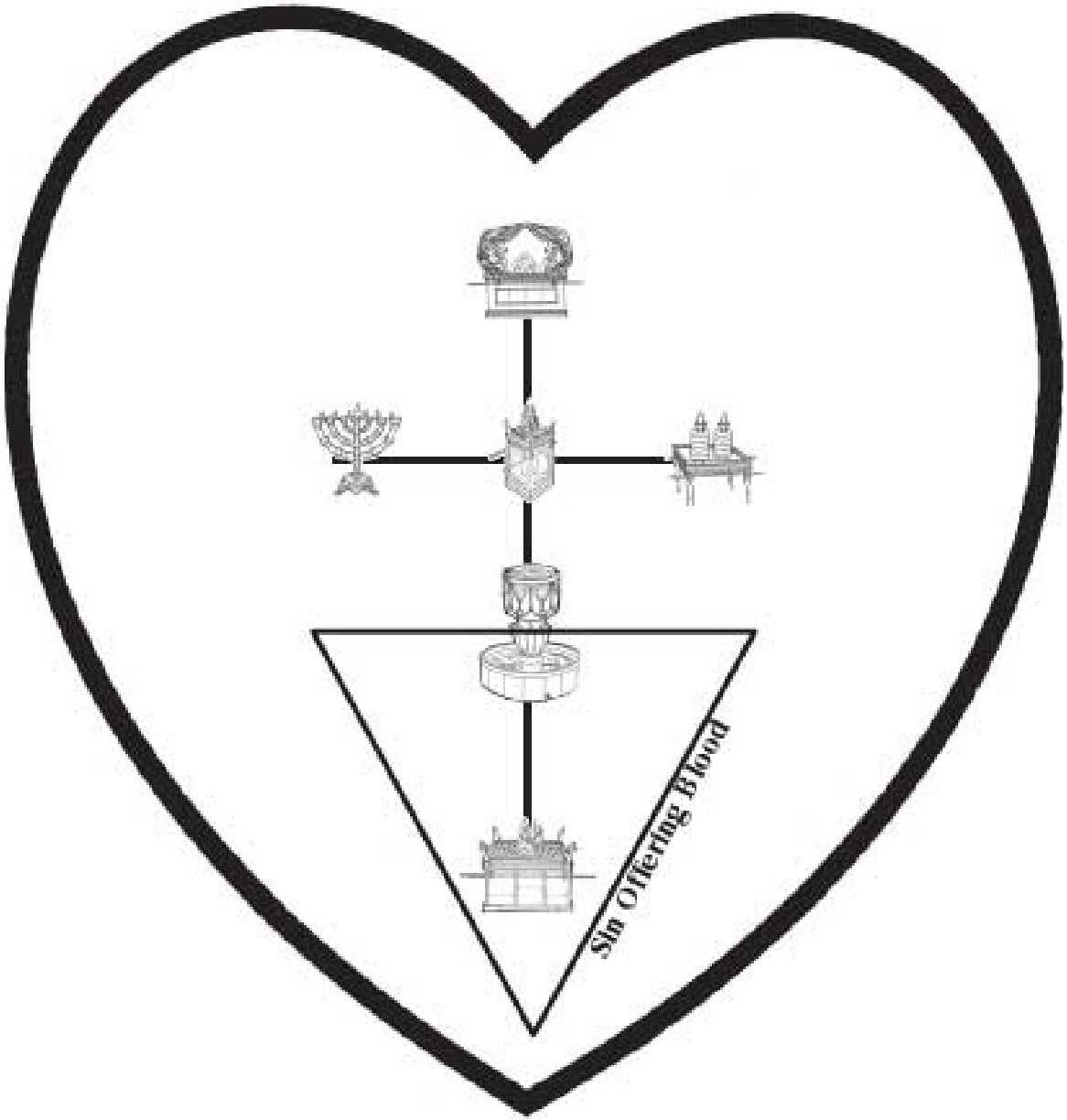


The sin offering blood formed the first bar of the Inner Humility Seal or the Star of David and signified man's sorrow at having erred and strayed from God's Way and his firm resolve to offer blood for sin, for sin must be atoned before man can have fellowship with God. Before Israel could begin her journey from Egypt to Canaan's Land, she had to be cleansed from sin and protected from Death.

> For **I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt,** both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. And **the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are:* and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you,*** when I smite the land of Egypt (Exodus 12:12,13).

God gave lamb's blood to Israel in Egypt to cleanse her heart and to give her a Seal of Light and Glory to protect her from the Judgment of Darkness and Death.

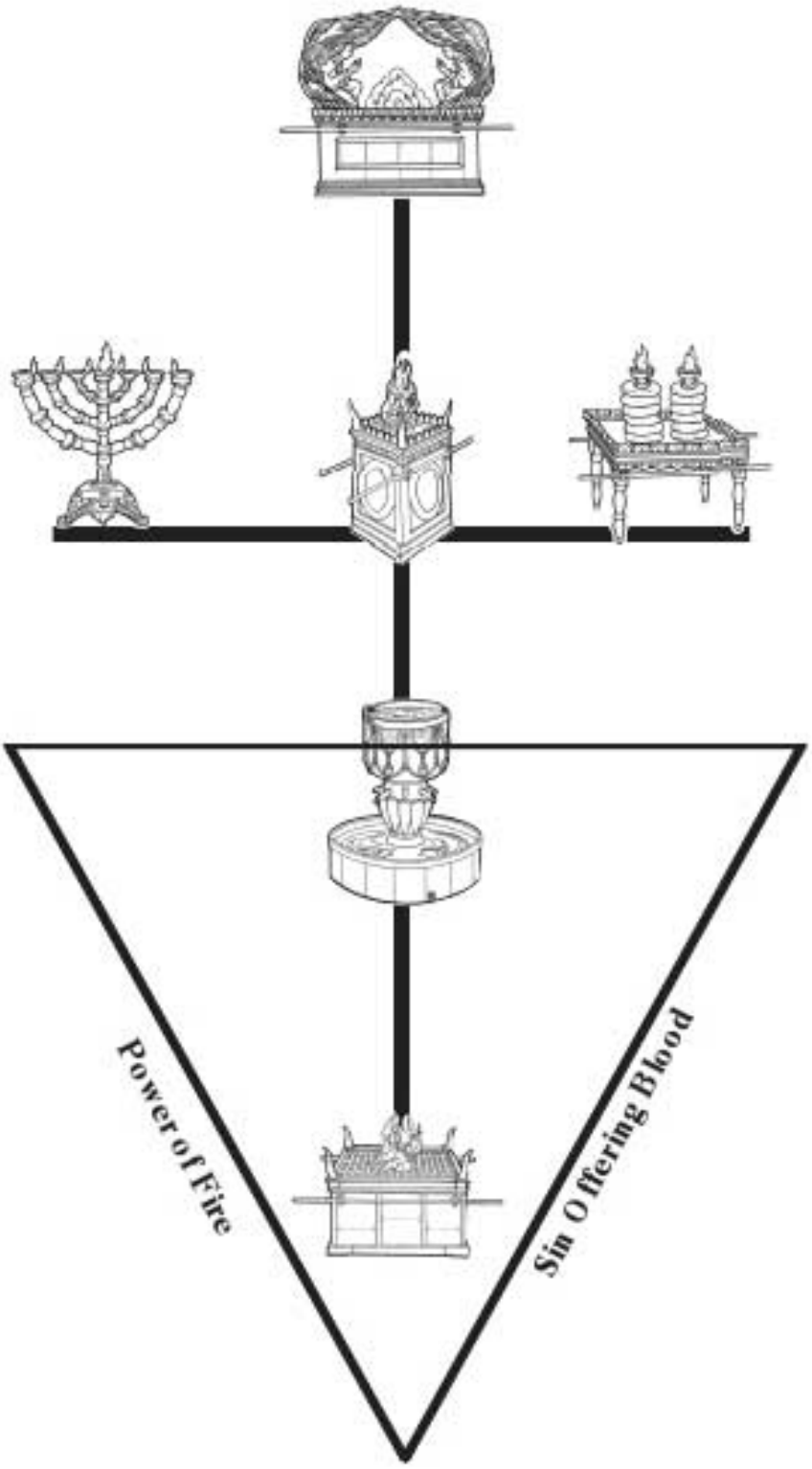
In the wilderness, Israel continued to need a blood sacrifice for sin. For example, each person had to bring an offering for his sin before proceeding to worship in the Mosaic Tabernacle. All worship must begin with a heart that has been cleansed by the Blood of the Sin Offering, both in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Jesus Christ, as a Sin Offering, had to suffer the humiliation of Death in order to become a Sacrificial Substitute for sinners; then, the sinner's heart is cleansed as it is joined, by faith, to the Humility and Death of the Sacrifice. The Blood of the Sin Offering, which forms the first side of the Inner Humility Seal in the Courtyard, makes the heart a clean chapel of worship.

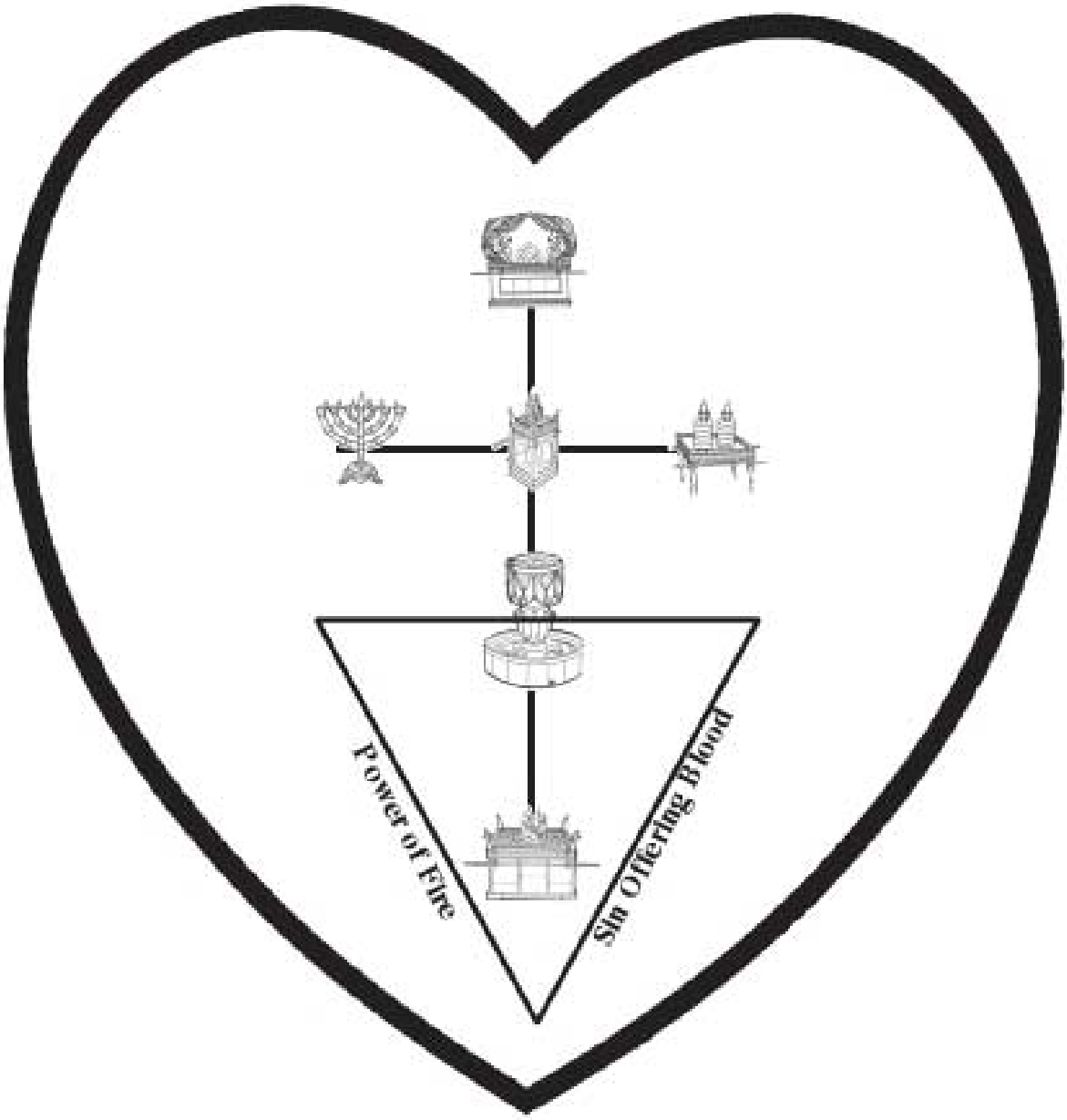
II. The Power of the Fire Consumed the Whole Burnt Offering.

> **And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat:** *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces (Leviticus 9:24).

Formation of the Second Bar of the Inner Humility Seal in the Mosaic Tabernacle



Formation of the Second Bar of the Inner Humility Seal in the Believer's Heart



The second side of the Inner Humility Seal of Light and Glory for Israel was formed by the Power of the Supernatural Fire and Glory that fell upon the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard.

In the New Testament, after Jesus Christ had given His Body as a Living Sacrifice at Calvary's Cross, the Glory Light of Resurrection Power fell on His Body, and being lifted up out of Death, He ascended to the Right Hand

of God as a Sweet Smelling Savor to minister to God and to man.

In the Mosaic Tabernacle, the consuming Power of the Fire was necessary in order to change the image of the sacrifice into ashes. The Cross of Truth at the Brazen Altar was this: it was a place to minister both to God and to man. This second side of the Humility Seal of Light and Glory was needed to protect this Truth. The Power of the Fire changed the sacrifices into a sweet-smelling savor that was well-pleasing unto God, and it ministered to the needs of sinful man. The ashes were a witness of the consuming ministry of the Fire.

Israel's second blessed experience in the Mosaic Tabernacle was with the Holy Glory-Fire that came from the LORD Himself. After the sin offering had been slain at the Brazen Altar, the Priest applied some of the blood to the four horns of the Altar and poured the remaining portion at the bottom of the Altar. The animal for sacrifice for sin was then separated into parts. Part of it was burned *inside the camp* on the Brazen Altar; another part was burned *outside the camp*. The power of the Fire inside the camp and outside the camp changed the sacrifice into ashes.

By examining the two classes of Death that sinful man suffers as a result of his sin against God, the mystery of the ashes can be better understood. Man has sinned against God's Oral Law or Word and against God's Written Law or Word. Because of his sin against God's Oral Law, man reaped the first Death. Man's sin against the Written Law of God caused him to reap the second Death.

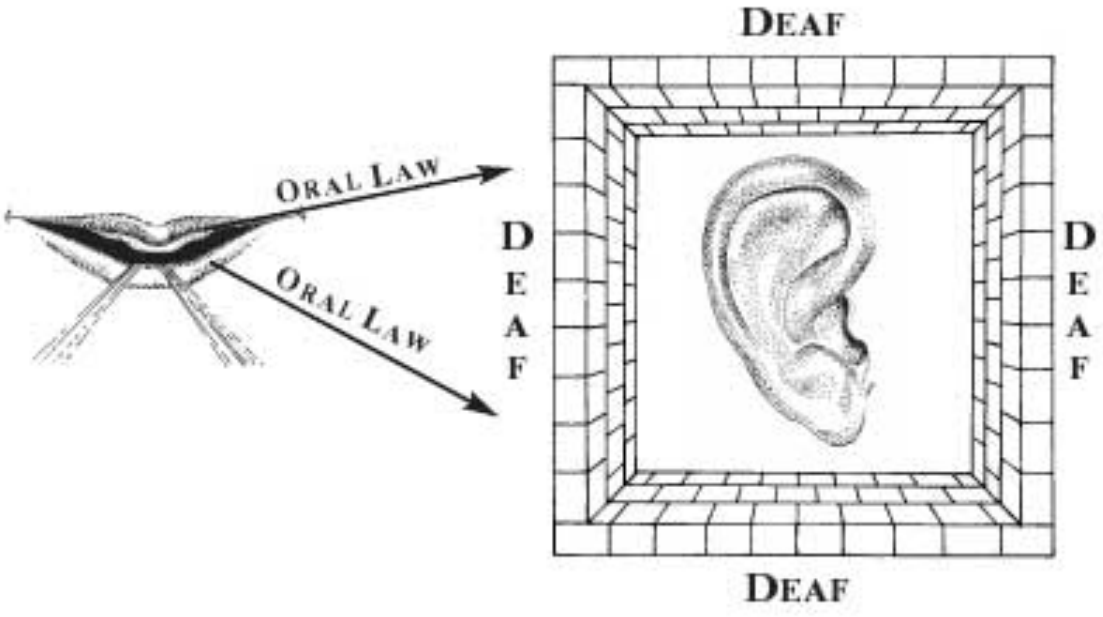
A. Sins Against God's Oral Law Produced the First Death.

> And all **the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it,* they removed, and stood afar off. And they said** unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but **let not God speak with us, lest we die.** And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was* (Exodus 20:18-21).

> And **Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood**

at the nether part of the mount (Exodus 19:17).

And it came to pass, **when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness,** (for the mountain did burn with fire,) **that ye came near unto me,** *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and **we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire:** we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: **if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. For who *is there of* all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have,* and lived? Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear *it,* and do *it.*** And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! Go say to them, Get you into your tents again. But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it (Deuteronomy 5:23-31).



The people reeled and fell away in panic when they perceived the lightnings and thunderings. They did not mind hearing the Voice of the Oral Law out of God's Mouth, but they did not want the Oral Law's consuming Fire that burns in the memory and convicts men of their sin. The Israelites asked for the Oral Law to be spoken through Moses because they thought that the power of the lightning and thunder would be diminished as it passed through a human mediator.

Many people, today, would like to hear divine revelations if they could turn off the Fire of God's Spirit, but they cannot do this because the LORD has ordained for His Word and Spirit to be joined. Unless thunder and lightning accompany the revelation, there is no fear or dread of offending the Oral Law out of God's Mouth. Under God's care, the fear of God is an indestructible Seed that will flourish and blossom into Living Love.

It is generally accepted that the sense of hearing employs only about nine percent of man's sensory faculties; consequently, man is in great danger of not hearing God's Oral Word. Man must listen diligently and, then, heed what is heard, if he is to escape the first Death. How does man sin against God's Oral Law? He does it by turning a deaf ear to God's own Voice, to the voice of God's anointed servants, and to the voice of God's Creation, for all bear witness to the reality of the Divine Creator.

> **The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech,** and night unto night sheweth knowledge. ***There is*** **no speech nor language,** ***where*** **their voice is not heard.** Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, (Psalm 19:1-4).

When a person sins against the Oral Law or Word of God's Mouth, by turning a deaf ear, his sin is also against God's Breath or Spirit of Fire that He breathes into His Word.

The first Death occurred because of sin *without* the camp. The Egyptians, who were without the camp of Israel, experienced Death in their land and in the Red Sea because they turned a deaf ear to God's Oral Law that had been spoken to them. Since there was sin and Death outside the camp, God mercifully consecrated a clean place outside the camp through the Glory Fire that burned and changed the sacrifice into ashes. The ashes of those

sacrifices were used outside the camp for cleansing of sin and atoning for Death.

The red heifer offering, described in chapter nineteen of Numbers, was one of the sacrifices burned outside the camp. These ashes were dissolved in fresh water and sprinkled upon those who had been defiled with the spirit of Death as a result of having touched the dead in some way. The aim was to purify the impure so that they could return to the LORD's camp with new forms of praise, gratitude, and worship to God

The leper's cleansing from sin and Death was also accomplished outside the camp. Part of the sin offering was carried outside the camp and burned to keep the place clean and sanctified for its ministry of atoning for sin against the Oral Law and its penalty—the first Death.

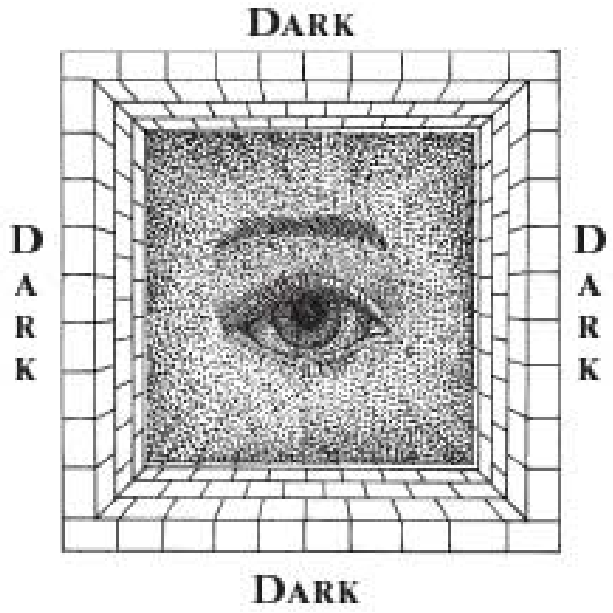
B. Sins against God's Written Law Produce a Second Death.

> And **he gave unto Moses,** when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God** (Exodus 31:18)

> **God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran.** Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And ***his*** **brightness was as the light; he had horns *coming* out of his hand: and there *was* the hiding of his power** (Habakkuk 3:3-4).

God's Hand

Man's Darkened Eye = Second Death



God wrote His Holy Law in Tables of Stone in order to make the form of the letter of the Law visible to man's eye. The Finger of God wrote the Law for perpetual duration. The Law was also called *Testimonies* because it testified to man of the blessings and curses therein—blessings for those who obey it by repenting and bringing the sacrifice of blood—and curses for those who disobey it. The Written Law was accompanied by the Horns' Light and Glory to bless the obedient and to "gore down" the disobedient with the punishment of the second Death. Although Israel could not at first see the Tables of the Law; she saw the Horns of Light and Glory upon the top of Mount Sinai.

> And **the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai,** and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And **the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.** And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights (Exodus 24:16-18).

After having seen the Glory of the Written Law on top of Mount Sinai, Israel sinned against this Glory with her eyes, by demanding a visible god

to go before her. There was sin and Death inside the camp. When Moses came down from the Mount with the Tables of the Law in his hand, he discovered Israel eating, drinking, singing, and dancing around a golden calf, which her newly darkened eyesight saw as a greater and more glorious sight than the Glory of God's Law.

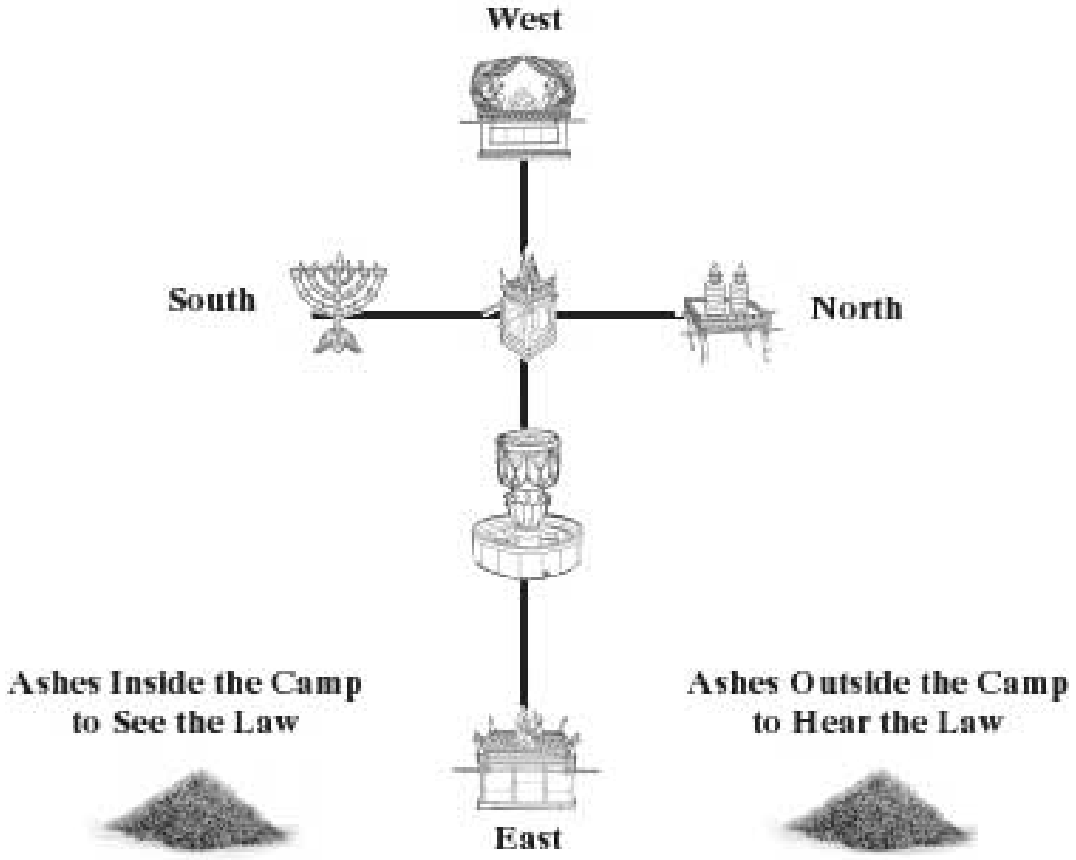
In holy, righteous indignation, Moses "[C]ast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount" (Exodus 32:19). The LORD will not share the Holy Letter of the Truth of His Law with those who have idolatrous eyesight. The guilty, senseless, ungrateful idolatrous mob was unworthy to look upon the beautiful Work of God's Finger because they preferred the idolatrous work of their own fingers. How foolish they were to esteem the visible works of the creature above the visible Work of the Creator God!

Moses burned the golden calf-god in the fire, ground it to powder, mixed the powder with water, and made Israel drink the bitter potion. The *waters of sin* revealed the guilty ones by afflicting them with a visible plague. It was easy, then, for the Tribe of Levi to recognize the guilty ones when they went forth to punish the offending idolaters with the sword of Death. The innocent ones, those who did not join with the idolaters in their licentious worship of the calf-god, were free from harm and death. Because it occurred inside the camp, this sin produced the punishment of the second Death.

Israel committed two basic classes of sin: the first class involved sin that they committed against God's Mouth and Breath in the form of His Oral Word when they refused to hear God's Word. The second class involved sin that they committed against God's Hand that unveiled the Light and Glory of His Written Law, engraved in tables of stone. Since Israel had sinned inside the camp and outside the camp, God made provision for atonement for sin and Death within the camp and without the camp.

After having offered part of the sin offering inside the camp, on the Brazen Altar, Moses carried the remainder out and burned it outside the camp. So there were ashes inside the camp and ashes outside the camp to make provision for Israel to hear and to see God's Law. Jesus Christ has made the same provision for us, today, because of our sins—sins with our ears and sins with our eyes.

Ashes Inside and Outside the Camp



The Power of God's Holy Fire reduced the ten classes of sacrifices, which were offered inside the camp, to ten classes of ashes. The hot ashes were stored, first, on the east side of the Altar, inside the camp. Later, after they had cooled, they were carried without the camp to join the ashes there. The "clean place" outside the camp was where the ashes of the red heifer were stored. The ashes of the red heifer were used to cleanse man from the defilement of sin and Death.

The ten classes of ashes fit together with God's Ten Commandments that have been broken by man's sin, within and without the camp. The consuming Power of Fire produces ashes to cleanse the ears to hear the Oral Law and to cleanse the eyes to see the Written Law.

Ten Classes of Ashes from Sacrifices to Cleanse Man's Ears to Hear God's Unbegotten Oral Law and His Eyes to See God's Begotten

Written Law

1. **Sin Offering**—for sin against the first Commandment: “I am the LORD Thy God.”
2. **Whole Burnt Offering**—for sin against the second Commandment: “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”
3. **Peace Offering**—for sin against the third Commandment: “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy god in vain.”
4. **Meal Offering**—for sin against the fourth Commandment: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”
5. **Oil Offering**—for sin against the fifth Commandment: “Honour thy father and thy mother.”
6. **Salt Offering**—for sin against the sixth Commandment: “Thou shalt not kill.”
7. **Wine Offering**—for sin against the seventh Commandment: “Thou shalt not commit adultery.”
8. **Frankincense Offering**—for sin against the eighth Commandment: “Thou shalt not steal.”
9. **Incense Offering**—for sin against the ninth Commandment: “Thou shalt not bear false witness.”
10. **Wicks from Candlestick**—for sin against the tenth Commandment: “Thou shalt not covet.”

Reducing the ten different classes of offerings to ashes before the eyes of the offerers was a demonstration that the Power of God’s Holy Fire could not only change the deafness of man’s ears so that he could hear God’s Oral Law but could also heal the blindness of his eyes so that he could see the Written Law. The Power of the Fire, which reduced the sacrifices to ashes inside and outside the camp, revealed God’s Power to cleanse man of inward and outward sin and Death.

God does not want to annihilate the energy man uses for hearing and seeing. He simply wants to take the sinful forms of idolatry out of the

channels of man's being by reducing his idols to ashes, as it were. Then, the clean, forgiven energy, used for hearing and seeing, can be placed in new forms of praise and worship to God as repentant man hears His Oral Law and sees His Written Law. The Power of the Fire creates ashes to purge the heart of its old forms of hearing and seeing so that the heart can be a clean chapel, full of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Without the Cloud and Fire to lead the way, Israel could not have gone far in her journey to Canaan's Land. The LORD knew that Israel did not know the way and path to take in order to reach her desired destination; therefore, He mercifully gave her the Cloud and Fire to lead her in the way and in the path to Mount Sinai so that she could hear God's Oral Law and see His Written Law.

Generally, ashes are not highly esteemed by man, but they are precious to the LORD—so precious, in fact, that He accepts them as a medium of exchange. Here is the Promise God gave to Israel through the Prophet Isaiah:

> To appoint **unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;** that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified (Isaiah 61:3).

Israel had the LORD's unfailing Promise that if she would bring the ashes of her sacrifices to Him, He would give her the beauty of His Oral Law to adorn her ears and the beauty of His Written Law to adorn her eyes.

The Power of the Fire, which changed the image of the sacrifice into ashes, formed the second side of the Inner Humility Seal of Light and Glory in the Courtyard.

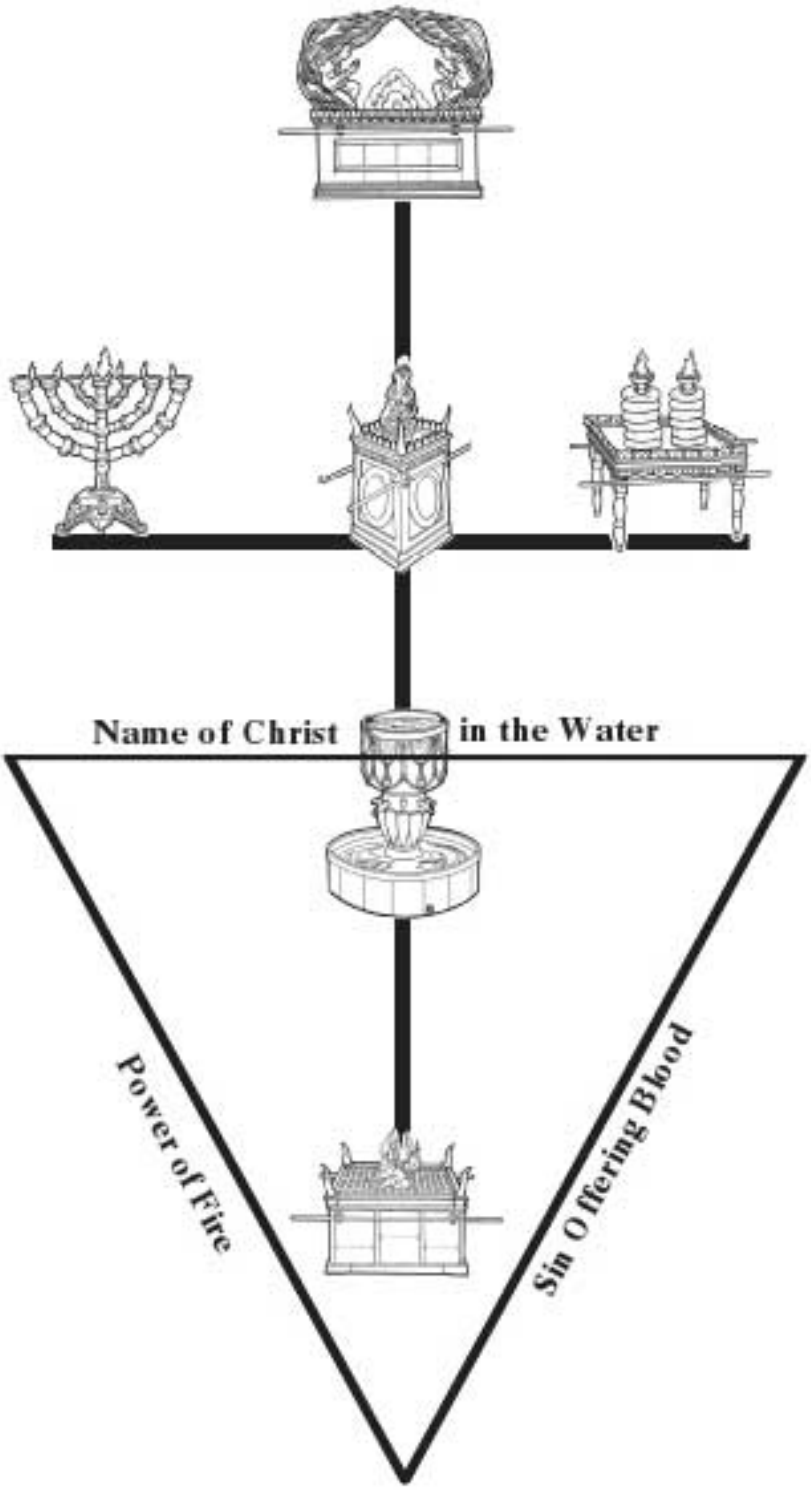
III. The Waters of the Name of Christ Protect the Truth of the Cross.

The third side of the Inner Humility Seal of Light and Glory in the Courtyard experience is to protect the Truth of the Cross at the Laver, the Truth of the Name or Nature of Jesus Christ's sacrificial giving of His Soul as the Mediator between God and man. The LORD gives the Light and Glory of the Seal of His Name to protect the Nature of the Spiritual Stature

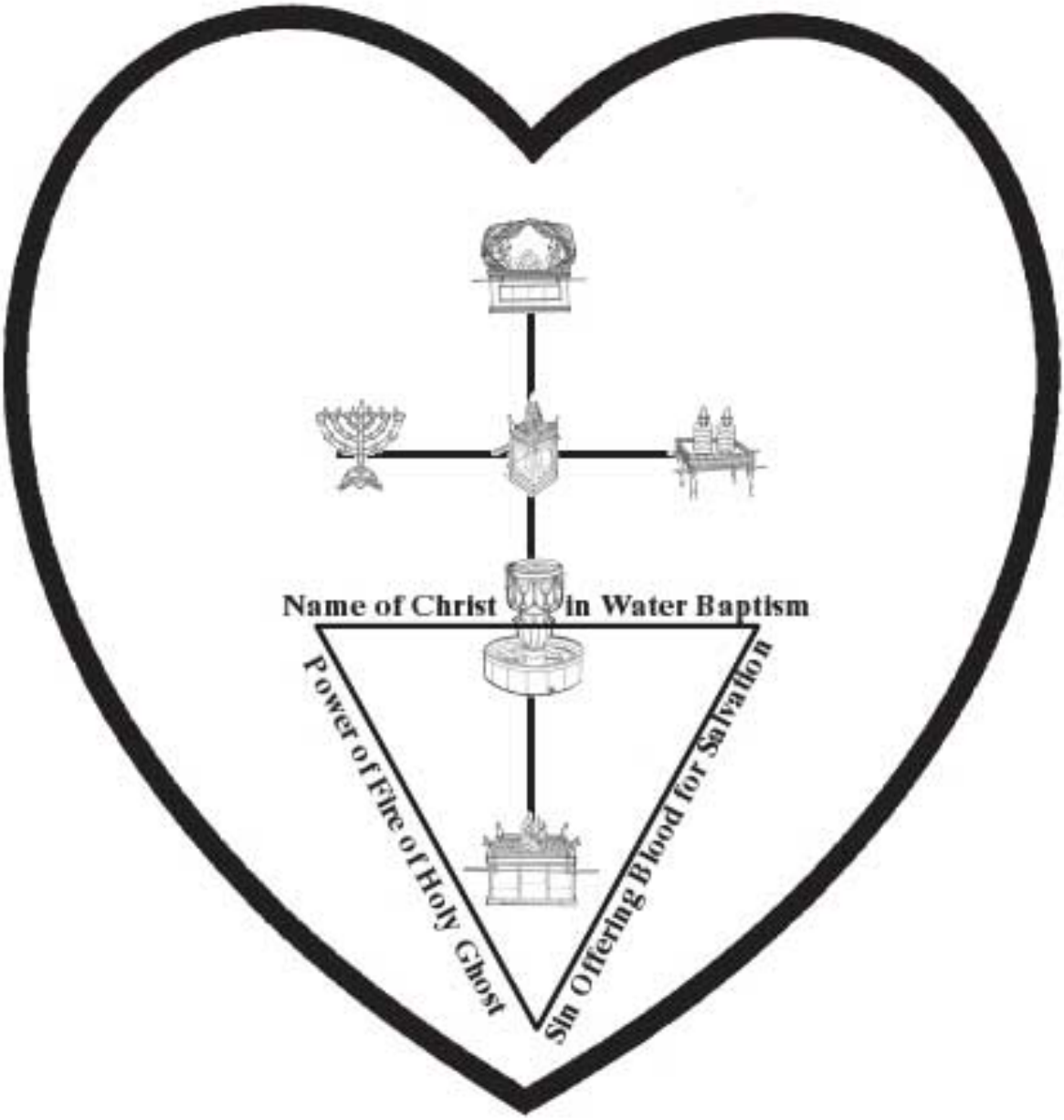
or Cross of His Name.

> But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and **the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea** (Exodus 14:16).

Formation of the Third Bar of the Inner Humility Seal in the Mosaic Tabernacle



Formation of the Third Bar of the Inner Humility Seal in the Believer's Heart



The third side of the Inner Humility Seal of Light and Glory in believers' hearts is formed in the Courtyard at the Brazen Laver by the Waters of God's Name, as it were. The heart cannot be sealed in Marriage Union with God without the Seal of His Name in it.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and **thy word was unto me the joy and**

rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts (Jeremiah 15:16).

When God called Moses, He told him to cast his Rod down to the ground, and when Moses obeyed, the Rod became a serpent. Then, the LORD instructed him to pick up the serpent by the tail, and it became a Rod once more. Thereafter, Moses' Rod was called the Rod of God or the Rod of the LORD because, on this occasion, God inscribed His powerful Name, invisibly, upon Moses' Rod.

And **Moses took his wife and his sons,** and set them upon an ass, **and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand** (Exodus 4:20).

Later, God sent this Rod, with His powerful Name on it, down into the waters of the Red Sea. When the Cloud and Fire led Moses and Israel to encamp on the banks of the Red Sea, the Israelites thought that they were entrapped with no possibility of escape. They were enclosed with mountains on both sides. From behind, an angry Pharaoh and his cruel Egyptian army were in hot pursuit, and the deep, threatening waters of the Red Sea stretched out before them. What a dilemma! They could not turn to the right nor the left because of the mountains. If they turned back, they most certainly would be enslaved, again, by the Egyptians. The waters of the Red Sea presented an impossible barrier before them. Pressing forward in their journey toward Canaan's Land, where the LORD had called them to go, was impossible, according to natural reason. However, in the place of certain Death, Israel, as a nation, personally experienced the mighty delivering Power of the LORD's Name. The LORD commanded Moses to stretch forth his Rod, and the mighty, powerful Name of the LORD divided the Waters of Death. The Bible tells us that the waters actually fled when they saw the powerful Light and Glory of God's Name on the Rod.

What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back? (Psalm 114:5).

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled (Psalm 77:16).

The waters did not flee because they were frightened and troubled by Moses' presence. They fled because God's powerful, glorious Name was lifted up on the Rod in Moses' hand, and it brought fear to the waters, so they fled in obedience to His Name. The LORD's powerful, glorious Name divided the waters and made a way for Israel to pass over. Spiritually speaking, the Nation of Israel then experienced a Water Baptism, a clothing of Light and Glory of the Name of the LORD, while walking through the divided waters of the Red Sea.

Later, when Israel thirsted in the Wilderness, the LORD had Moses use his Rod to give the people a refreshing drink of the Waters of His Name out of the Rock.

> And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and **take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.** Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and **thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink.** And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel (Exodus 17:5,6).

The Rock, the God of Truth, Whose Name is the LORD, opened up and poured out His Living Waters for the people to drink when it was touched by the Name of God on Moses' Rod. The LORD's powerful Name in the Water made a way for Israel to escape from the cruel bondage, cruel injustice, and certain Death of Egypt. Likewise, when the LORD's powerful, glorious Name was joined to the Waters of the Rock, Israel escaped the cruel bondage and certain Death by thirst in the wilderness phase of her journey to Canaan's Land. God quenched her thirst with the Waters of His glorious Name from the Rock.

In the Mosaic Tabernacle, God demonstrated the same Spiritual Principle of the Mighty Power of His Holy Name. By the Waters of His glorious Name, God revealed His Mighty Power to cleanse and to sanctify the flesh because, when the Priests bathed their physical flesh in these Mighty Waters, they were cleansed to minister in the rest of the Tabernacle. Thus, the Waters of Christ Jesus' Name have Power to cleanse and to sanctify the carnal flesh of believers. In the wilderness, Israel's source of satisfying Waters and sanctifying Waters came out of the Rock, the God of Truth. The Light and Glory of the Name of the LORD from the Rod and the Rock

filled the Waters of the Laver, consecrating and sanctifying the Priests. God commanded the Priests, first, to wash or bathe their bodies *all over* in the Waters of the Laver; then, they were to put on their white linen garments in preparation for their ministry in the Tabernacle.

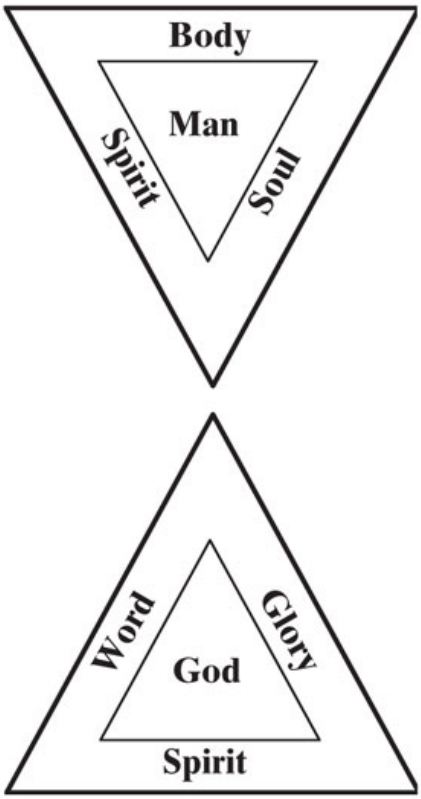
This initial washing consecrated them wholly unto the LORD and His service. This shows us that God's servants must be clothed in the Name of Christ and the White Linen of Righteousness in order to be acceptable in God's House and to be consecrated wholly unto Him. The Priests also had to continue washing their hands and feet, daily, in the Waters of the Laver in order not to die when they went into the Holy Place to burn incense, to light the Candlestick, and to burn frankincense at the Table of Shewbread. The Light and Glory of God's Name in the Waters of the Laver washed away all defilement from the Priests and prepared them to enter the Holy Place, freshly clothed with the Nature of His Name on their hands and their feet.

During the Old Testament dispensation, the Priests ministered before the LORD on behalf of themselves and the people. The Seal of Light and Glory of the Name of the LORD in the Water cleansed and sanctified the Priests, making a way for them to enter into a greater personal relationship with God by the mighty Power of His Name in the Holy Place of prayer and in God's Word. Therefore, they had power to cleanse and sanctify the people and to lead them to enter into a greater personal relationship with the LORD. How priceless and powerful is the LORD's glorious Holy Name!

The Waters of the Name of the LORD complete the triangle of the Inner Humility Seal of Light and Glory formed around the Brazen Altar and the Brazen Laver in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle.

God provided blood and Fire from the Brazen Altar and Water from the Brazen Laver for the repentant soul's cleansing, sanctification, and consecration. If believers' hearts are cleansed and sealed, they will also be clean in their spirits, souls, and bodies. The purpose for cleansing man's heart and his being is to make him into a fit triangle, as it were, with which God can entwine the triangle of His own Glory, Word, and Spirit.

The Terrestrial Triangle of Man's Threefold Nature and the Celestial Triangle of God's Threefold Nature



The Joining of the Triangle of Repentant Man's Threefold Nature with the Seal of God's Threefold Nature

God's Word, Glory, and Spirit are Holy. Therefore, sinful man's spirit, soul, and body must be cleansed by Christ's Blood, Fire, and Water, through belief and acceptance, in order to be joined with God's Word, Glory, and Spirit.

The triangle of man's threefold nature is shown in the exalted position, not because man's nature is higher and greater than God's Nature, for it is not. Man sinned by pushing God's Name and Nature down into the low place of sin and corruption. Although man deserved to be punished by eternal Death, God mercifully devised a Plan of Grace, through His Only Son, whereby His Name can be lifted up, and the depraved human heart can be saved.

The Blood of Jesus Christ sanctifies and cleanses repentant man from his corruption of sin, restoring him to the Unity with God that man knew in the beginning with his Creator. Thus, God's Word, Glory, and Spirit in Christ Jesus assumed the humility place, below the spirit, soul, and body of man in order to restore mankind to Unity with God.

When man accepts, by faith, the Courtyard Seal of Living-Word Blood, the Glory Fire, and the Spirit of Christ's Name in the Water, these divine

spiritual elements will continually work Christ's sanctifying and cleansing Power in repentant hearts until they reach spiritual maturity in Him. Therefore, when the triangle of man's threefold nature is sufficiently mature spiritually, he will experience the joining, again, in a Spiritual Marriage Relationship with God's Threefold Nature. If all believers were experiencing this Marriage Union with God's Word, Glory, and Spirit in Christ Jesus, there would not be the bitter, vicious rivalry, envy, and contention among God's people that exist today.

The six-sided Marriage Seal, formed by the Union of the triangle of the believer's nature with the triangle of God's Nature, delights both God's Heart and repentant man's heart, causing Heaven and Earth to rejoice.

Chapter Four

Israel’s Outer Humility Seal For The Arm Formed In The Courtyard Of The Mosaic Tabernacle

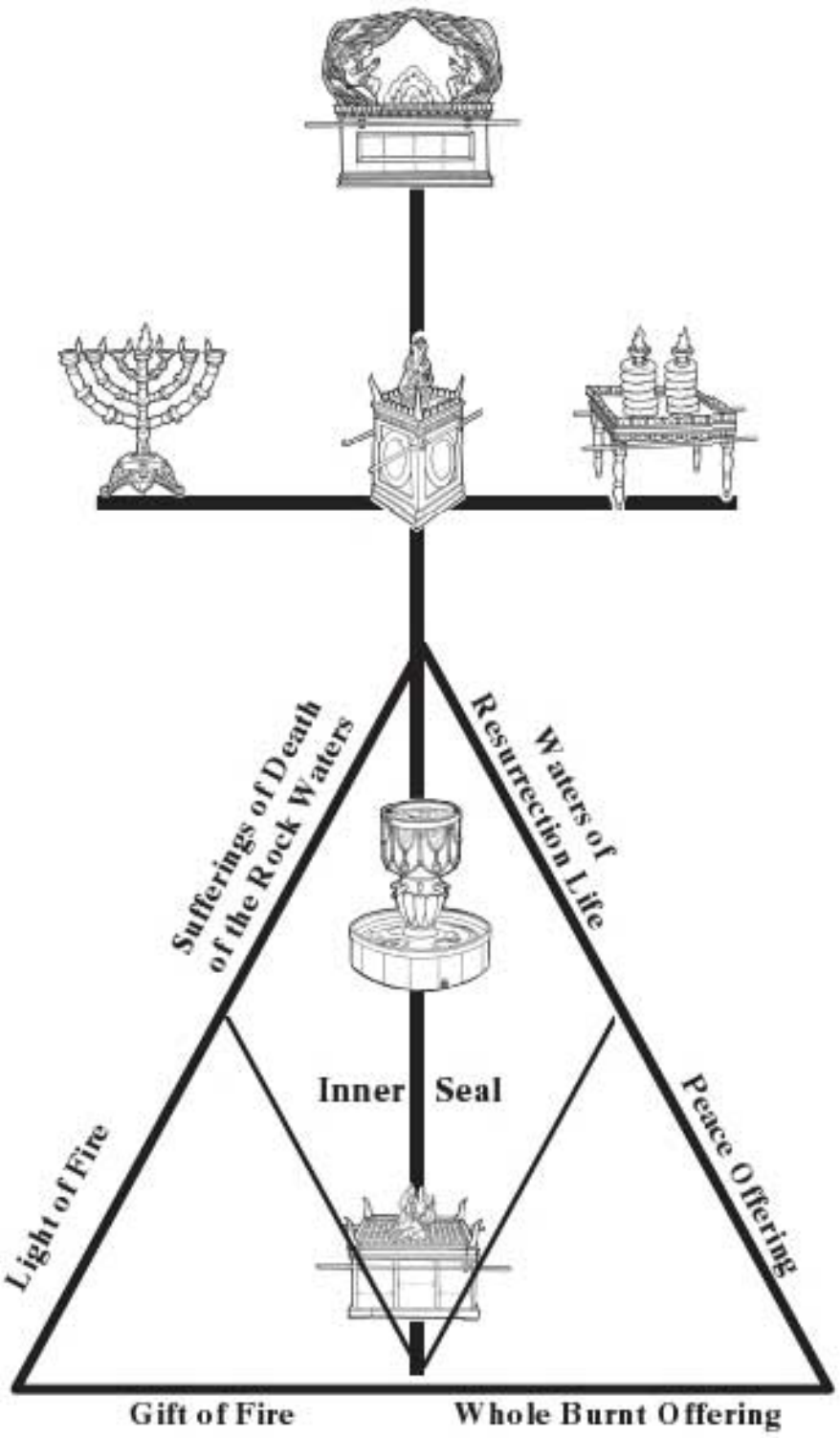
Christ’s Ministry to Israel was not finished with the sealing of her heart in worship to the True and Living God. Christ also had to seal Israel’s heart with an Outer Seal so that she could perform God’s service according to His Divine Will and Purpose.

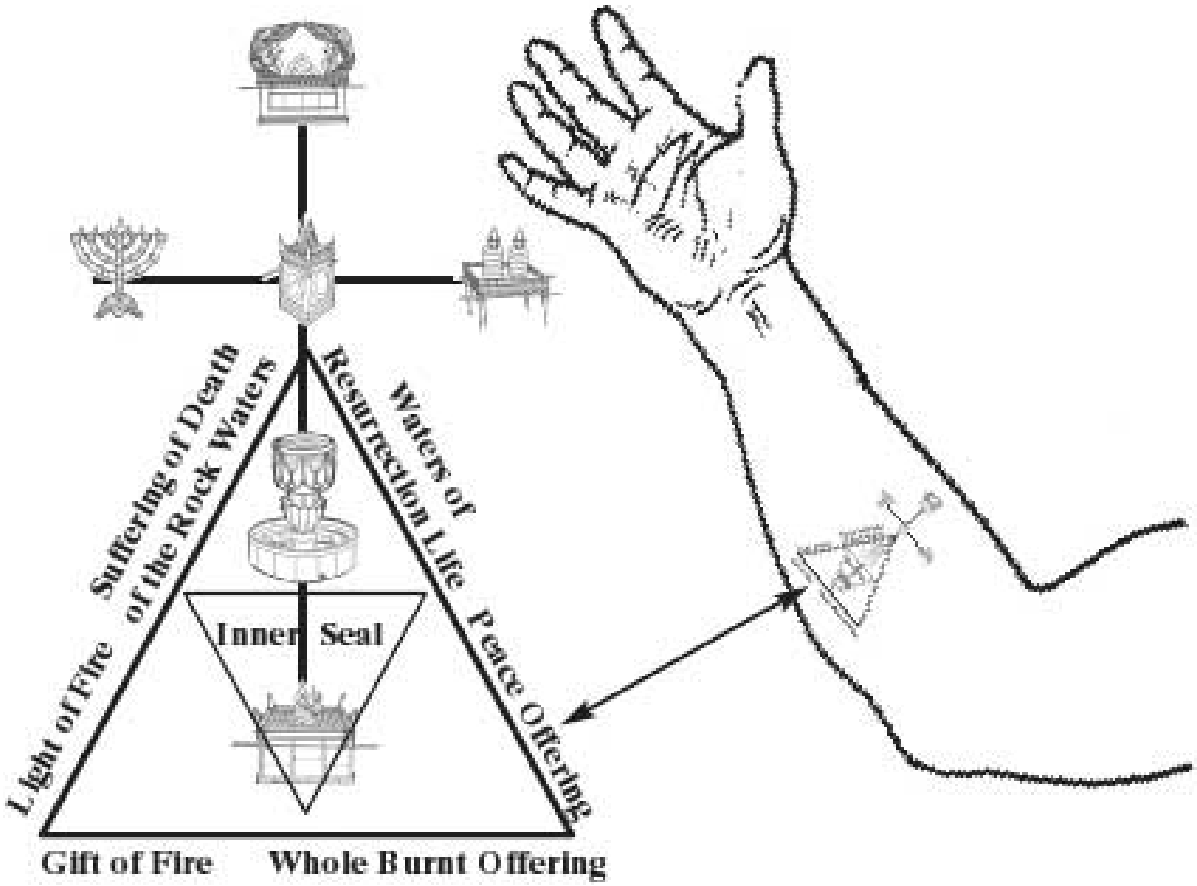
Both the Inner Humility Seal for the Heart of the believer’s nature and God’s Nature, plus the Outer Humility Seal for the Arm of the believer’s nature and God’s Nature, are formed by the experiences one lays hold of in the Courtyard.

Israel’s Outer Humility Seal for her arm was formed as her spirit, soul, and body experienced two more sides of Christ’s Blood, two more sides of the Fire, and two more sides of the Water. Thus, the mature Outer Humility Seal for her arm was completed as a greater Union was experienced between the Brazen Altar and the Brazen Laver.

The Union of the six additional facets of the Light and Glory of the redeeming, sanctifying, cleansing properties of the Blood, Fire, and Water are revealed in the Courtyard, which forms the large triangle of God’s Nature that must be joined to the believer’s spirit, soul, and body. Thus, the believer’s arm is sealed and clothed with Holy Power to serve the LORD God.

The Outer Humility Seal of the Blood, Fire, and Water in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle





The first side of Israel's Outer Humility Seal of God's Nature in the Courtyard was formed by joining the whole burnt offering sacrifice at the Brazen Altar with the gift of Fire at the Brazen Altar. Each time a new whole burnt offering sacrifice was placed upon the Altar, there was a new increase of the gift of Fire to consume the sacrifice. Both day and night, Israel's ministry began with new consecration through the Priest's offering of the whole burnt sacrifice and a resultant new increase of new Fire.

This teaches believers the kind of ministry and service that is pleasing to the LORD God. The arm of service must be sealed with complete consecration to the LORD God, along with the consuming Fire of holy zeal.

The second side of this Outer Humility Seal was formed by joining the Light of the Fire at the Brazen Altar with the obedient Waters of Christ's Suffering and Death, as it were, at the Brazen Laver. Each time the Priests offered the whole burnt offering and the Fire was increased on the Altar,

there arose new Light for the *Eyes* of the Priests to see the obedience of Christ's Death in the Waters of the Laver as they washed their hands and feet.

The third side of the Seal was formed by joining new Resurrection Life in the Waters of the Brazen Laver with the peace offering blood from the Brazen Altar. Each time the Priests offered new peace offering blood, and each time they washed their hands and feet in the Waters of the Laver, there was new Resurrection Life and a new growth in the third side of the Outer Humility Seal.

Thus, the Outer Humility Seal (a triangle) was formed through a Union of six separate spiritual experiences of Truth—four at the Brazen Altar and two at the Brazen Laver in the Courtyard. The double portion of Light and Glory in the Outer Humility Seal is needed to serve God acceptably and to protect the Truth of the Cross that is revealed at the Brazen Altar and at the Brazen Laver.

There is no acceptable service to God nor to man apart from God's Truth of Christ's Sacrifice and Death on the Cross. God's entire message of the Cross is His Divine Love through the sacrificial giving of His Only Begotten Son. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). In view of God's unselfish and sharing Love, all worldly love is selfish because it desires to keep—not to share.

I. The First Side of the Outer Humility Seal for the Arm Is Formed in the Courtyard by the Whole Burnt Offering and by the Gift of Fire at the Brazen Altar.

The first side of the Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory is formed by the experiences of the blood of the whole burnt offering, the whole burnt offering, itself, at the Brazen Altar, and by the gift of Fire that the LORD sent out from Himself to consume the sacrifice. The whole burnt offering, as its name implies, was wholly burned upon the Brazen Altar as a total sacrifice to God and to His service.

Then, the LORD's gift of Fire joined to the whole burnt offering on the Altar, it caused the sacrifice to ascend to God as one new form of smoke

and a holy flame of love. This pictured the LORD Jesus Christ's complete offering of Himself on the Cross through the Eternal Spirit.

> **How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God,** purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrew 9:14).

For the sake of clearly understanding the spiritual Truths, related to this side of the Outer Humility Triangle, each of these experiences will be discussed separately.

A. The Whole Burnt Offering at the Brazen Altar Is for the Outer Humility Seal for the Arm.

> **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 29:15-19).

> **This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation** before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee (Exodus 29:42).

The whole burnt offering was called a sweet smelling savour unto God because it fulfilled God's Will. It was God's Will that His Only Begotten Son give Himself as a Whole Burnt Offering, and it is God's Will that believers, also, give themselves completely, as a living sacrifice to Him. No service can be acceptable to the LORD unless it is commanded by Him. God commands believers to give themselves completely to Him as living sacrifices.

> **I beseech you therefore, brethren,** by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may

prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1,2).

The *Sin Offering Blood* of Jesus Christ removes the guilt of sin in the heart and the penalty of sin, which is Death. The *Whole Burnt Offering* Blood of complete consecration is needed to seal the arm with the Light and Glory of sacrificial service in God's Will.

Where the whole burnt offering was made, at the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation, was the first place the LORD promised to meet and to speak with Israel. The Hebrew word for *meet* is *yaw-ad,* which means to fix upon, to summons to trial, to direct, to engage for marriage, to agree. The Hebrew word for *speak* is *daw-bar,* which means to arrange, to subdue, to appoint, to bid, to command, to commune, to declare, to destroy, to give, to name, to promise, to pronounce, to rehearse, to teach, and to tell.

Israel never failed as a nation when, through the whole burnt offering, she dedicated herself completely to the LORD as an Espoused Wife and let Him speak to her when, where, and how His Work should be accomplished.

The whole burnt offering formed the bar of the Seal for Israel's arm as an Espoused Bride, a peculiar servant of God, and made her strong to work, to war, and to give herself sacrificially to God, according to His Will. A servant cannot serve the LORD God, Who is his Divine Owner and Master, the Heavenly Bridegroom, unless his arm is sealed with the Light and Glory of the Truth of the whole burnt offering. A servant can please God and the Lamb only as he or she walks according to God's Will and Way, giving his or her spirit, soul, and body as an Espoused Bride in sacrificial service to their LORD and Master, Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the Outer Humility Seal on the Arm of Service is to please the LORD, to do His Will, and to be a living, self-surrendered sacrifice.

B. The Gift of Fire at the Brazen Altar Is for the Outer Humility Seal for the Arm.

And it came to pass on the eighth day, *that* **Moses called Aaron and his sons,** and the elders of Israel; And he said unto Aaron, **Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering,** without blemish, **and offer *them* before the LORD.** And **unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin**

offering; and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering; Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for to day the LORD will appear unto you (Leviticus 9:1-4).

And **Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings. And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation,** and came out, and blessed the people: **and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces** (Leviticus 9:22-24).

Aaron, the newly installed High Priest for the Nation of Israel, began his duties and ministries by offering four classes of sacrifices upon the Brazen Altar.

- The sin offering indicated the nation's need for being purged from sin.
- The whole burnt offering showed the nation's need for self-surrender to God.
- The peace offering signified the nation's need for gratitude to God for His friendship and fellowship.
- The meat offering symbolized the nation's need for consecrating the strength of its labors to God.

Through these offerings, Israel identified her need to be rid of sin; her need to surrender her will to God's Divine Will; her need for communion and fellowship with God; and her need to consecrate and dedicate the strength of her daily toil and service to God.

After Aaron, the High Priest, had completed these offerings, he and Moses went into the Tabernacle to pray for God's Glory-Fire to fall upon the sacrifices. When these sacrificial offerings were approved and confirmed by the LORD, as proper preparation for His appearing, they returned to bless the people. Then, the LORD sent His gift of Glory-Fire to consume the sacrifices.

Notice that the Fire of the LORD did no harm to any of the worshippers

when it fell and consumed the sacrifices. Rather, the warm, darting rays of the Glory-Fire caused the congregation to fall upon their faces in great ecstasy and to offer up holy, joyful admiration to the LORD. The gift of Glory-Fire transcended all of their rapturous imaginations.

The LORD's gift of Fire is for the purpose of filling repentant man with holy exultation, praise, and thanksgiving for sins forgiven; for the privilege of giving oneself completely to God; for the opportunity of fellowshipping with the LORD; and for the advantage of giving one's strength in service to the LORD. God does not want believers to surrender an unclean, unwilling arm to Him—one that serves Him grudgingly and sadly. He does not want believers to serve Him as though He were a hard taskmaster. The LORD wants His people to count it a joyful privilege to serve and to sacrifice unto Him.

God gives His miraculous Holy Fire to fill the willing and surrendered arm that ministers in complete resignation to Him. The gift of Fire will clothe the believer's heart and the arm with holy respect and rapturous praise for God's Headship or Rule as the believer serves and sacrifices unto Him. The gift of Fire awakens grateful reverence in the heart of surrendered believers.

The gracious Fire of the Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory in the Courtyard produced more humility in the Israelites and caused them to fall prostrate in surrender to the LORD God. Unfortunately, on this occasion, Nadab and Abihu did not allow the Glory-Fire to consume the spiritual pride in their hearts so that they could have total, inward surrender to God. Although these men had gone through the form of offering the whole burnt offering, their human wills had neither fallen prostrate, inwardly, nor had they surrendered to God's Will in their service to Him. Therefore, they went forth boldly with their own intoxicated wills and their own arms of service to serve and to sacrifice in the Holy Place by using strange fire to burn incense. Their offering strange fire deliberately blasphemed God's Glory-Fire. Their choice of strange fire, which was wholly foreign to God's Will and His Holy Fire, showed their strong contempt for God's true Fire.

Nadab's and Abihu's sin was great because they had been exalted as Priests, having great power and great privilege. Since they were nephews of Israel's leader, Moses, their birthright entitled them to be installed as priestly princes over Israel's elders, and as sons of Aaron, Israel's High

Priest, they were entitled to be chosen and consecrated to the Priesthood. They had assisted their father in offering the people's great sacrifices, and they had been with Moses on God's holy Mount Sinai. Yet from this lofty place of grandeur and grace, they fell into the pit of disgrace and destruction. Their arm of service had to be cast out as a disgraceful arm of service; thus, they were brought under God's Judgment of condemnation because they put the fire of their own arm of willful service above the sacred, sacrificial Divine Fire of God's Will.

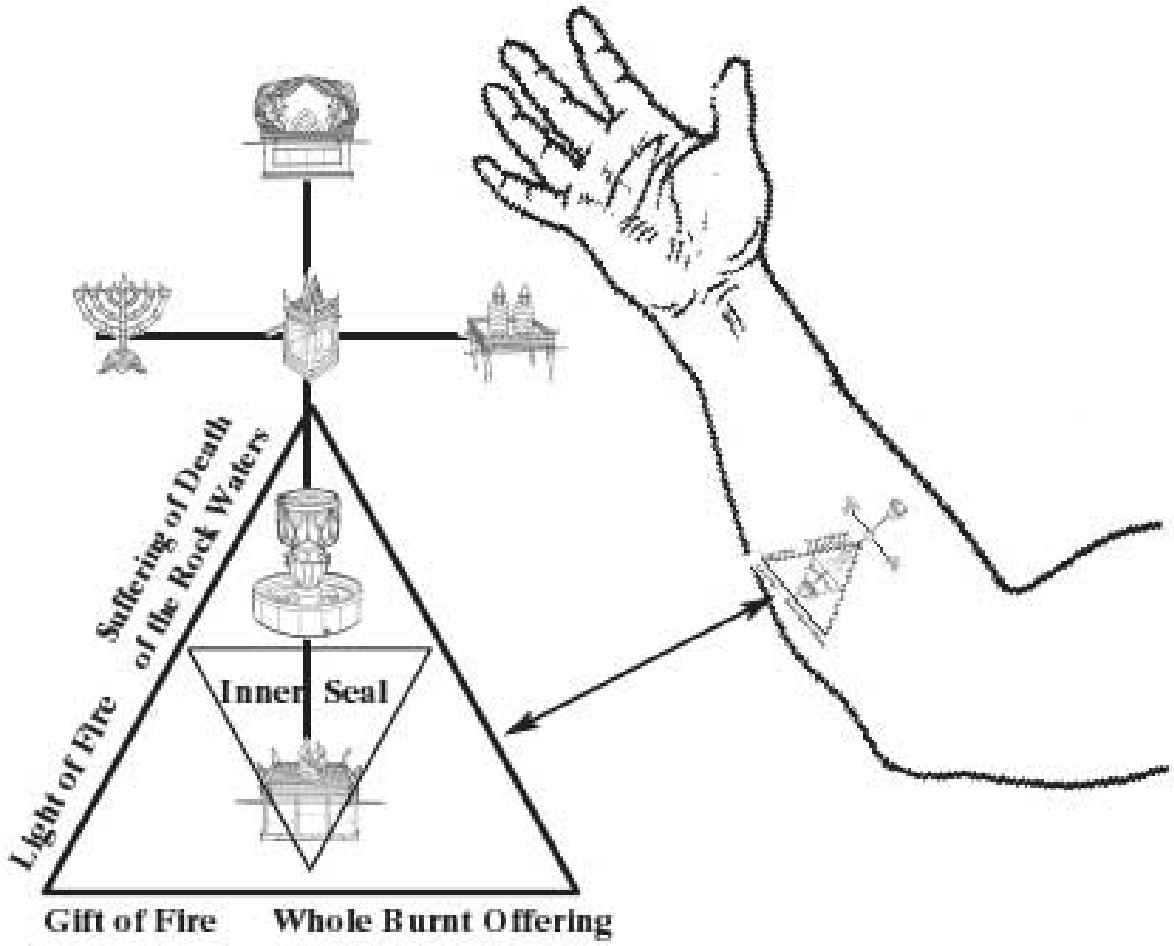
The human arm of service, controlled by human reason, has always devised ways of worshipping God that He has not commanded. Remember, however, that the LORD God is the Supreme Sovereign, and, in His Holy Word, He has given believers the Blueprint of His Master Plan for worshipping Him. Thus, there is no acceptable service to God unless the believer begins with inward self-surrender of the whole burnt offering in his will and his heart. Then, after God has sent the Fire, and the believer has accepted it in his spirit and will, it purges him from his prideful ownership and mastership, and the believer's inwardly surrendered spirit will be manifested, outwardly, through the arm of the body, in visible acts of surrender to God's Will. Believers can render true service and sacrifice to God when their spirits, hearts, and wills are sealed inwardly, and the arm of their bodies is sealed, outwardly, to do God's Will.

Nadab and Abihu were filled with rash impiety in their spirits and with fearless presumption, emotional and intellectual excitement in their souls and with willful disobedience in the arms of their bodies. Their sin was against the LORD God, the One Who had made the Laws of Life and Death for man. Life or Death depends on whether man obeys or disobeys God's Laws. The Law of Sowing and Reaping came into effect when Nadab and Abihu sinned before all Israel by sowing strange fire; consequently, they reaped God's Jealous Fire and were condemned and punished by Death in front of all Israel. They sowed a public sin by fire, so they reaped a public punishment by Fire.

The foundation of all service and sacrifice to God begins in the Courtyard with the first side of the Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory. When the believer's arm is sealed with the Light and Glory from the inner experiences of surrender, pictured by the whole burnt offering, the gift of Fire will be seen and felt through his outward surrender to God. His service

also will be filled with happy, joyful gratitude and praise to God for His Will and His Rule, while ministering to Him and for Him.

II. The Second Side of the Outer Humility Seal for the Arm Is Formed in the Courtyard by the Light of the Fire at the Brazen Altar and by the Obedient Death of the Rock (Christ) Who Gave His Waters for Cleansing in the Brazen Laver.



In the Courtyard, a Union of the Light of the Fire from the Brazen Altar and the Obedient-Death Water of the Rock from the Brazen Laver form the second side of the Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory for the Arm.

A. The Light of the Fire at the Brazen Altar Is for the Outer Seal of Humility for the Arm.

The Light of the Fire from the Brazen Altar forms the first part of the second side of the Outer Seal of Humility for the Arm.

> Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This *is* the law of the burnt offering: **It *is* the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning,** and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it (Leviticus 6:9).

> **The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out** (Leviticus 6:13).

Because the Fire upon the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard originally came out from the Glory of God's Spirit, the Light of this Fire symbolized the Light of God's glorious Spirit, which led Israel in His Divine Will. The LORD commanded that the Fire be kept burning with a constant supply of fuel or burnt offerings, day and night, so that Israel's Brazen Altar would be blazing day and night with the Light of His Fire. While the Fire burned and consumed the morning and evening sacrifices, its Light also reached forth and was reflected in the waters of the Brazen Laver. Thus, through the Light of the Fire, the two pieces of furniture in the Courtyard—the Brazen Altar and the Brazen Laver—were joined into one great harmonious Unity. This pictured Jesus Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross, joined to the Obedient Waters of His Death through the Eternal Spirit of God.

> **How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God,** purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:14).

The Prophet Isaiah spoke of the LORD's ever-burning Light and Fire that purge and consume.

> And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith **the LORD, whose fire *is* in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem** (Isaiah 31:9).

When the Holy Fire was kept burning upon God's Brazen Altar with the wood and the clean sacrifices, it gave forth its Light for God's people, and its clouds of smoke ascended into God's Nostrils as a sweet-smelling savour. As long as the Brazen Altar heaved up honour and glory to God,

through the clean sacrifices that were joined to the worshippers' fiery love and praise to His Holy Name, God Himself was a protective Wall of Light and Fire round about Jerusalem and His Holy Altar.

God, the great King of Jerusalem, was a consuming Jealous Fire to all of Israel's enemies. When Israel sowed new Fire on God's Altar by offering fresh, clean sacrifices thereon, she reaped new realms of God's protective Jealous Fire round about her.

The Light of God's Fire from the Brazen Altar led or pointed Israel in the way to the Brazen Laver. Because the Laver occupied a higher position in the stature of the Tabernacle's furniture, it represented further revelation of the LORD's Will. God demonstrated the prophetic ministry of the Fire of His Spirit of Truth when He called Moses to the ministry of delivering His people from Egypt.

> And **the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush:** and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt (Exodus 3:2,3).

> **Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face;** for he was afraid to look upon God (Exodus 3:6).

The flaming Light of God's Fire of the Spirit of Truth prophesied to Moses from the burning bush to reveal God's Purpose and Plan for Moses' ministry to Israel. The LORD had seen the intense sorrow and devastating suffering of His people as they labored to make bricks for their cruel taskmasters, the Egyptians. Therefore, God raised up Moses and sealed his arm with the Light and Glory of sacrificial service in order to fulfill His Purpose and Plan.

God prophesied to Moses concerning His method of deliverance and His Plan for leading His people out of Egypt into the wilderness, where they could learn to know Him in a greater way. God's Light of the Fire protected His natural Bride, Israel, from the destructive persecution and the certain Death that the Egyptian enemy had planned for her at the Red Sea.

> And **the angel of God,** which **went before the camp** of Israel, removed and went behind them; and t**he pillar of the cloud went** from before their face, and stood **behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness *to them,* but it gave light by night *to these:* so that the one came not near the other all the night** (Exodus 14:19,20).

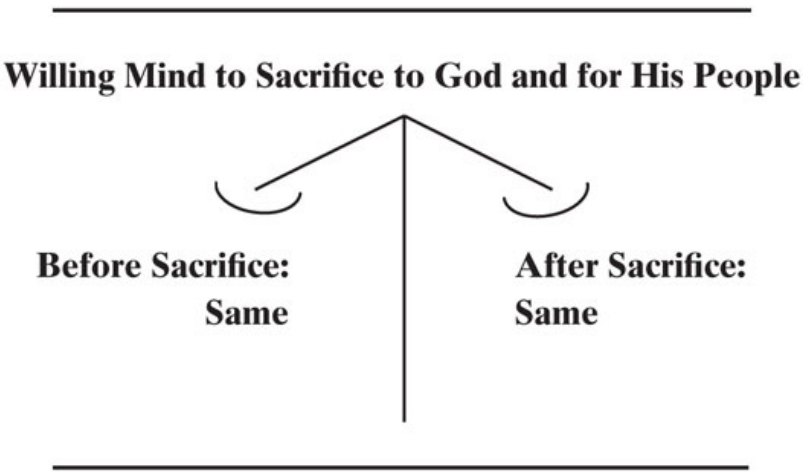
The Egyptians could not come near Israel in the night season to destroy her nor to prevent her from striding forward in her journey to Canaan's Land to serve her God, obediently, as His spiritual Wife.

God's Spiritual Principles of the Spirit of Truth remain unchanged from generation to generation. Therefore, God's people, today, have the privilege of obtaining the same Light of the Fire of the Spirit of Truth, or the Outer Humility Seal of experiences in the Courtyard, as a Seal for their arms. God's Light of Fire prevents the enemy from destroying His Purpose and His Plans for His Ministry through His servants.

One great responsibility that believers have is to protect the Truth of Christ's suffering Sacrifice on the Cross, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire (pictured in the portion of the Cross found at the Brazen Altar), and the Waters of His Obedience (pictured at the Brazen Laver).

Sometimes, after seeing and experiencing the sacrificial Divine Love of God, manifested in Jesus at the Cross, believers rush out to perform acts of sacrifice to God and for man. Afterwards, they regret having made the sacrifice because they were not clothed with sufficient Humility Light and Glory of the Spirit of Truth to protect their sacrifice.

Sometimes, believers feel as did the woman who broke her precious, priceless alabaster box at Jesus' Feet, and they break their precious treasure box, as it were, at Jesus' Feet. However, if they do it without having their arm clothed with Humility Light and Fire, they will find themselves agreeing with Judas that such sacrifice has been a waste of their time, money, and lives. This is why believers must have both the Cross of Truth and the Glory Seal of Truth to protect Christ's humble Mind of willing surrender after they have sacrificed. Then, their experience of a willing mind will be the same after their sacrifice as before their sacrifice.



When the Truth of Christ's Sacrifice is not sealed on the heart and the arm, believers will look at the cost of the sacrifice they have made to serve God and think, in their pride, that it was too great. They will also look at the people for whom they have sacrificed and arrogantly judge them unworthy.

The Cross of Truth allows believers to see the need to render selfless, sacrificial service to the LORD, and it empowers them to make the selfless sacrifices that are pleasing to the LORD. The Glory Seal of the Spirit of Truth raises up a humility Wall of Light and Fire to protect the sacrifice so that believers do not begrudge God's Will, while they are doing it, nor after they have done it. Jesus' Sacrifice as a Whole Burnt Offering and the Glory Light of the Seal enable us to serve the LORD willingly and gratefully in all things.

After Israel had crossed the Red Sea, the Light of the Fire continued to help her to obey God and to serve Him, according to His Will, by leading her and guiding her to each new stopping place in the wilderness.

> **He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through;** and he made the waters to stand as an heap. **In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire** (Psalm 78:13, 14).

When it was time to break camp in the wilderness, and when the Tabernacle was dismantled, according to the LORD's instructions, the Cloud and Fire led Israel to God's next appointed stopping place. After reaching the new place, God's people used their *sealed arms* to set up the Tabernacle, to dig wells, to fight battles, and to serve God according to His

Purposive Will and Master Plan.

As Israel served Him, the LORD spread His Pillar of Cloud over them to protect them from the heat of the day, and His Pillar of Fire overshadowed them to give them natural and spiritual Light in the night: “He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night” (Psalm 105:39). Without the Light of God’s Fire, Israel could not have seen how to serve Him in natural and spiritual night seasons. However, with the shining Light from their Seal, they could see how to serve Him in the darkness of night.

The Light of the Fire on the Brazen Altar carried God’s Prophetic Voice. The Light of the Fire prophesied to Israel that God had received her sacrifices: “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple” (Psalm 119:130). Believers cannot render pleasing service to God, their Owner and Master, without this part of the Seal being formed on their arms. The Light of the Fire reveals God’s Mind and Will about what is clean and acceptable to Him.

The Light of the Fire witnessed to Israel when the sacrifice was acceptable unto the LORD. The presence of the Light of the Fire was a prophetic witness that God’s “Lion Fire” would not cease burning as long as Israel kept the Altar filled with sacrifices. The “Lion-Fire” devoured all clean sacrifices upon the Brazen Altar.

Likewise, God’s Holy Ghost and Fire will never leave believers nor forsake them as long as they keep the altar of their hearts filled with the Whole Burnt Offering of Consecration to the LORD. God always reveals what He wants His people to do and what He does not want them to do in their service to Him and for Him. The arm of service must be sealed with the Light of the Fire of the LORD.

B. The Rock, Christ, Suffered Death to Give His Waters for Cleansing in the Brazen Laver.

The Light of the Fire must be joined to the Obedient Death of the Rock (Christ) Who gave His Waters for the Laver in order to complete the second side of the Outer Humility Seal of Truth in the Courtyard.

God told Moses to take his Rod and stand upon the Rock in Horeb. Because Moses’ Rod carried the LORD’s Name upon it, he was to smite the

Rock with his Rod, and the Rock would send forth its Waters for Israel to drink. The Rock (Christ) was obedient to suffer the smiting in order for the Rod to be joined to it.

> And **the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod,** wherewith thou smotest the river, **take in thine hand, and go.** Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and **thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so** in the sight of the elders of Israel (Exodus 17:5-6).

The Hebrew word for *smite* describes the Suffering and Death that the Rock experienced in order to share its Waters of Life with Israel. Deuteronomy reveals the identity of the Spiritual Rock that followed Israel during the wilderness phase of her journey.

> Because I will publish the name of the LORD: **ascribe ye greatness unto our God. *He is* the Rock,** his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: **a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he** (Deuteronomy 32:3, 4).

The Rock is a God of Truth or the Word of God. This Rock, the God of Truth, was smitten by the Rod of God so that the children of Israel could drink of its Life-giving Waters.

Let us look at how the Hebrew word for *smite* has been translated in other Scriptures in order to gain a better understanding and a fuller meaning of the Rock's Suffering. Some may be shocked to learn that God can suffer, but this should not be a surprise because the Bible plainly teaches us that the LORD's Name is full of Long-suffering.

> And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, **The LORD,** The LORD God, merciful and gracious, **longsuffering,** and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty;* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation* (Exodus 34:6, 7).

When man sins, it causes God to suffer and to be grieved. Because God knows the end from the beginning, He suffers, knowing that man is going to sin, and He suffers while He waits for man to repent. Indeed, God suffers

long.

The Hebrew word for *to smite* is translated as *to strike*, with the connotation of striking severely, as in Proverbs 17:26: "Also to punish the just is not good, nor *to strike* [smite] *princes for equity."*

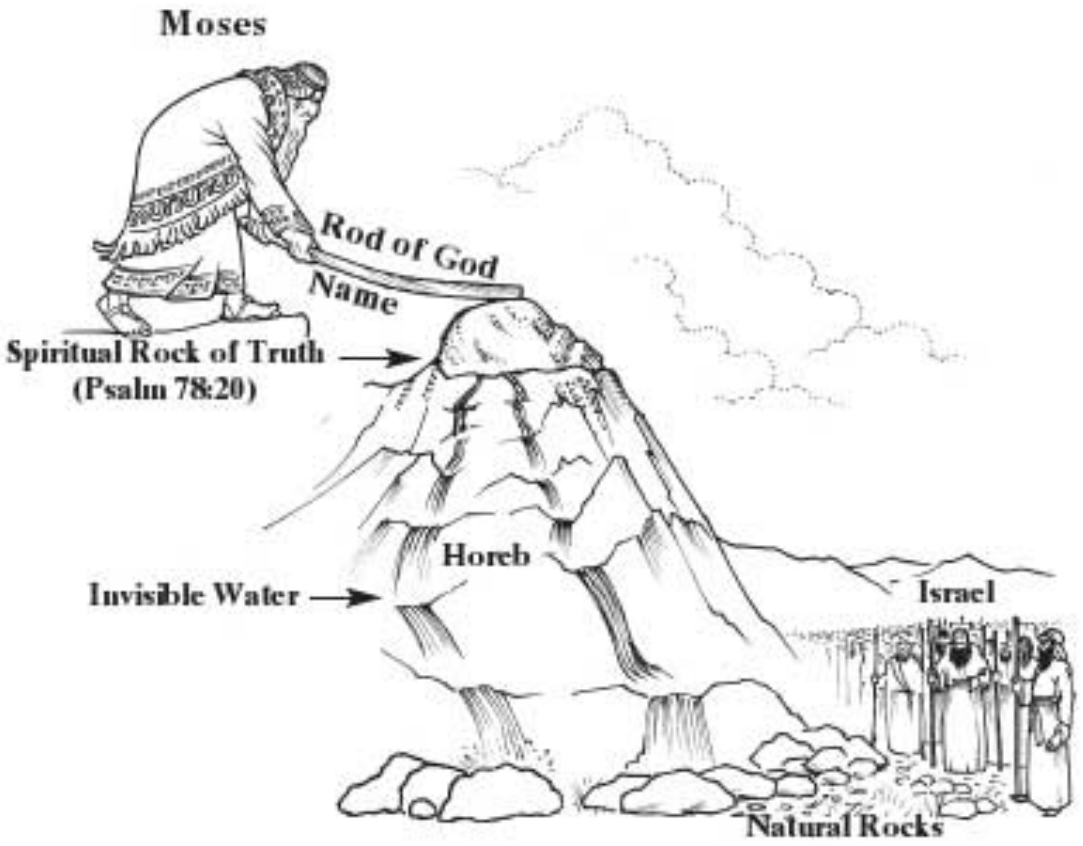
The Hebrew word for *to smite* also is translated as *to kill* in Genesis 4:15: "And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And *the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill* [smite] *him."*

The same Hebrew word for *to smite* is used in these Scriptures as was used in the smiting of the Rock on Mount Horeb. Thus, our heart is illuminated with knowledge so that we can see the fearful blow and the painful stroke that fell upon the Rock of Truth in order to share its precious Life-giving Substance.

When the Rod of God in Moses' hand struck the Rock of Truth, the smiting blow opened clefts in the Rock out from which the Waters flowed. It may be said, then, that the Image of the Rock was killed or slain, as it were, because clefts were made in it. While these clefts killed one Image of the Rock, they produced in it a new Image. Later, God hid Moses in one of those clefts and revealed His Name unto him.

Psalm 78:20 says this about the Rock: "Behold, *he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed;* can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?" As the invisible streams flowed down from the Rock (singular) of Truth to the natural rocks (plural) in the wilderness, the natural rocks were opened so that the *invisible* Rock-Water became *visible* to God's people.

The Smiting of the Spiritual Rock in the Wilderness



Other translations of the Hebrew word for *to smite* are rendered as *to wound, to slaughter,* and *to clap.* These painful concepts were given to increase man's understanding of the Suffering-and-Death experience by the Rock of Truth. The invisible Waters left the *high place* in the spiritual Rock, the God of Truth, and came down upon the natural rocks, which were in the *low place* in the wilderness. When these invisible Waters flowed down upon the natural rocks, the natural rocks were rent open, and they became broken vessels through which God made His invisible, spiritual Waters become visible. Thus, God gave Israel both spiritual and natural drink in the wilderness—from the Rock of Truth and from the natural rocks.

The Waters of the Rock also flowed down to the low place in the wilderness in order to give Israel Water for use in the Laver. Thus, the Priests bathed in this Water or were baptized, as it were, in the beginning of their ministry, and they washed their hands and their feet, daily, in these precious Waters from the Rock.

This same Spiritual Principle of the Union of the Light of the Fire and the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life is revealed in the fourteenth chapter of Exodus, which is the illustration just used about how the Light of the Fire had led Israel to a place in which he was surrounded by Death, and Pharaoh and his war chariots were closing in on him from behind. The people of Israel were hemmed in by high, precipitous rocks on one side and by Baal-zephon, the last great demon-god of Egypt, on the other side. The foreboding waters of the Red Sea stretched out before them. Therefore, they could turn neither to the right nor to the left. Israel could neither retreat nor move forward, and, seemingly, there was no way of escape. Israel's only choice was to stand still and see the Salvation of the LORD. God's Purpose in leading Israel to a place of hopelessness and helplessness in the natural realm was not to destroy her, but to prove to her that He, the Living God, through the creative Power of His Name, could make a way of deliverance in the midst of Suffering and Death.

God had sealed Israel's arm of service with the Light of the Fire, and, now, Israel had to stand still until she could see the Salvation of the LORD through the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life. Israel surrendered to die, serving God and following the Light of His Fire, rather than to live in the cruel bondage and the Darkness of the heathen Egyptians. The Union of the Light of the Fire and the Waters of the LORD's Name, Death, and Life enabled Israel to stride forward in her wilderness journey to serve the LORD and offer sacrifices to Him.

The Cloud and Fire, which had led Israel to the Red Sea, moved from the front of Israel's camp to the rear of Israel's camp and became a Cloud of Darkness to the Egyptians. But the Cloud and Fire continued to give Light to Israel so that her great multitude of people could move forward, all night, through the Red Sea. The Light from the Pillar and Fire united with the icy walls of the waters of the Red Sea, creating a brilliant way and path for Israel to pass through Death.

Israel's arm was sealed with the first side and the second side of the Outer Humility Seal of Truth before she left Egypt. When the children of Israel had passed through the Red Sea and had crossed over into the Wilderness, Moses lifted up his *sealed* arm, with the Rod that had the mighty Name of God upon it, and closed the Red Sea. The defiant Pharaoh and his army foolishly tried to follow Israel through the sea, but they were

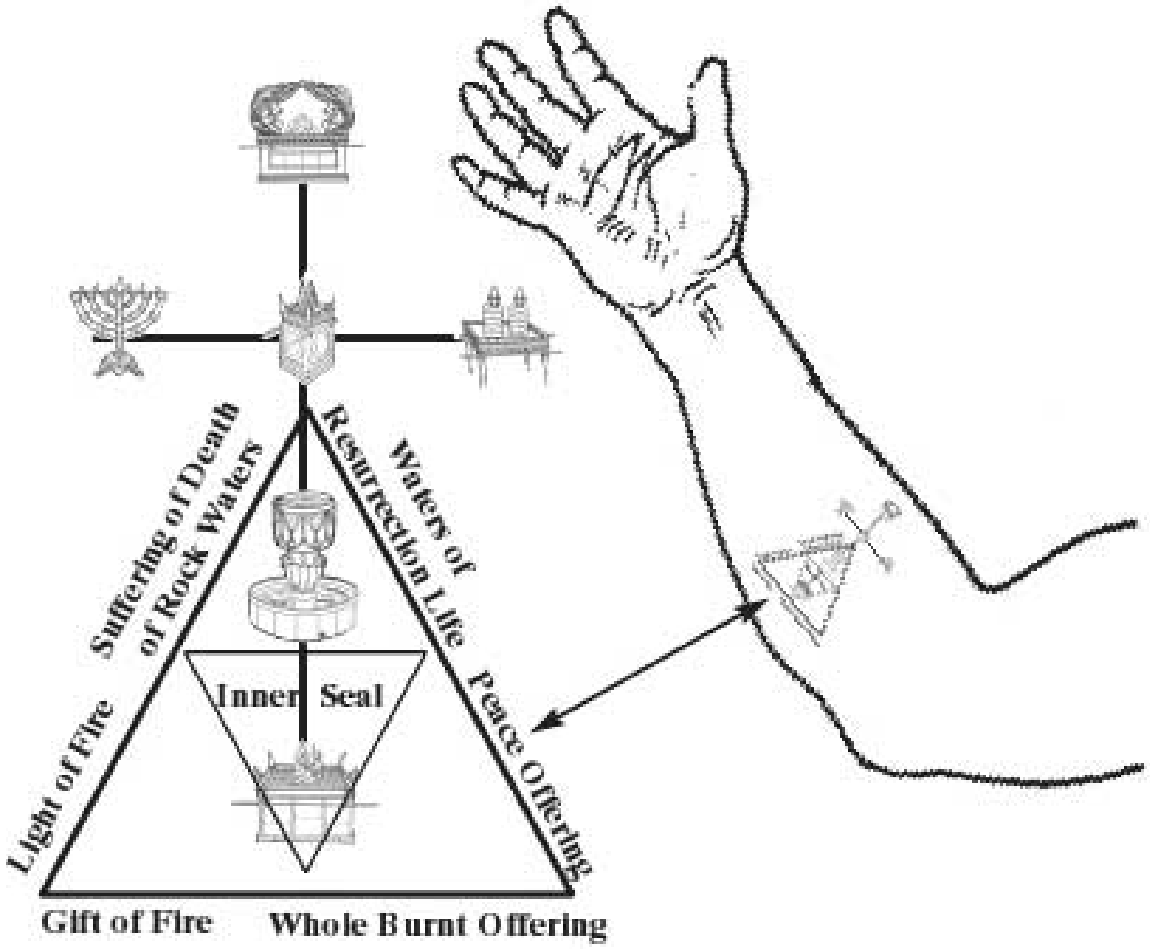
drowned in the waters of Death when the Light of the Fire melted the icy walls. They could not follow Israel into the Waters of God's Name, Death, and Life because their arms were not sealed with the Light and Glory of God's Will.

This Outer Humility Seal of Courtyard Truth was for the Arm of God's Bride, Israel, who was being led forth to serve and to worship the LORD in a new way.

This same Spiritual Principle of the LORD's Name, Death, and Life in the Water is also seen in the suffering of the Rock Water at the Laver. Israel received her Water supply in the wilderness from the smitten Rock that followed her. The Water for use in the Mosaic Tabernacle was stored in the *high place* of the Laver proper. Then, the exalted Waters had to suffer, as it were, to be released, daily, through spigots, in order to descend into the *low place*, in the *foot* of the Laver. The Water in the foot of the Laver had to suffer still more to be joined with the dirt from the hands and feet of the Priests and the dirt from the washing of the sacrifices. Through the suffering Death of the Waters of the Rock, God's servants came up out of the water with new, clean life (as though they had been resurrected). This allowed them to enter into the Holy Place where new spiritual Life, Light, and Strength awaited them.

The Outer Humility Seal, formed in the Courtyard through a Union of the Light of the Fire on the Brazen Altar and the obedient, suffering Death of the Rock Water in the Brazen Laver, prepared the Priests for new worship and service in the Holy Place.

III. The Third Side of the Outer Humility Seal for the Arm Is Formed in the Courtyard by the Peace Offering at the Brazen Altar and the New Resurrection Life at the Brazen Laver.



The third side of the Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory is formed in the Courtyard through a Union of the peace offering blood from the Brazen Altar and the new, clean, Resurrection Life from the Brazen Laver.

By separating the twofold experience of the Peace Offering Blood and the Resurrection Life of the Waters, a clearer understanding of this third side of the Outer Seal of Humility is gained.

A. The Peace Offering Blood at the Brazen Altar Is for the Outer Seal of Humility for the Arm.

And **thou shalt take the other ram;** and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. **Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the**

blood upon the altar round about. And thou shalt take of the blood that *is* upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the right shoulder; for it *is* a ram of consecration: And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD: And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD. And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it *for* a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part. And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which is for his sons: And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it is an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering unto the LORD (Exodus 29:19-28).

In Israel, the peace offering symbolized gratitude and thanksgiving on the part of the offerer for his new joy of reconciliation with God. The peace offering of the offerer was his appropriate expression of joyful gratitude for God's great Grace and manifold Mercy. There is no acceptable service to God without the peace offering.

The Peace Offering Blood of Christ Jesus makes the believer happy and permits him to serve God joyfully. God never intended that believers' service to Him be performed under a yoke of drudgery, as though God were a hard taskmaster. God wants believers to serve Him with joyful and happy hearts, which is found in the gratitude and thanksgiving of Christ's Peace Offering. If the arm of ministry to God is joined to the sadness and the misery of the flesh, it a dishonour and disgrace to the Blood of Christ. This kind of arm never can fight and win in the spiritual battle of growing up in Spiritual Stature. This kind of arm is continually engaged in the strife and struggles of carnal warfare. The Peace Offering Blood is a "bright and morning star" that clothes the arm with the grateful Light of Truth so that

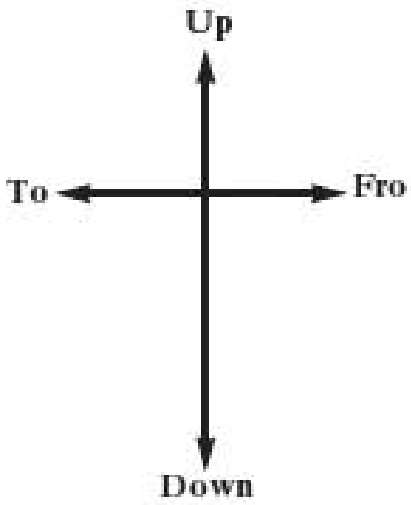
one can serve God day and night.

When peaceful gratitude joins itself to the new Resurrection Life that is found through the Waters of the LORD's Name and His surrendered, suffering Death, the Outer Humility Seal is completed in the Courtyard.

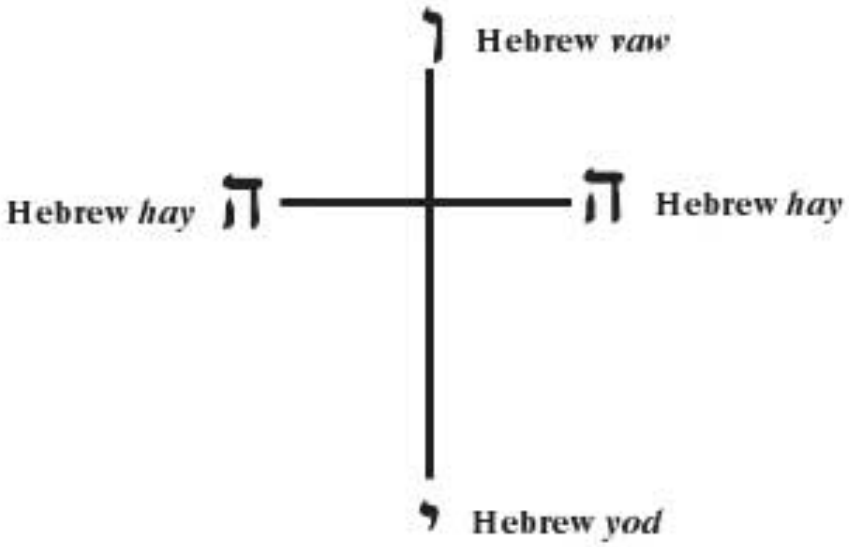
The blood of the ram for the peace offering was applied to the ear, thumb, and toe of the Priests. The ear was touched with the blood so that it could gratefully listen to God's Holy Word, the *Torah*. Thus, as their ears listened to God's *Torah*, they became instructed in God's Will and Way concerning ministry in His House. The peace offering blood protected the Priests' ears from the thoughts of avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride in their own spirits and souls, which, in turn, would constrain them to set up their own arms of ministry. The peace offering blood on the thumb of the Priests consecrated their arms to perform the ministry of the Priesthood according to God's Will. The peace offering blood upon the toe of the Priests signified that they were consecrated to walk in the paths of righteousness, peace, and gratitude while serving the LORD. All true service to the LORD is found in the paths of righteousness, peace, and gratitude to Christ.

The peace offering blood and the anointing oil were also sprinkled upon the garments of the Priests. The double sprinkling of the peace offering blood and the anointing oil upon the garments of the Priests signified the Unified Light of Christ's Resurrected Life and Blood and the fragrant anointing of the Spirit, clothing the arms of the Priests for ministry in the House of the LORD. This reveals that the arm of ministry is for the purpose of diffusing the fragrant Light of Gratitude, the peaceful Joy of Christ's Sacrifice, and the fragrant Anointing Light of the Spirit of Truth.

The sacrifices for the peace offerings were divided between God and Israel. Parts of the peace offering were placed in the hands of the Priest, who waved them to and fro and heaved them up and down before the LORD, making the form of the Cross.



The waving to and fro and the heaving up and down in the form of the Cross signified the Depth and the Height and the Length and the Breadth of the *Tetragrammaton*, the LORD's Holy Name.



After waving to and fro the parts of the sacrifice that were God's and after heaving them up and down, the Priest placed them upon the Brazen Altar to be burned. Then, the "Lion-Fire" on God's Altar-Table devoured or "ate" God's part, as it were, changing the sacrifice into a smoke that ascended into God's Nostrils as a sweet-smelling savour. Thus, God was

able to feast upon the sacrifice of the peace offering.

Part of the sacrifice of the peace offering was designated for Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons, who served as waiters at God's Altar-Table. Therefore, God's people feasted together with Him in a holy communion of grateful friendship and thankful fellowship. God and His people ate at the same "Altar-Table" of the peace offering sacrifice. What a great reward for man's sacrificial service! Man is privileged to eat and to commune with the LORD God at His "Altar-Table."

When King David brought the Ark of the LORD up to Jerusalem, he sacrificed peace offerings unto the LORD. King David knew the Principle of Dividing the Peace Offerings between God and Man; therefore, after he had divided God's portion and had offered it upon the Altar, he also gave to the people.

> And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and **David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.** And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. **And he dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece *of flesh,* and a flagon *of wine*. So all the people departed every one to his house** (II Samuel 6:17-19).

King David offered peace offerings of gratitude and thanksgiving every six paces as the Ark was being brought up to Jerusalem from the house of Obed-edom. Then, he blessed the people and shared with them the peace offerings of gratitude and thanksgiving so that God and all Israel could feast together in grateful fellowship and thankful friendship.

Through the Waters of His Resurrection Life, God gave the children of Israel a foretaste of grateful peace at the Red Sea, before He had given them His Law pertaining to the peace offerings.

> **Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians;** and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. **And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Mose**s (Exodus 14:30,31).

The Hebrew word for *believe* is *aw-man*, which means to build up, to support, to be firm, to be faithful, to be permanent or quiet. When Israel believed the LORD and followed His servant Moses through the Red Sea, she was filled with the happiness, gratitude, rest, thankfulness, quietness, and peacefulness that followed her deliverance by blood, Fire, and Water. Israel's experience of peace, at seeing her enemies, the Egyptians, dead upon the shores of the Red Sea, was a foretaste of the peace that she would later know under the Law of the Peace Offering.

B. The New Resurrection Life at the Brazen Laver Is for the Outer Humility Seal for the Arm.

> So **they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them,** *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations (Exodus 30:21).

The Waters of the Brazen Laver signify the Name *LORD*, the obedient *Death* of the LORD, and the *Resurrection Life* of the LORD. The LORD God commanded His Priests to approach Him with clean hands and clean feet; that is, to be clothed with the Light and Glory of the LORD's new Resurrection Life. Moses bathed or washed the Priests, in the beginning, before they were dressed in their fine, white linen garments. However, he did not wash their hands and their feet, daily, because it was the Priests' responsibility to wash their own hands and feet before entering the Holy Place to minister before the LORD. Neglecting to wash their hands and their feet was punishable by certain Death. God's Rock Waters of Truth were filled with His Name, His Obedient Death, and His new Resurrection Life.

To ignore the Rock Waters is contemptible blasphemy against God's provision and to approach a Holy God with unclean hands and unclean feet is unparalleled arrogance. Therefore, God justly punished this class of sin by Death.

The Priests' hands and their feet had to be cleansed from the defilement of the day by going down into the Waters of the LORD's Death and coming up freshly clothed with the Light and Glory of His New Resurrection Life.

The LORD's Spiritual Waters of Truth from the Rock will cleanse obedient believers' hands and feet, correcting their wrong habits and

actions, and clothing them with New Resurrection Power to serve the LORD and to walk in His Paths of Righteousness.

Israel experienced a foretaste of this Spiritual Principle of Resurrection Life at the Red Sea. While Israel stood on the Egyptians' side of the Red Sea, she stood with her hands and feet defiled by the fears, doubts, murmurings, and complaining of her spirit and soul. However, when the LORD's Name, Death, and Resurrection Life came down into the Waters, Israel went down into the Icy Waters of His Name and His Death, and she was cleansed in her spirit and soul. Then, she came up clothed with New Resurrection Life on the wilderness side of the Red Sea. Israel stood on the wilderness side with clean hands and clean feet, trusting the LORD, gratefully praising and thanking him, and quietly resting in His Grace and Mercy.

Israel's Foretaste of Resurrection Life at the Red Sea

Just a few hours before, while Israel had been standing on the shores of the Red Sea, on the Egyptians' side, her soul had feared the Egyptians

without, and she also wrestled with the enemies of her own terror and unbelief *within*.

> And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, **the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid:** and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD (Exodus 14:10).

Notice the change after Israel had passed through the LORD's Name and Death experience in the Red Sea. She came up clothed with New Resurrection Life, fearing God rather than the Egyptians; therefore, she was filled with inward peace, trust, rest, gratitude, and quietness. God's Peaceful Trust and Holy Reverence flooded Israel's soul and spirit as she looked across from the wilderness side of the seashore and saw the dead Egyptians lying prostrate at her feet.

> **Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.** And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: **and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses** (Exodus 14:30-31).

By the Power of God's Mighty Name, Israel threw off the painful yoke of Egyptian slavery. Israel's spirit and soul found rest and peace because God had stripped off her garments of mourning and sadness, and he had taken away her hard, cruel taskmasters. Hence, she experienced a divine foretaste of the peace of the peace offering. When Israel's newborn Peace was joined to the new Resurrection Life that her hands and her feet had entered into after walking through the Red Sea, she sang a new song of thanksgiving and praise to the LORD, accompanied by timbrels and dances.

Israel's song on this day was one of new Peace and new Resurrection Life. She had been liberated from domestic slavery, political bondage, and religious oppression. The blast of God's Icy Breath had pushed the Red Sea back and had stood its waters up into icy walls on the right hand and on the left hand, and it had frozen an Icy Way in the midst of the sea. Then, the blast of God's glorious Hot Breath had dried up the muddy land in the midst of the sea, creating dry Hot Paths on either side of the Icy Way.

God's Humility Breath and His Exalted Breath had filled everyone in

Israel with living, joyful gratitude so that they sang a New Song, and they offered new glory praise to the LORD for His triumphant victory over the defiant, rebellious Egyptians. The LORD redeemed His people by Blood, Fire, and Water, leading them forth into New Life and into joyful songs of living gratitude. Their peaceful thanksgiving was joined prophetically to the peace offering and the Resurrection Life of the *Torah* at Mount Sinai. What a sublime experience Israel must have had on the wilderness banks of the Red Sea!

The Spiritual Principle of the Union of Peace and New Resurrection Life is set forth again in the Mosaic Tabernacle, which was erected sometime after this joyous occasion. God's Priests were cleansed from the defilement of the disobedient death of the flesh by washing their hands and their feet in the Humility, Obedient-Death Waters of the LORD; their hands and their feet were resurrected daily and clothed daily with a new, clean covering of glorious Life and Light that was also joined to God's glorious Gratitude-Light of the peace offering from the Brazen Altar. To have joined God's Glory and Light of Peace and Thanksgiving from the Brazen Altar to soiled hands and feet at the place of the Laver would have desecrated and defiled God's Holiness.

David testified of this spiritual Truth in Psalm 26:6: "I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD."

The believer's arm of ministry must be sealed with the Glory-Light of Peace and New Resurrection Life in order for him to minister acceptably to God and for His people. The Outer Humility Seal prepared the Priests for ministry in the Courtyard and the Holy Place, and it prepared the High Priest for ministry in all realms, including the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement.

This chapter has shown that the triangle of the Outer Humility Seal has three sides that are formed out of six separate spiritual experiences, typified by the ministries of the Priests in the Courtyard. The first side of the outer triangle was formed at the Brazen Altar through a Union of the whole burnt offering at the Brazen Altar and the gift of Fire at the Brazen Altar. All other Unities of the Outer Seal depended on the Unity of these two experiences at the Brazen Altar.

The second side of the Outer Humility Seal was formed through the Union of the Light of the Fire from the Brazen Altar and the Obedient,

Suffering Death of the Rock to give Water for cleansing in the Brazen Laver. Unity of the Outer Seal had to be learned first at the Brazen Altar, before the Brazen Altar could extend its Unity to be joined to the Brazen Laver.

The third side of the Outer Humility Seal was formed through a Union of the peace offering blood at the Brazen Altar and the New Resurrection Life at the Brazen Laver.

This Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory, formed by the experiences the believer has in the Courtyard, so to speak, is worn upon the arm, as it were, to protect the Cross of Truth made by Jesus Christ’s Sacrifice on Calvary.

Chapter Five

The Inner And Outer Humility Seals For The Heart In David's Tabernacle In Psalm 119

The LORD God knew the depravity of fallen man's human heart and his many excuses for disobeying God's Word, so He did not leave mankind with just one visible form of the Cross, fashioned out of metal and wood in the Mosaic Tabernacle; He also gave mankind a spiritual word picture through the Davidic Tabernacle, as recorded in Psalm 119. Therefore, man cannot plead blindness and ignorance in order to excuse himself from obeying the Ascending Principle of Spiritual Growth as found in the Mosaic Tabernacle. God repeats His Spiritual Principles of Truth in His Word. If believers miss the Truth in one place, they can see and comprehend it in another place in His Word.

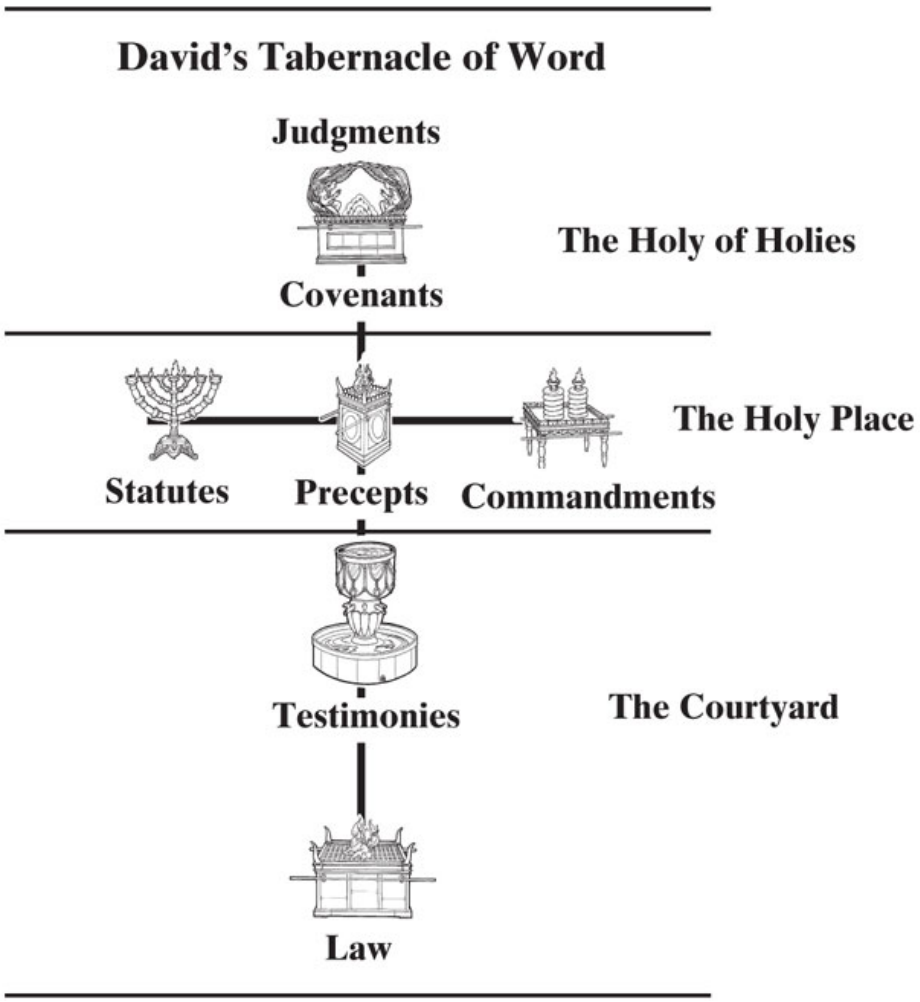
The LORD unveiled to King David a word picture of the Living Tabernacle of Truth in the same form of the Cross that is seen in the Mosaic Tabernacle. It is so exciting to see the Stature of the LORD in David's Tabernacle, with the same glorious Principle of Truth that God had given many generations earlier in the Mosaic Tabernacle. David's Tabernacle, as recorded in Psalm 119, follows the same design for spiritual growth and for building Spiritual Truth in the form of the Cross, with its Descending and Ascending Principles. Thus, Psalm 119, shining forth with the glorious Light of God's Living Tabernacle of Truth, is like the brightest of all stars in the constellation of the Psalms.

The believer's comprehension and understanding of God's Truth grows as the *eyes* of his spirit are opened to see and to meditate upon the pictures

of Truth in God's Word. Sin had so blinded man and separated him from the spiritual visions of Truth that he never would have been able to grasp the fullness of God's revealed Spiritual Truth if the LORD had not given mankind natural pictures upon which to look.

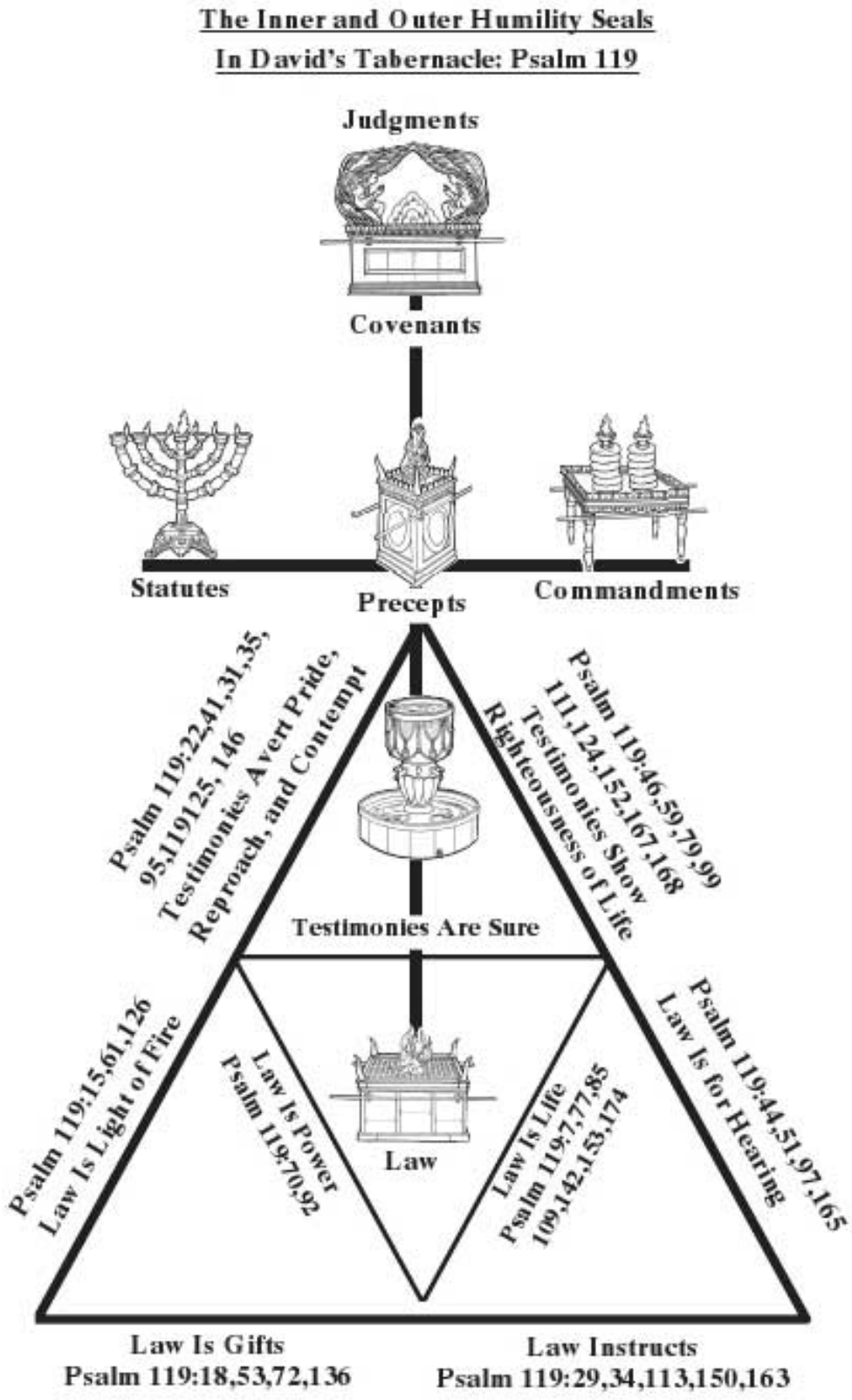
The visible form of the Mosaic Tabernacle gave man the visible form of the Cross for his physical eyes to see. The Davidic Tabernacle, with its word pictures, presents to man the Spiritual Form of the Cross for the *eyes* of his spirit and his soul to perceive and upon which they can feast. The Tabernacle of the Word of Truth in David's revelation further prepared Israel for the revelation of the Living Spiritual Tabernacle of the Word, God's Son, Jesus Christ, Who was made Flesh and dwelled in the Form of the Cross.

When believers look, spiritually, upon Moses' Tabernacle and David's Tabernacle, they catch a vision of the kind of Spiritual Tabernacle that God wants to erect in their hearts. Psalm 119 records King David's vision and experience with God's Holy Word from the Foot realm of the Spiritual Stature of Truth up to the Head realm of the LORD's Truth. It begins with the Law of Cleansing at the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard and ends with the Judgments and Covenants of the *Torah,* the Law, revealed from the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies.



God's design in Psalm 119 was to magnify the Stature of His Word by making it beautiful and honourable. The LORD sets forth the excellence and the usefulness of His Divine Revelations by engrafting them into the hearts of believers, not only for the pleasurable entertainment of their souls and spirits, but also for His governmental Power and Control to bring their selfish living into subjection to Him. The excellence of His Truth transforms believers into selfless servants who live wholly for the LORD.

Many beautiful concepts are revealed in the meanings of the Hebrew words used to describe the Stature of Truth in King David's Tabernacle. This chapter presents the part of the Cross revealed in the Courtyard, where the Inner and Outer Humility Seals for the heart are formed in the believer's life.



I. The Law Is Revealed Through Experiences with the Blood and the

Fire at the Brazen Altar.

> **Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD** (Psalm 119:1).

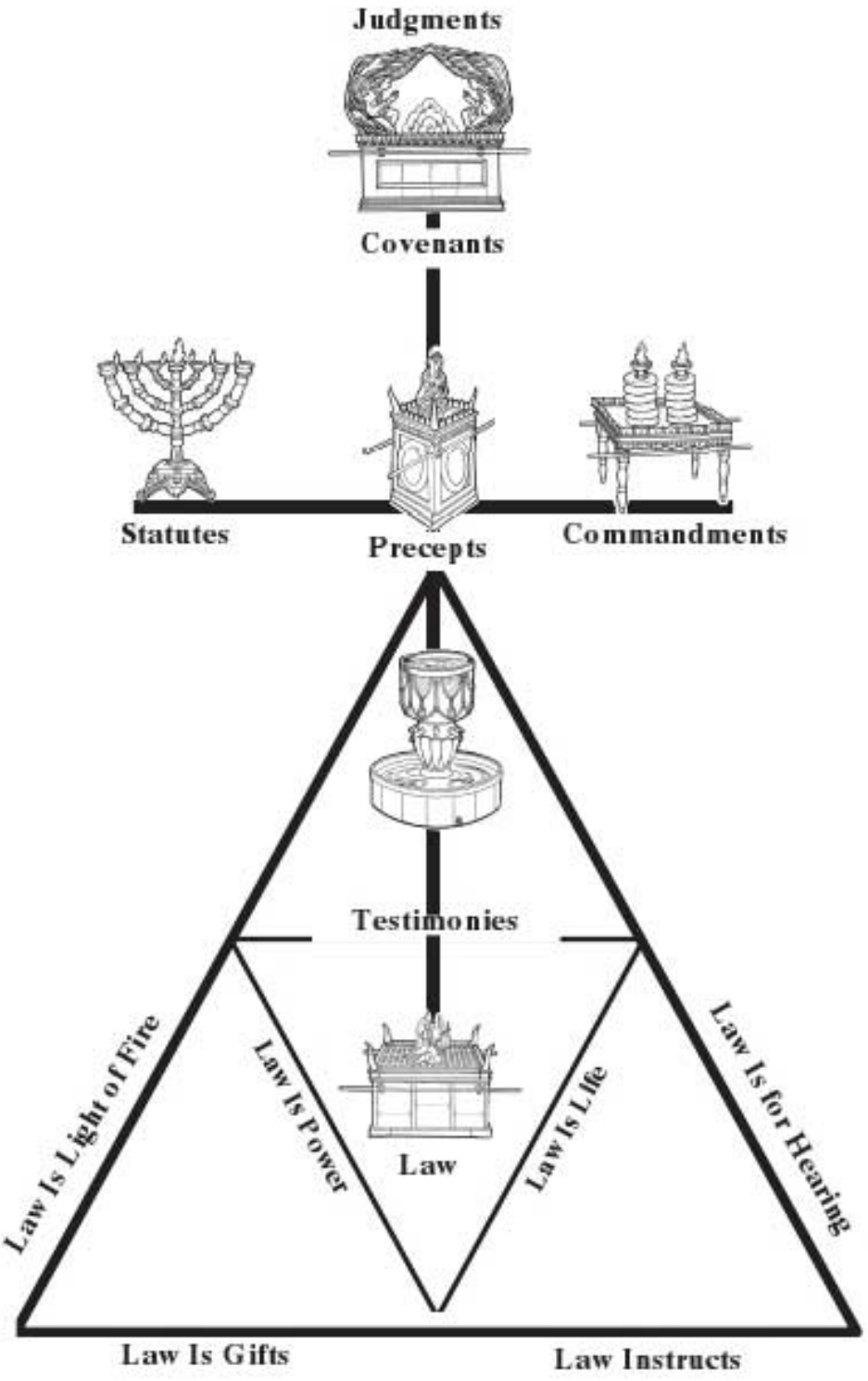
King David saw the Brazen Altar as a Law of God, preparing and opening the way to higher realms of Spiritual Truth. The Hebrew word for *law* is *Torah*. A very old Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon, written by Edward C. Mitchell, D.D., in the 1800's, shows the root word for *Torah* to be *yaw-raw,* which means to flow as water, to rain, to lay a foundation, to found or to erect a pillar, or to throw an arrow, to shoot, to point out by aiming the finger, to teach, to direct, to inform, to instruct, and to lay. It also means the teaching and doctrine of *JAH*.

> Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: **extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH,** and rejoice before him (Psalm 68:4).

God's Word is Law because it was begotten by Him, and it is enacted by Him because He is the Supreme Sovereign in His Kingdom.

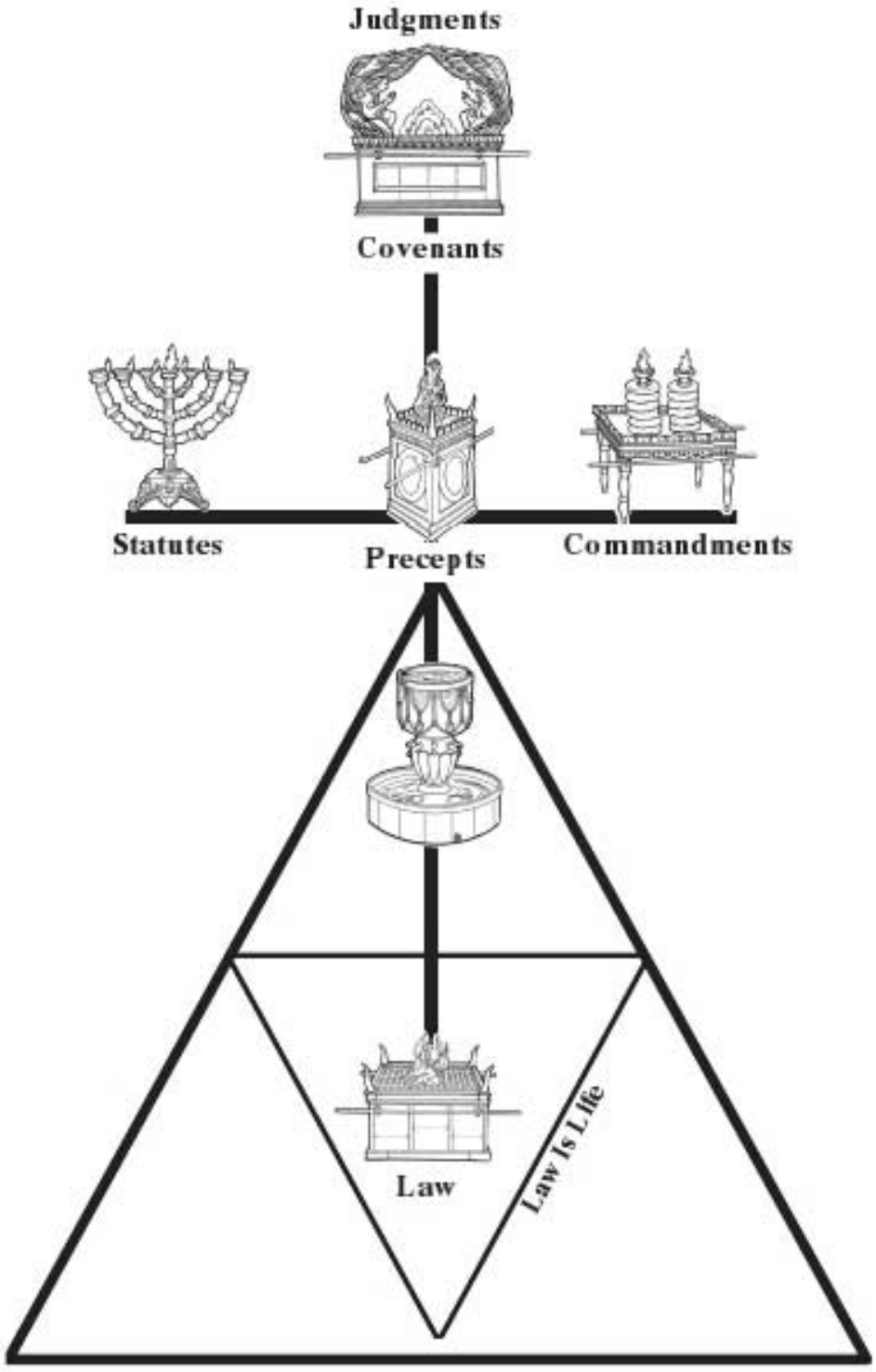
Notice that the Law in Psalm 119 is unfolded in a sixfold pattern that mirrors the six sides of the Inner and Outer Humility Seals of the Blood and Fire in the Mosaic Tabernacle.

The Sixfold Revelation of the Law in the Davidic Tabernacle



A. *The Law Is Life* Is Revealed at the Brazen Altar on the Sin

Offering Side of the Inner Humility Seal.



Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD (Psalm 119:1).

The Psalmist shows the blessedness, happiness, and Strength found in the Life of the Law. God's *Torah*-Law, like Christ's Sin Offering Blood, has cleansing Life to wash away the defilement, corruptions, and spots of the world, the flesh, and the Devil; thus, believers' feet receive Strength and Life to press forward, onward, and upward toward the Mark of the Prize of the High Calling in Christ Jesus.

> **Let thy tender mercies come unto me,** that I may live: for **thy law *is* my delight** (Psalm 119:77).

God's Mercy comes with His Law. Since the *Torah*-Law is clothed with Mercy Blood; it brings Life and delight to the receiver. The Life of God's Law brings pleasure and satisfaction, just as having the sins forgiven through the blood of the sin offering brought pleasurable satisfaction to Israel.

> **My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law** (Psalm 119:109).

David was a great man of war; consequently, his soul was continually in his hand, as it were, ready to slip through his fingers into Eternity. Yet despite the dangers he daily faced, he remembered that the Life of the Law was able to sustain him and to keep his soul alive.

> Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and **thy law *is* the truth** (Psalm 119:142).

The Law of Life is in the Sin Offering Blood of Jesus Christ and in God's *Torah* because all Life has its origin in the Truth. The Law of Life is the Blood of the Sin Offering that cleanses repentant man's will. The believer's knowledge that sets him free from the ignorance and darkness of his carnal mind is given to him by the Law of Life in the Truth. The Law of Life in the Truth is also a strong *cord* that binds the human will, bringing it into subjection and Oneness of Marriage Relationship with God's Will.

> **Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law** (Psalm 119:153).

While confessing the affliction he was suffering in poverty's corner,

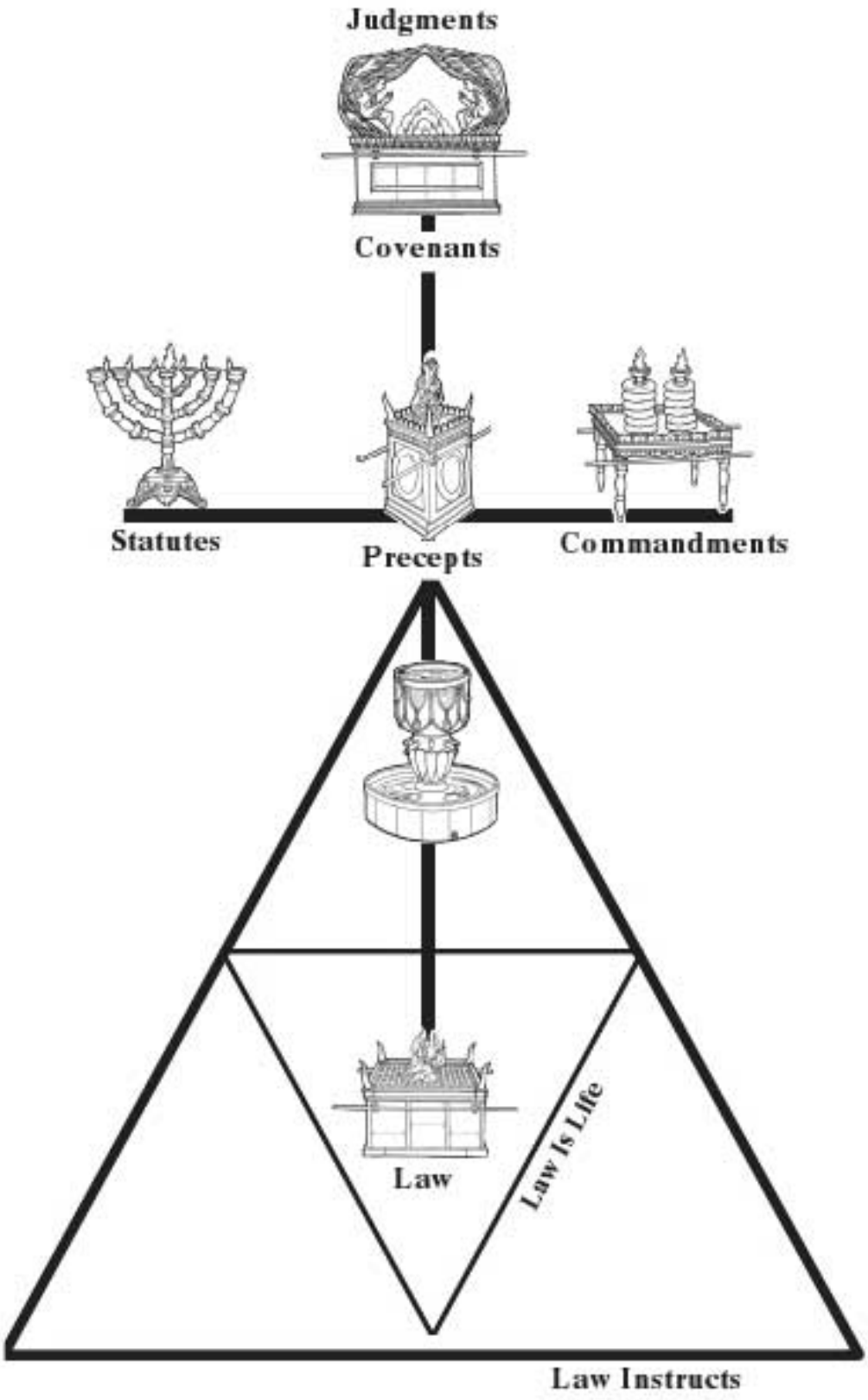
David clung tenaciously to the Seeds of Life in God's Law He knew that God had promised that the natural seeds were to be left in the four corners of the field for the poor, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and he believed that if he would remain faithful in his spiritual "poverty corner," that God would give him the Seeds of Life in His *Torah* Truth. David had faith that deliverance and healing would surely come if he were faithful to cling to the Seeds of the Law.

> **I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight** (Psalm 119:174).

This is a tremendous testimony for a king to make. As a royal king, David had access to the glory, splendor, and exaltation of this world. Nevertheless, his soul cried out for a higher throne in another world. Although King David had to wait for his Eternal Throne, he did not have to wait for the Law of Life in the Truth that proceeded out of God's Eternal Throne. The Law of God's Eternal Throne superseded all the pleasurable joys and delights of David's earthly throne. God's Law was David's life, delight, pleasure, and satisfaction in the midst of all the glories of this world.

The reality that was experienced by David in his day can be just as real and precious to believers today because God's Law of Life in the Truth is still the same.

B. *The Law that Instructs the Conscience in Righteousness* Is Revealed at the Brazen Altar on the Whole Burnt Offering Side of the Outer Humility Seal.



Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously (Psalm 119:29).

David cried for the LORD to remove from him the way of falsehood that darkens and deceives the intelligence into thinking that it is necessary to be selfish and to keep part of oneself for oneself instead of giving all to God as a whole burnt offering and becoming a living, selfless sacrifice for Him. If believers will give all their natural life as a whole burnt offering, to be swallowed up by the Eternal Life of the Law, they will know the wonderful thrill of the transparent humility gratitude of the Law.

> **Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart** (Psalm 119:34).

Enlightened, transparent understanding comprehends that all things of the natural life ultimately will be lost if they are kept selfishly for oneself. However, if the believer's life is given to God as a whole burnt offering, it becomes transparent smoke, as it were, that rushes into every crevice of the Law of Life in the Truth, joining itself to every facet of the Eternal Truth. Thus, the temporal, natural life becomes swallowed up by the Eternal Life of the Truth. Through believers' giving their earthly lives as living sacrifices, they become joined to the Eternal Life of God's Law. Believers have no better example to support the reality of this Truth than Jesus Christ. He gave His Begotten Life as a Living Sacrifice on Calvary's Cross; then, on the third day, He was joined to God's Eternal Unbegotten Resurrection Life.

> **I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love** (Psalm 119:113).

David hated the vain, double thoughts of his own mind, heart, and conscience. When a good thought comes to the believer's heart or mind to share the LORD with others or to do a kind deed, he knows that it will cost him something and that he will have to become a "whole burnt offering" in order to put the good thought into action. Immediately, he will discover vain thoughts arising in his heart that seek every reasonable excuse for not becoming a willing, living sacrifice for Jesus Christ.

The love of the Law instructs the conscience in the way of righteousness. The love of the Law helps the conscience to overcome the dreadful, destructive thoughts that prevent the beliver from becoming a "whole burnt

offering," that is, a living, selfless sacrifice unto Jesus Christ.

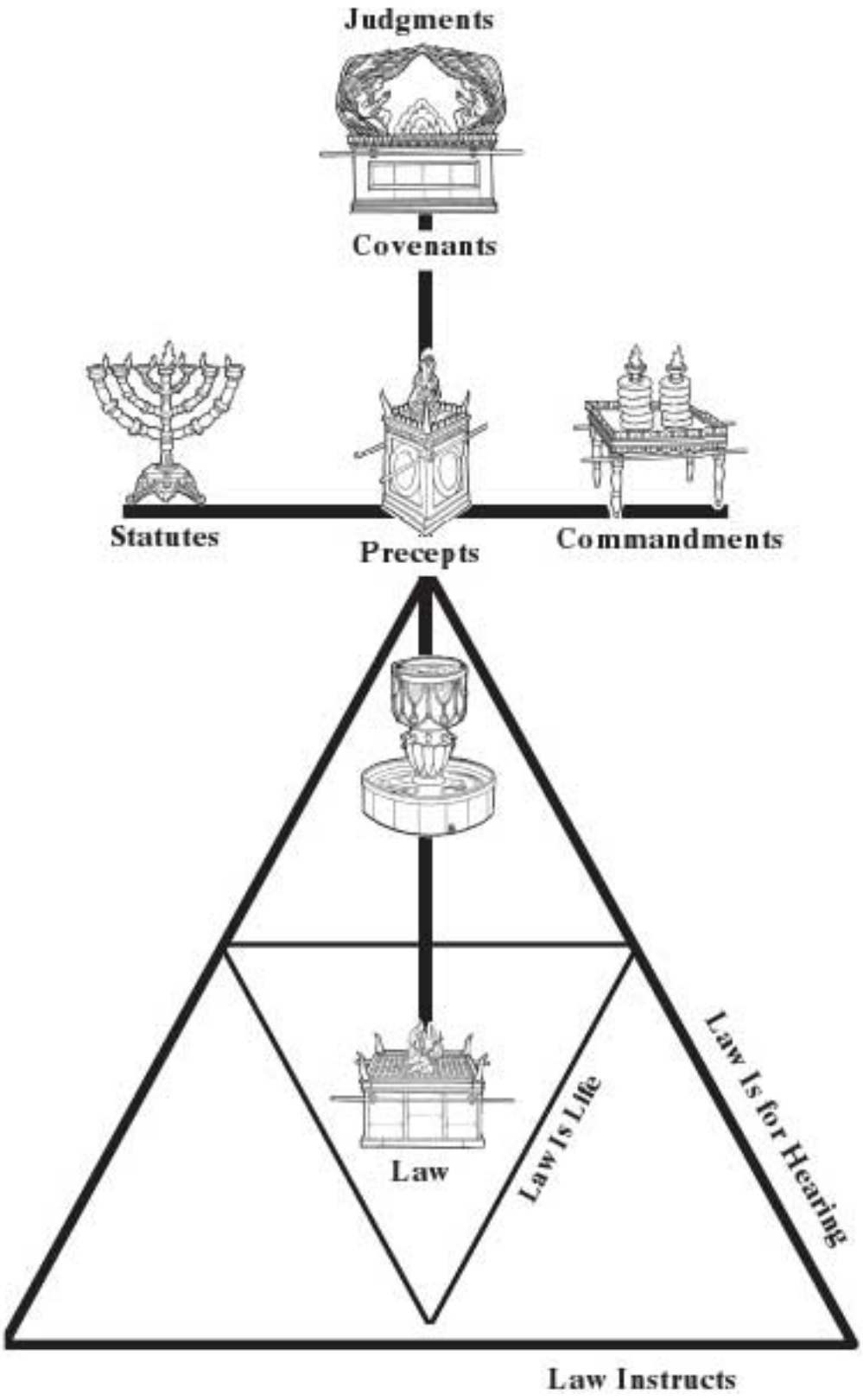
They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law (Psalm 119:150).

David's enemies, who followed after mischief and wickedness, drew nigh, on one side of David, with their malicious plots to render him a dead, worthless sacrifice. However, the Law was present on David's other side to make him a priceless, living sacrifice as a "whole burnt offering," a sweet-smelling savor unto God.

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love (Psalm 119:163).

When hate and love dwell in man's spirit and soul, they demonstrate that they are the most powerful of all emotions and affections. When these feelings are cleansed and each is put in its proper place, they become powerful forces to help repentant man walk in the way of humility and in the paths of righteousness. When Christ's Love for the Law dwells in believers' hearts, it produces holy hatred for all that opposes His Law. The Law produces love for the beauty of holiness found in all Truth. God's Moral Law, His Holy *Torah*, gives believers a love of becoming a living, selfless sacrifice to make known God's glorious and beautiful Truth, and it gives them a holy hatred for all the detestable lies of the deformed, lying tongue of the carnal flesh that professes to love God when a person is in pleasurable convenience, but demonstrates hatred when a person is in the midst of painful inconvenience.

C. *The Law Is for Hearing God's Word,* which Is Revealed at the Brazen Altar on the Peace Offering Side of the Outer Humility Seal.



God declares in His Word that the ear of man is for the Law.

Give ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth (Psalm 78:1).

Before God *wrote* His Law and placed it before the *eyes* of the children of Israel to read, He *spoke* His Law into their *ears* to hear. The blood of the peace offering was placed upon the right ear of the Priests to signify that the ear must be sanctified from its love to listen to strife and confusion so that it can listen to the peaceful Life of God's Holy Law.

In the midst of all David's sufferings and persecutions, he experienced having his ears filled with the peaceful Life of the Law.

So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever (Psalm 119:44).

When the sanctifying, peaceful sound of God's Law cleanses the ears, filling them with blessed, harmonious quietness, then the Eyes of Understanding in the heart are opened to behold wondrous things out of the Law of Truth. Enlightened eyes are always eager to discover how to observe and to obey God's Law in a better way.

David confessed that God's Law was so precious and priceless to him that he desired to keep the Law forever and ever. David desired to watch it and to look narrowly to it, continually.

If the Law of God is precious to a person's eyesight, now, when it is written with natural ink on natural paper, just imagine how glorious it will be in Eternity to be able to look upon the Living *Torah*, the Law that was written, as it were, in Living Flesh and Blood, the Divine Fire of Truth in Christ Jesus, the Living Stone. Peaceful ears first hear the Law; then, the Law opens the eyes to see the beauty of its forms of Truth.

The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy law (Psalm 119:51).

The most difficult time for believers to keep their ears peaceful and give them as a peace offering to God for the entrance of His Law is in the midst of scorn and derision. When believers' ears are filled with the war chants of scorners, they have an even greater need to lay hold of the Blood of Christ's Peace Offering and the Law of Truth.

Believers have a choice to make when they are persecuted: either they

choose to stand for the Truth, or they reject it. When scorners mock a believer's seriousness in prayer, calling it a sad, moping spirit, he can choose to stand for the Truth of fervent prayer, or he can choose to stop fervently praying. When ridiculers laugh at a believer's separation from the world, calling it spiritual pride and precise adherence to antiquated notions of modesty and morality, he can choose to stand for God's Holiness and separation and keep on growing in Him, or he can choose to give up his separation to God and stop growing spiritually. When proud revilers sneer at believers' zealous worship of God, calling it fleshly fanaticism, they can choose to worship God according to the revealed Truth in His Word, or they can choose to stop praising the LORD in the ways that please His Heart, which are clearly described in the Bible.

The choice believers make in such times as these determines whether they have war or peace within their spirits and souls. Taking up the fighting spirit of persecutors is an automatic choice for war. The moment the believer begins warring in the flesh, God's Dove of Peace flies out the window of his soul. When in the midst of noisy scorners, the believer must deliberately choose to close his ears to what scorners are saying and to sanctify his ears with Christ's Peace Offering Blood and purposely turn his ears to the peace of God's Law and decline not from it.

O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day (Psalm 119:97).

David had great peace in his heart after his *ear of memory* had meditated upon the Law. God's *Torah* swallowed up his vain, opposing thoughts and his love for the world, with all its corruption. David's soul was filled with holy, burning, delightful love for God's Law that had wrought His wondrous Mercy and Grace within his heart. David's inner man had been filled with the tranquility, rest, and peace of the Law, after his outer ears had been cleansed from the unrest of the world and the flesh so that he could hear the Truth of the Law. How satisfying it is to the soul when the sanctifying Power of the Peace Offering Blood of Jesus Christ and the glorious Power of the Knowledge of the Peace of the Law are reigning in the believer's heart in his solitary night seasons and in his crowded, busy day seasons! This is how believers experience the gloriously happy Peace of God that passes all understanding.

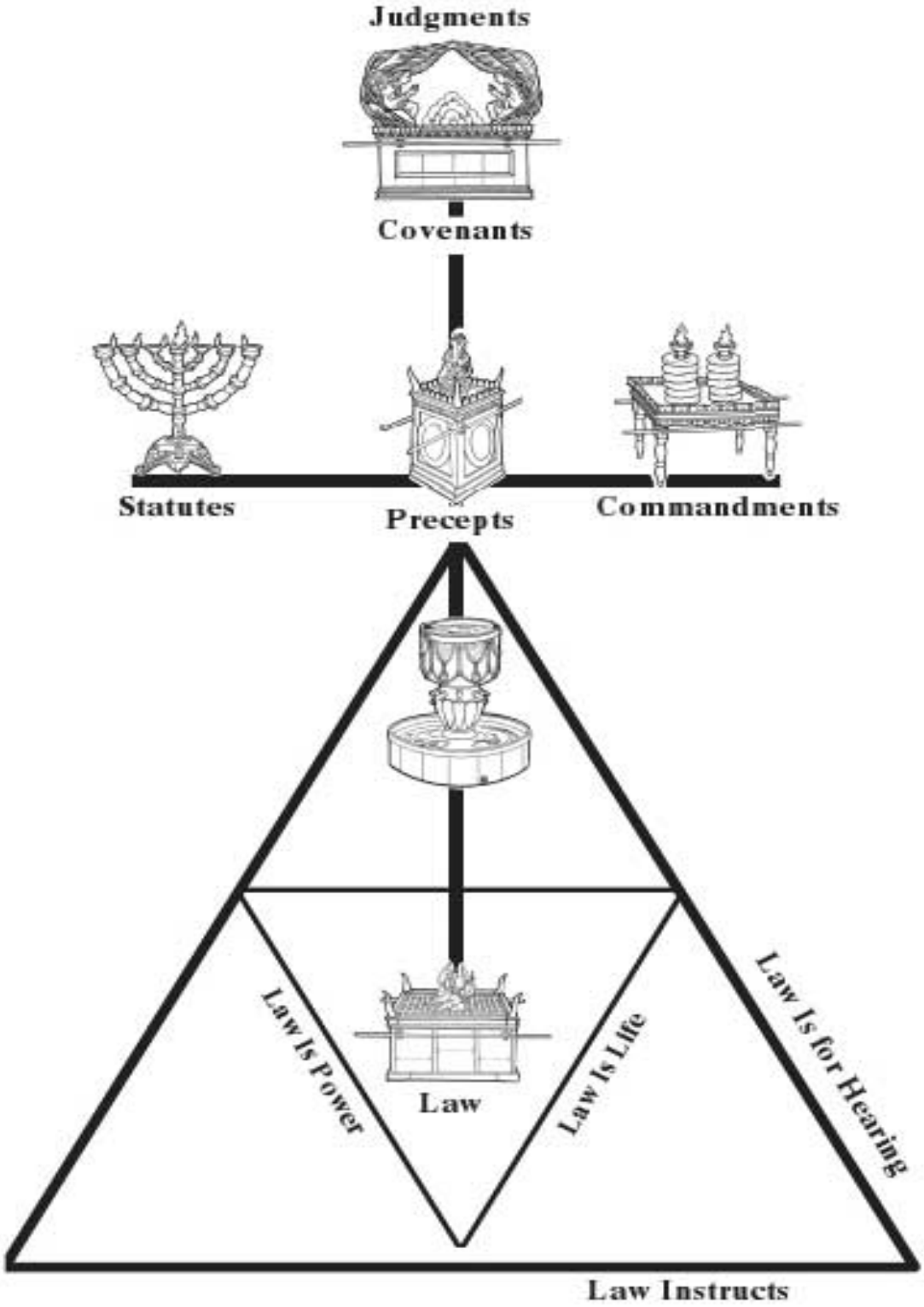
Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them (Psalm 119:165).

Those who take Christ's Peace Offering Blood for the cleansing of their ears, the peaceable Law of God for their ears will cause them to experience great peace, and they will not be offended, not even when they are assailed by malicious opponents of the *Torah* Law. They, also, will not offend the Law by stumbling into sin and using carnal means to protect themselves from their evil opponents.

Believers may offend others through their obedience to God's Law, but they do not have to carry a spirit of offense against anyone in their hearts. When a believer carries a spirit of offense, he offends God's *Forgiving Love* that is found in the Law. God's Law in His *Torah* demands a right spirit toward God and toward his fellowman. When the human mind is assailed by evil, opposing forces, the great temptation is to meditate on evil thoughts of self-protection and retaliation. Yielding to this temptation turns one's inner world into chaotic disorder and causes one to be offended and to stumble into pernicious forms of hatred, strife, and malice.

Conversely, the peaceful love of the *Torah* Law changes strife into tranquility; hatred into love; and malice into good will. The peaceful Love of God's *Torah* Law changes fleshly disorder into orderly, peaceful arrangement of the Truth in the believer's heart. The Law, with its Power of Peace, can take a deathly, chaotic world of gloomy darkness and turn it into a living, harmonious world of joy, light, and love. In the midst of scandals, snares, sufferings, and seemingly intolerable afflictions, God's Holy Law brings holy security and Salvation. God's Law is great Peace.

D. *The Law Is Power,* which Is Revealed at the Brazen Altar on the Power Side of the Inner Humility Seal.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Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law (Psalm 119:70).

The hearts of poor, lost souls are fattened with the pleasures of this world. Their hearts are impervious to the powerful Fire of the Law that fills a sanctified heart, enflaming it with a holy, burning love that delights and meditates in the Law, day and night. The heart that is made greasy and fat on worldly pleasures is stupid and senseless. It rests in the false security of its own ignorant opinions and distorted laws as though they will prevent God from using His Holy Law of Judgment upon them.

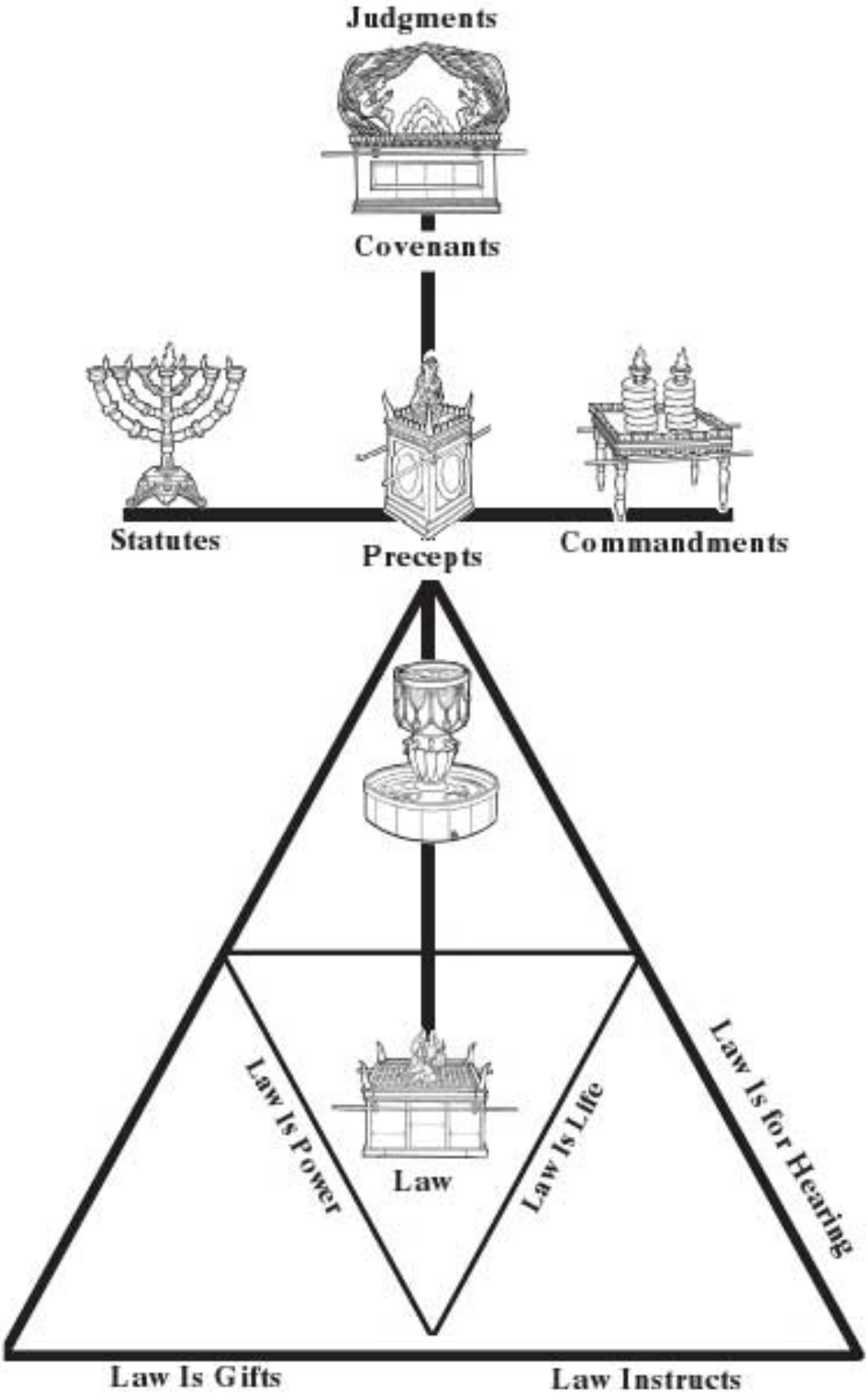
The burning, fiery Power of God's *Torah* changes the ignorant, miserable resentments against God's Moral Law into pleasurable delight that communes with God and His Holy *Torah* Law. All the carnal, sensual delights that the world can offer do not compare to the satisfying delight of God's Law in the spirit and soul. The world and its temporal delights will soon pass away, but the Law and its eternal delights will never pass away.

Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction (Psalm 119:92).

The powerful love and delight in God's fiery Law gives new, forceful, supporting energy in the midst of afflictions. Affliction produces cold, deathly despair, making the heart feel totally cut off from God. Cold, deathly despair renders the soul insensible ever to feeling His Presence again. Although God's Holy Law does not keep us from affliction, it does fill the heart, afresh and anew, with its living, powerful delight that supports the heart in the midst of affliction. God spreads a *table of delight* in His Law in the midst of the enemies of affliction and despair. The vision of God's Tables of the Law in the midst of affliction brings joy and happiness to the heart and soul.

Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but **he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he** (Psalm 29:18).

E. *The Law Is Gifts,* which Is Revealed at the Brazen Altar on the Gift Side of the Outer Humility Seal.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> **Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law** (Psalm 119:18).

God opens believers' *Eyes of Understanding*, giving them His *gift of sight*, through which He unveils the Treasures of His Law. Thus, through the gift of sight, one can behold God's precious Principles of Truth and His priceless Jewels of Revelation of the Truth. If believers permit God to roll away from their eyes whatever obscures their vision of Jesus Christ and His Righteous Mind, they will see the many wondrous revealed gifts of Truth that are found in His Holy Moral Law.

> **Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law** (Psalm 119:53).

When the heart is filled with the gifts of Truth that are found through the Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge of God's Law, the believer's heart will burn with indignation because of wicked men who hate God's Law. The love of God's Law causes one's eyes to weep for the apostates who forsake the Law, with its Way of Humility and its Paths of Righteousness. It is incomprehensible that a person who has known the gifts of Truth can forsake them and become an apostate from the Truth. It is a mystery how a soul can abandon God's eternal, holy satisfaction, found in the gifts of His Law, for the temporal, sensual satisfaction that Satan offers through the gifts of this world.

In the Day of Judgment, the dishonour done by breaking God's Law will fill with horror the hearts of apostates, who are wicked profligates. When they behold the dreaded consequences of their sin, fountains of hot tears will flow from their eyes (Matthew 25:30), and they will begin to experience the painful reward of their sins in Hell and in the Lake of Fire.

> **The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver** (Psalm 119:72).

The gifts of Golden Wisdom, Silver Understanding, and Precious Stones of Knowledge of God's Law are better than thousands of earthly gold and silver pieces. The *Torah* is precious because it is the Law of God's Mouth. Because King David was in a royal position, both with God and with man,

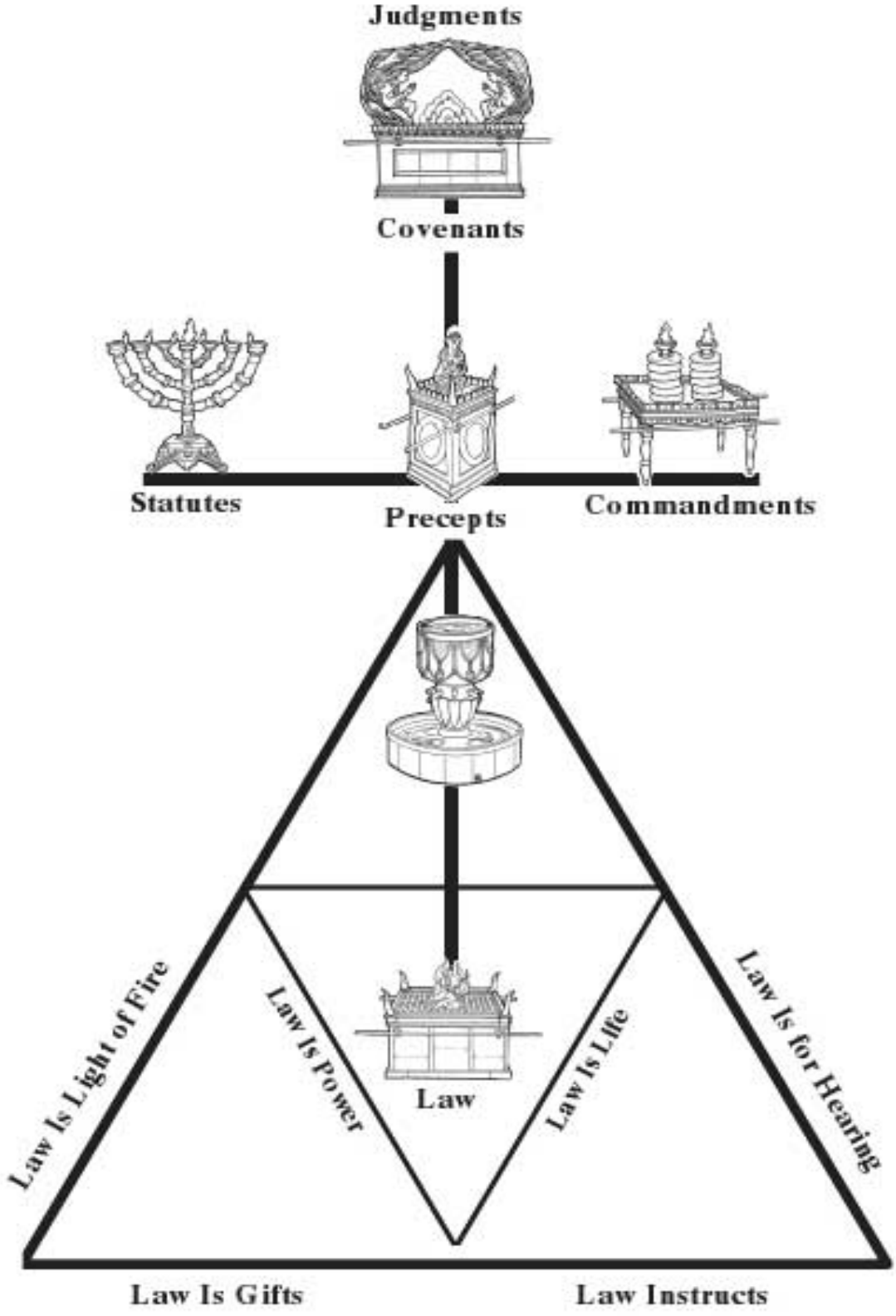
he was capable of making a true comparison between the Eternal Treasures of the Law and the temporal treasures of the Earth. He esteemed the Treasures of God's Mouth far above worldly treasures.

By weeping tears of anguish, David expressed his deep grief and sorrow for the great dishonour that was being done to God's Law.

> **Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law** (Psalm 119:136).

A gracious heart that is filled with God's Moral Law will weep and lament when God's Moral Law is dishonoured and disfigured. Because of the lawlessness of the wicked, a gracious heart is overcome with sorrow. A gracious heart begets rivers of tears over the horrifying damage that is done to God's Word by the wicked. The destruction of the soul of the wicked also presents a tearful burden to the heart of the righteous.

F. *The Law Is Fiery Light,* which Is Revealed at the Brazen Altar on the Light Side of the Outer Humility Seal.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Many years before David received a revelation of the Light of God's Law, Moses, a man of God and the great leader of Israel, had seen the fiery Light of the Law as it came out of the LORD's Right Hand.

> And he said, **The LORD came from Sinai,** and rose up from Seir unto them; **he shined forth from mount Paran,** and he came with ten thousands of saints: **from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them** (Deuteronomy 33:2).

> **I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law** (Psalm 119:55).

God has revealed His Name or Nature through His Word. His Name is an Eternal Memorial of His Light, Life, and Love unto all generations.

In his night season of darkness and affliction, David looked to the Light of the LORD's Name and to the Light of His Law. The secret of keeping the Light of the Moral Law is to let the "ear of memory" be filled with the Light of the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ. Those who walk in the Light of His Name and the Light of His Law will not stumble and fall away from the LORD in their spiritual night seasons of sufferings, afflictions, and darkness.

> **The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law** (Psalm 119:61).

David reinforced his testimony by keeping the Light of the Law in the "ear of his memory" in the night season of his suffering and affliction. David had malicious and wicked enemies who hated him because of the Light of the Law they saw in his life. They devised darkened, pernicious plots in a vain effort to trap him, as though he were an animal that deserved to be destroyed. However, their plans to encompass David's soul with their deceitful darkness failed because David chose to keep and to guard the Light of the Law in the "ear of his memory" so that he could hear new revelations and instructions of the Law in the night season.

If believers will remember to guard the Humility Light of the Truth that they have received in other spiritual night seasons, they can stand firm in the night, knowing that the morning soon will dawn, and the Sun of

Righteousness soon will arise with new, fresh blessings of exalted Light and Revelations of His Truth for their *eyes* to behold.

Before the morning of new revelation can dawn for the *eyes* to see, the faithfulness of one's *ears* must be tried in the night season to remember the former Humility Light and to discover their desire to listen to new Truth of the Law.

Paul confirmed God's Spiritual Principle of Hearing before Seeing.

> So then **faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God** (Romans 10:17).

Before the *eyes of faith* can be opened to see the Light of Truth, the *ears* must be opened to *hear*. The Light of Truth passes first through the *ears* to open them; then, it passes on to the *eyes* to open them.

> ***It is* time for *thee,* LORD, to work: *for* they have made void thy law** (Psalm 119:126).

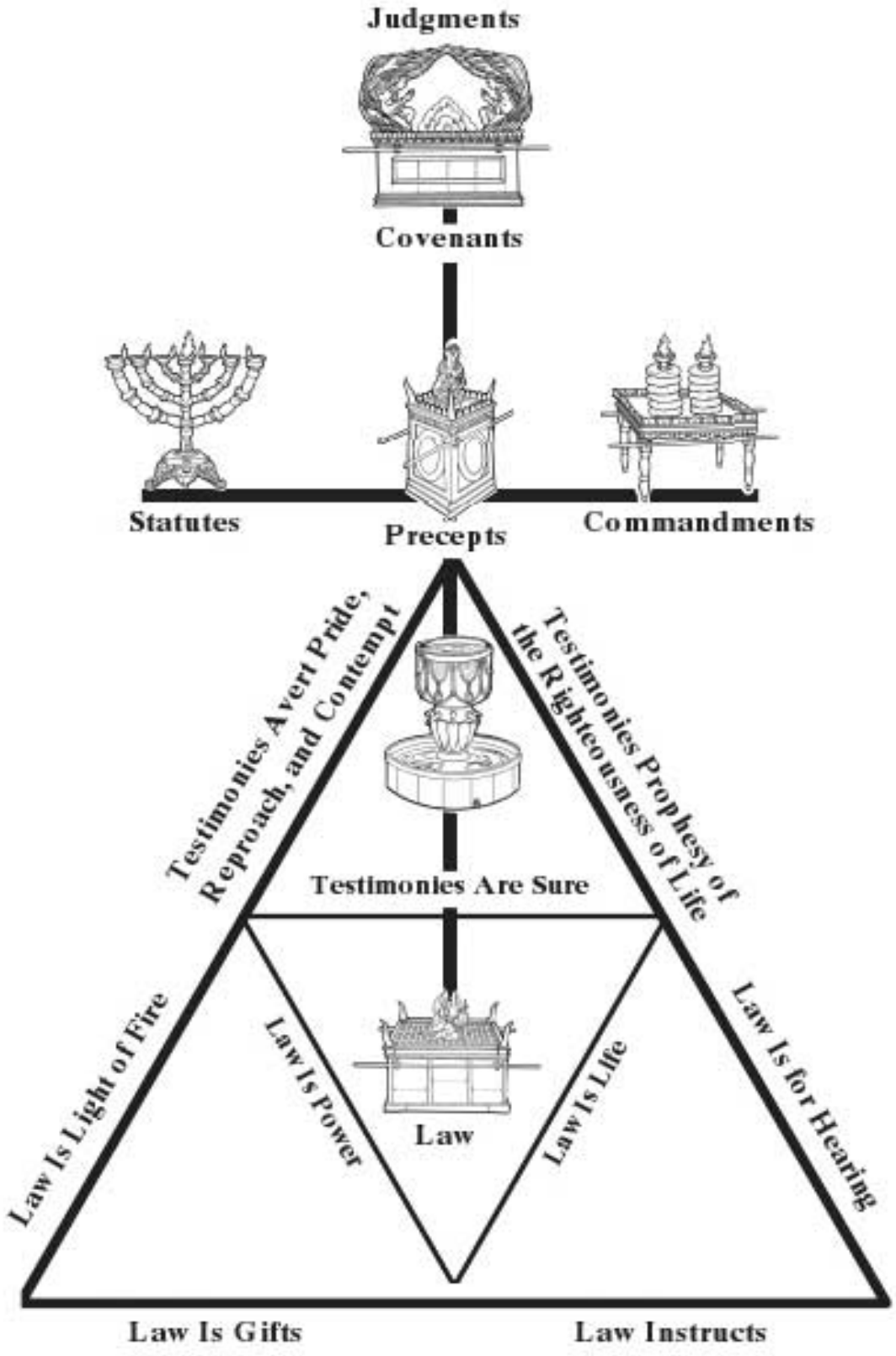
There is a difference between the breaking of the Law by true believers and the breaking of the Law by wicked people. The true believer, through the infirmity of his fleshly carnal nature, transgresses the Law; therefore he sins. However, when his heart is made aware of his guilt, he becomes filled with grief, godly sorrow, and true repentance. His continual cry is that the Law might be repaired by the Blood of Jesus Christ and that his disobedient flesh might be crucified. The profound desire of the believer is that the Moral Law might be written upon the tables of his heart and that the Moral Law might be established as the ruling force in his every thought, word, and deed.

Wicked people, on the other hand, desire to make the Law null and void and without effect by presumptuously trying to repeal God's Moral Law by their proud, arrogant, serpentine questions: "Who is the LORD that we should obey His Law?" The defiant, malignant wills of wicked men say, "Why should we fear any judgmental consequences of the Law of Almighty God?" And some wickedly work to make God's Law void by asserting that God will not punish them because He is a God of Love. The Truth is that He does indeed punish because He is truly a God of Love.

David cried unto the LORD for Him to send the Judgmental Lightning Power of His Moral Law to vindicate the honour of His Moral Law by

apprehending those who tried to extinguish its Light. David pleaded for God to maintain the integrity of the Law by punishing those who were guilty of trying to make void the Moral Power of the Law.

II. *The Testimonies Are Revealed* Through Experiences with the Water in the Brazen Laver that Is from the Rock.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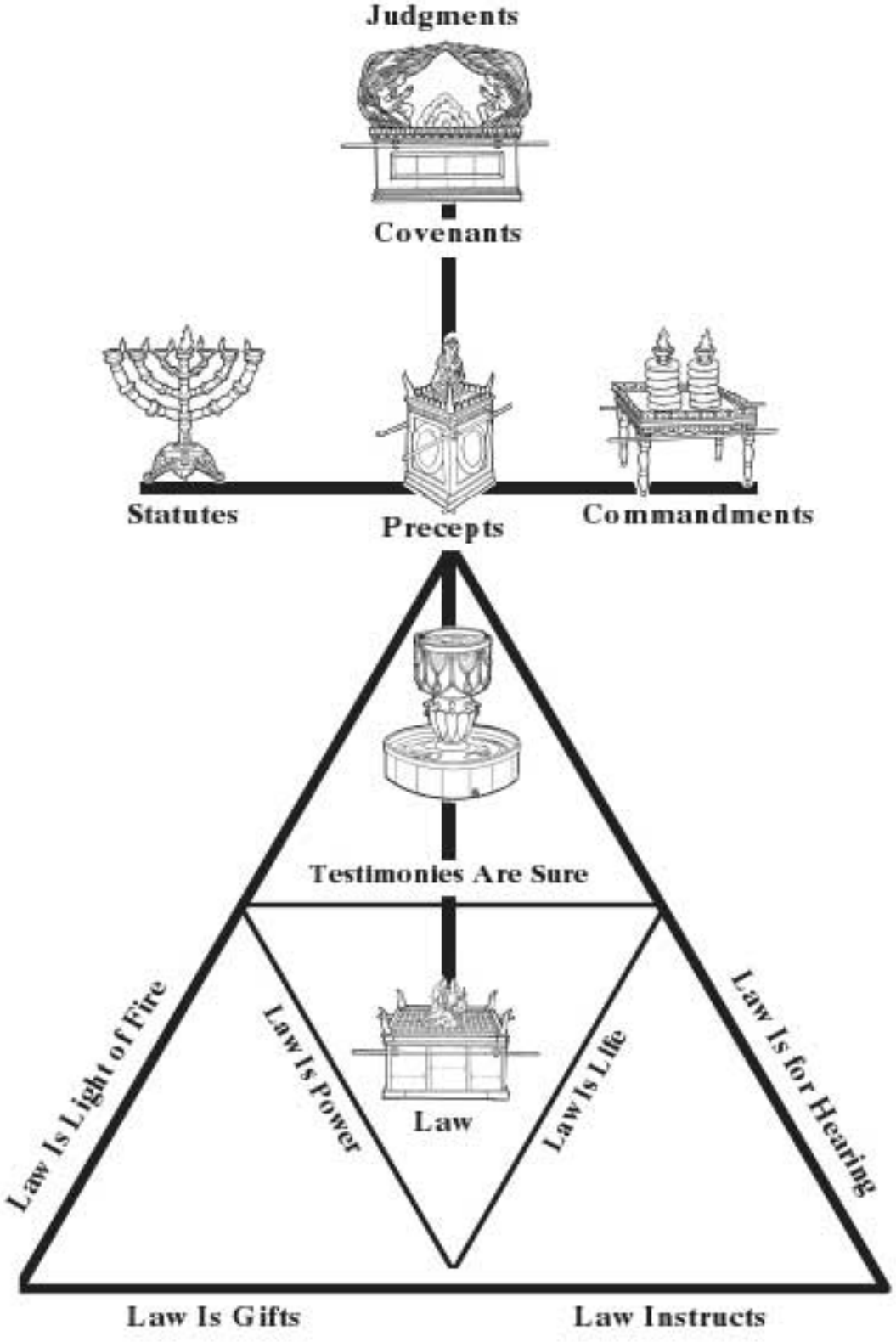
King David saw the Brazen Laver as a Testimony of God. The Hebrew word for *testimony* is *ay-daw*, which means witness, a pillar, proof, a confirmation or ratifying of God's Word. It comes from the Hebrew word *ayd*, which means a recorder, a prince, a witness against, a legislator or ruler. The Waters in the Brazen Laver testified as to the defilement upon the hands and the feet of the Priests, and it also bore record of the new cleanliness of the Priests' hands and feet after they had washed there. Once they had cleansed their hands and feet at the Laver, they were able to go into the Holy Place to minister without the fear of dying. Had they entered the Holy Place in an unclean condition, they would have died.

God's Word is a true testimony to believers and to the whole world. God has affirmed His Word; hence, it is beyond all human and worldly contradiction. God's Word is a Brazen Laver or Brazen Mirror that reveals both the believers' defilement and his cleanliness.

A. The Testimonies of the LORD's Name and Nature in His Word of Truth Are Sure.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> **Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies,** *and that* seek him with the whole heart (Psalm 119:2).

The LORD's Testimonies are secure, safe, and free from the danger of His enemies, regardless of their vain efforts to destroy them. The LORD is perfectly confident and undoubting of His Royal Position and of His Omniscience. Christians have no need to fear being disappointed in the LORD's Testimonies because there is neither lack nor fault in them. They are fit, proper, and reliable. Believers can depend upon them to reveal their defilements as well as their cleanliness. They will not fall short of the believer's expectation. They are certain, infallible, stable, not subject to change, failure, or loss.

> The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: **the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple** (Psalm 19:7).

The LORD's *Torah*-Law fortifies and refreshes man's spirit. The LORD's *Torah* satisfies the hunger of man's soul and comforts his soul in distress. The LORD's *Torah*-Law and His Testimonies attest to God's Divine Will.

The believer's heart strides forward if he keeps the LORD's Testimonies. The nature of the LORD's Testimonies signifies the good and the pleasant things to come.

David bore witness of the blessedness, the happiness, and the progress of those who cling to the Testimonies in the Law and the Promises in the Law of good things to come. For example, the Law promises the blessing of long life to those who honour their father and mother. This applies, of course, to natural parents, but it also applies to the LORD's Wisdom and Understanding that are like spiritual parents to believers. Blessed and happy are those who seek the Living Wisdom and Understanding of the *Torah*. The Testimonies strengthen the hearts of believers to seek God's Rule and Will in their lives.

The Law is perfectly clean and free from all imperfection. It is filled with the perfection of all Goodness; it is the embodiment of all forms of Power. Therefore, it is designed to make the man of God perfect.

That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works (II Timothy 3:17).

The Law converts the repentant soul by turning it back to perfect Union with God. The Law is a mirror to show the believer the sinfulness of his miserable self and his crooked departures from the straight and narrow paths of Truth and the imperativeness of returning to God.

The Testimony of the Word of God is a sure witness from God to believers that He will cleanse them and lead them forward and upward in their spiritual growth. The Testimonies witness to believers of God's Nature of Saving Love and Sacrifice to redeem them back to Himself. His Testimonies are incontestably sure. Believers can confidently rely on God's Nature of sacrificial Love, for it will not deceive them. God's Testimonies are a sure foundation of His own Nature, upon which the believer can build eternal hope and living faith out of God's Word of Truth. God's Testimonies fill believers, now, with new discoveries of Divine Truth and give them the foresight to comprehend the wise designs of His Infinite Nature of Mercy and Goodness to come.

The Nature of the Testimonies of God is to reveal His Truth to those who love and who follow His Rules of Moral Conduct that are consistent with His Holy Nature.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches (Psalm 119:14).

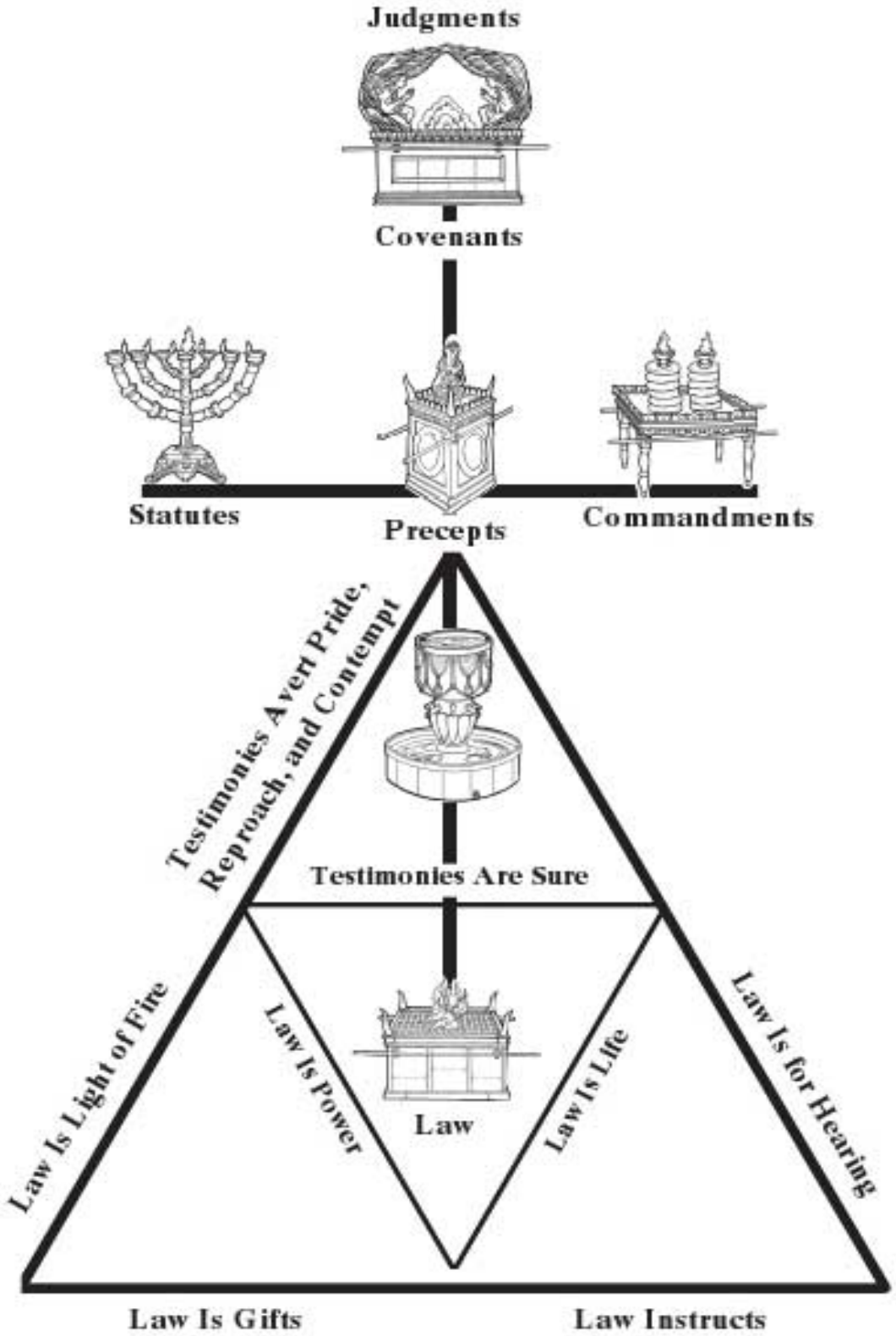
King David bore witness, first, from the theory side of God's Word, of the blessedness, the happiness, the forward striding, and the joy that are found in the Nature of the Testimonies. Then, he bore witness from the experience side of God's Word, of the happiness, the progress, and the joy that he had personally encountered in the nature of the Testimonies. The greatest of all happiness and of all joy is to receive spiritual insight into the Goodness and Mercy of God's Nature, both for the present and the future.

King David declared that, through God's ennobling Testimonies, he found more spiritual bliss than in all the splendor and riches of his royal kingdom. David knew that God's Testimonies were eternal signs and memorials before his eyes that crowned him with eternal glory and distinctive splendor.

The Testimonies constantly appeal to Christians to avow new gratitude to God. The Testimonies are a constant acknowledgement of God's Existence and His Right, as Owner and Master, to pronounce what is clean and what is unclean. Therefore, the spirit and soul of repentant man are ennobled, exalted, and made glad in God's Testimonies. They cause his spirit and soul to grow vigorously and to bud, to blossom, and to come to fruition. The treasures of this present world can do none of these things for the spirit and the soul.

The spirits and souls that have made this discovery find the joyful satisfaction of God's Law in their hearts. The spiritual man finds great satisfaction in acquiring Spiritual Treasures of Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge from God's *Torah* in his heart, while the carnal man receives great satisfaction in acquiring earthly treasures and wealth of this present world. How precious and glorious it is to fall in love with the Nature of the Testimonies of Truth!

B. The Testimonies Avert Pride, Reproach, and Contempt.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The Testimonies reveal God's ultimate goal and objective for each believer and for the whole Earth. God has destined all the lawless flesh of the Earth to vanish like dross from the believer's personal "earth" and from the planet Earth in general. God has declared that the final disappearance of the lawless dross is the goal of His Divine Rule. Therefore, when believers' eyes are illuminated to behold this Truth, they rejoice in God's Testimonies, holding them as precious, priceless tools to help them stride forward in paths of His Good Will.

Just as refining gold and silver separates the dross from the pure metals, so does God cut off from the believer's hands and feet the binding shackles of fleshly dross so that he may escape God's chastisement and grow in His Spiritual Stature.

> **Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross: therefore I love thy testimonies** (Psalm 119:119).

God also purifies the Earth by cutting off, by causing to cease, and by putting away its wicked inhabitants through great judgmental events in the Earth, just as a refiner separates the dross from pure, precious metals through his refining. Therefore, the Psalmist declared his love of the Testimonies of the *Torah* so that he might escape the doom of the wicked.

God's Testimonies work Death only to fleshly dross by cutting it off and putting it away, and they work Life in the Spiritual Man by clothing him with Christ's joyful obedience.

> **I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies** (Psalm 119:125).

David acknowledged that he was God's servant, although he was a king upon a royal throne. As a servant, he desired to be equipped, properly, by God's instructions so that he could actively labor in the LORD's service. David earnestly yearned for God's Salvation in the form of greater Understanding of God's Testimonies. David saw that in order to be more obedient to God's Testimonies, both passively and actively, he needed a fuller Understanding and Knowledge of them.

David's desire for greater Understanding and Knowledge of God's

Testimonies came from his awareness that he was God's servant. David's exaltation to a royal throne did not blind him to seeing who he really was—God's lowly servant. David's desire to prove himself as God's lowly, faithful, and dutiful servant necessitated his growth in Understanding and in Knowledge of God's *Torah*-Law.

This verse, Psalm 119:25, is a testimony that Christian believers may permit God's Word to cut off and to take away, through the obedient Death of Christ, their unclean motives for seeking the LORD's Understanding and Knowledge. All corrupt desire for Understanding and Knowledge that is born out of curiosity, self-exaltation, and vainglory must be killed, cut off, and put away because this corrupt desire makes itself known instead of making God's Truth known.

True desire and true motives for gaining Understanding and Knowledge have their origin in the Humility Light of the Truth: "I am thy servant." God's Will is to grant believers Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge for the purposes of serving Him and making His Truth known and for lifting up His Name—not for making themselves known and lifting up their own names.

> **I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies** (Psalm 119:146).

God saves the believer from lifting up his own name, his corrupt desires, and his wrong motives, by taking away his fleshly dross through Christ's obedient Death, by turning him away from his idolatrous motives, and by changing his corrupt desire to make *self* known into a holy desire to make the LORD known. Then, the believer will observe His Testimonies in a way that pleases Him. He will obey them, cherish them, and love them above all treasures of this present world.

> **Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies** (Psalm 119:22).

The Truth that David had proclaimed had caused some people to heap ridicule and contempt upon him and upon those who had remained loyal and true to God's Law. Those who had continued to study and to practice God's Moral *Torah*-Law suffered their minds being clothed with the

ridicule and contempt of their proud adversaries. David cried to God for Him to remove these “proud garments of insults and contempt” since he had preserved God’s Testimonies.

The Hebrew word for to *remove* means to take away, to roll away, to unveil. This same verb is used in Psalm 119:18 to convey the meaning of opening the eyes: “Open [unveil] thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” David desired for God to unveil, to roll away, to take away the “proud garments of the enemy” because they obscured his “garments of *Torah*-Truth” in the form of God’s Testimonies. He also cried for God to take away, to remove, or to rend from him the “proud garments” of reproach and contempt worn by his own carnal man, who ridiculed God’s Will for allowing him to suffer for the Truth.

Fleshly ridicule and contempt censure God as being unjust and unfair for allowing pain. The Psalmist cried to the LORD for his proud flesh to be removed by God’s Laver Testimonies so that he could be free of the weight of fleshly ridicule and contempt and, thus, serve God with clean hands and clean feet. David desired to have this “garment of pride” taken away from him because his new Spiritual Man had clung to the Testimonies of God.

God’s Testimonies have power to destroy the “proud garments of reproach, reviling, contempt, and complaining” that are woven by the believer’s own carnal man in the midst of his sufferings. These “proud garments” prevent a believer from looking upon the Truth of God’s Word. The Testimonies also will take away the “proud garments” of contemptible criticism and the abusive reproaches that believers receive from others that would prevent them from looking upon the Truth.

One excellent example of this aspect of the Testimonies can be seen when King David’s “proud garments” of contempt and reproach for the *Torah* clothed his eyes with *swaddling bands of darkness* so that fallen Lucifer enticed him to break the seventh Commandment by committing adultery with Bathsheba and to break the sixth Commandment by murdering Bathsheba’s husband Uriah. However, the Sword of God’s Testimonies cut the *swaddling bands of darkness* from David’s eyes so that he could see the guilt of his contempt and reproach against God’s Moral Law. David repented with strong cries, bitter weeping, and sorrow, and God’s merciful Testimonies cut from David’s soul the terrible “garments of guilt” for the heinous crimes that he had committed.

The Testimonies of God's Laver-Light of Truth will slay believers' insensitive hardness and blindness to His Law. The *Torah*-Truth slays believers' deceitful Darkness that justifies their contempt and reproach for God's Moral Law. Insensitive hardness prevents the believer from feeling guilty about breaking God's Law. Deceitful Darkness also prevents the believer from seeing the damage that he has done to God's Law by dishonouring it and by bringing reproach upon it. When David sinned with Bathsheba and against Uriah, he brought great reproach upon God's Holy Law.

The powerful, destructive Death-side of the Law is faithful to visit believers with its illuminating Testimonies and to witness to them of their corrupt flesh so that they can feel the Spirit's convicting their conscience of their miserable sinfulness. The Light of Truth opens believers' *eyes* so that they can see what to confess and how to repent of their deliberate, malicious transgressions and ignorant trespasses against God's Law.

> **Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors** (Psalm 119:24).

God's Testimonies were David's pursuits and his delights. In times of widespread rejection of the Truth, God's Testimonies bring believers renewed vigor to stand for and to remain loyal to the Truth. When erroneous views of God's Word seem to prevail, His Testimonies strengthen Christians to affirm the Truth that God is the Governor and Guide of man's destiny.

Believers can take refuge in God's Testimonies in the midst of conflicting opinions round about them. God's Testimonies will be believers' Counselor and Guide if they will cling to them in the midst of their trials and temptations.

Again, David confirmed the witness of the Light of Truth. The Testimonies of Truth are a Counselor to show believers their evil schemes against God's Law, the *Torah*, so that they can understand what part of their flesh needs to be put to death. How humble is the soul that finds delight when God's Truth reveals one's own sinful opposition to His Law! How noble is the soul when it delightfully accepts the illuminating decree of death to its own fleshly plots, plans, and schemes to break the Law!

When David's oppressors harassed and embittered his life, he found

solace in God's Testimonies. David, the great king, esteemed the private Counsel of God's Truth greater than all the public counsel of the royal creatures in his court.

> **I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame** (Psalm 119:31).

Man sticks to the things that he has chosen in his will. David had chosen the Testimonies of the *Torah,* the Law, so he stuck to them. The king prayed that the Testimonies would work Death to all the opposing forces in his weak, frail human nature so that he would not be put to shame by turning from the blessed *Torah;* he did not want his feeble humanity to cause him to consider it futile to obey God's Law.

When man's human soul is suffering persecutions and distress, that is the very time that Satan and his evil doers come to taunt him with the futility of obeying God's Word. This is the time believers must stick tenaciously to the witness of God's faithful Testimonies, for they have power to put to death all tormenting, deceitful thoughts.

> **Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness** (Psalm 119:36).

David's desire was neither to be corrupted by superficial personal gain nor to be dazzled by the false glitter of this world. David's desire was for God to incline his heart to His ennobling Testimonies so that the faithful witness of the Light might slay his soul's earthly covetousness and selfish love for gain. David's desire was to seek life and to gain in the paths of the *Torah*-Law.

The human soul is naturally inclined to the acquisition of material wealth. This is what the Apostle Paul taught his spiritual son, Timothy:

> **For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith,** and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (I Timothy 6:10).

Men commit many sins because of the love for monetary gain. Many, like Judas, leave the LORD Jesus Christ because of their love for earthly wealth. When the heart loves gain, it will err from the faith and pierce itself through with many sorrows.

Demas loved the gain of this present world. Therefore, he forsook the

Apostle Paul and the Eternal Cause of Jesus Christ.

John, the beloved Disciple of the LORD, also admonished believers not to love the things of the world.

> **Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (I John 2:15).

The LORD desires that believers be mortified to the things of the world, the gain of the world, to the temptations and lusts of the world, and to the affairs of the world. The heart of man is too small and finite to contain God's Love and also the love of the world. One or the other of these loves will be pushed out of his heart. The more a person loves the gain of God's Treasures in His Word and in His Spirit, the more the love of gain for worldly things dwindles and decays. However, if one's heart's desire is for worldly gain, the more one's love for God's Word and Spirit will dwindle and decay.

James wrote that friendship with the world or the love of the world is enmity with God.

> Ye adulterers and adulteresses, **know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God** (James 4:4).

When Christians' hearts are exposed to worldly gain, God calls those people adulterers and adulteresses. When believers' love and loyalty favor the world instead of the LORD, God says that they are His enemies.

The spirit of the world is selfish love for gain, regardless of whom it has to betray and to kill. The Spirit of God's Kingdom is selfless love for sharing, regardless of the sacrifice souls have to make in order to share.

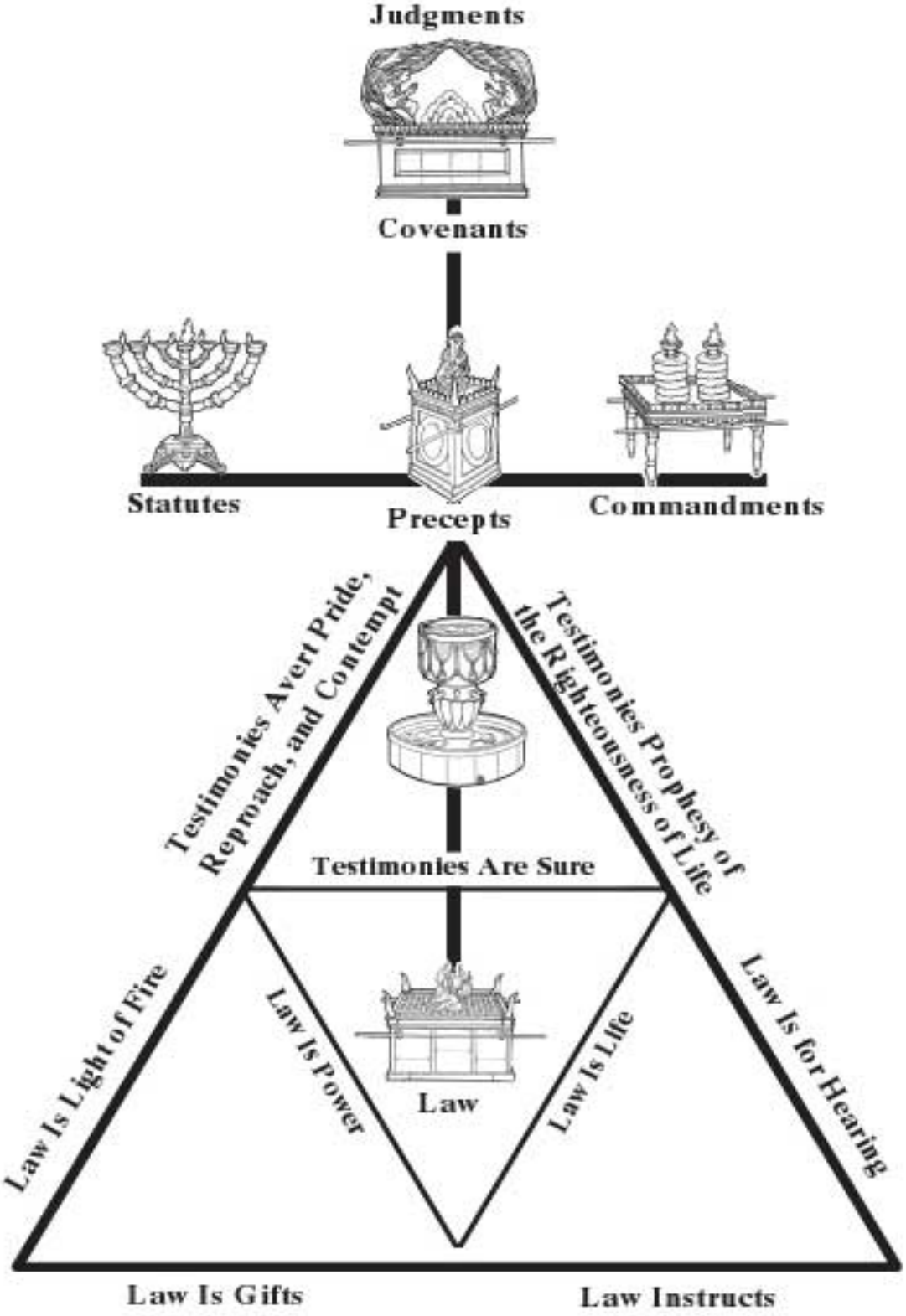
If the believer would have love for spiritual gain of the *Torah* in his spirit and soul, he must allow God's faithful Testimonies to slay his love for worldly gain. How merciful is our LORD to redeem mankind! With His Cords of Love, God draws repentant man to His Testimonies, and through

His powerful Testimonies, He slays the enemy of sin or selfish love for gain in the soul. Then, He fills the soul with His Holy Hatred and aversion for the evil enemy that was slain so that believers have no desire to return and to resurrect the slain enemy.

> **The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies** (Psalm 119:95).

While lawless men plotted David's destruction, he immersed himself and all his thoughts in God's Testimonies in order to gain greater insight into the Truth. While wicked men connived to destroy King David, he considered the Testimonies of the LORD; that is, he took heed to the good life about which the LORD's Testimonies prophesied and witnessed. God's Testimonies were the means of escape for David from the doom and destruction that his enemies had planned for him.

C. The Testimonies of God's Word Prophesy of the Righteousness of Life.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The enemy deceitfully prophesies doom and Death, but the Testimonies of God's Word, while predicting destruction and Death to all enemies of the *Torah,* prophesy blessings and Life to the man of God.

> **I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed** (Psalm 119:46).

When the Resurrection Life and Light of God's Testimonies fill the heart, it is possible to speak before kings without being ashamed or overawed by their greatness and majesty. When the Light and Life of God's Word fill the heart, the believer is not afraid to confess God's Word, though, like Daniel and the three Hebrew children, he suffers exposure to the wrath of kings with their councils, guards, and henchmen. King David was confident that when he stood before other kings to speak about the Life and Light of God's Testimonies, his heart would not be filled with shame.

One of the believer's first experiences when he begins to testify of the LORD's Word is that of deceitful shame. The deceitful shame whispers to the soul that God's Word will have no effect on the person to whom he is witnessing and that he will be disappointed in his expectation. It is a blessed day in one's spiritual education and moral development when one overcomes the feelings of shame and chagrin of the flesh and enters into the freedom of the Spirit of God as a bold witness for Christ. How wonderful it is not to be ashamed of the excellence of God's Testimonies!

> **I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies** (Psalm 119:59).

David considered his ways by examining his conduct in the Light of God's Resurrection Word. Upon discovering his defective, imperfect ways that led him in the ways of Death, he repented and turned to walk in New Ways of Light and Life of the *Torah,* the Law.

The Resurrection Light, Life, and Power of God's Word enlighten the believer's thoughts to see his ways that are so far below God's Ways. The believer's ways are what he does, not what he has. It is what he does that follows the believer to God's Judgment Seat to bear witness either for him or against him. What believers have of worldly possessions will remain behind, on Earth.

It is not enough for the believer to turn his thoughts and eyes to God's Testimonies; he must also turn his feet to walk in God's Ways and Paths. Everything believers have learned by studying God's Word must become the standard by which they judge their conduct. When believers see that they have strayed from God's standard of life, they must turn their feet from the steps of Death to the steps of Life in Christ Jesus.

> **Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies** (Psalm 119:79).

In this verse, David expressed his desire for the intimacy of spiritual fellowship with those who respect and have known the Light and Life of God's Testimonies. God's Word asks this question: "[W]hat fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Corinthians 6:14). Those who are filled with the Resurrection Life and Light of the Word seek others who have the same Life and Light of the Word of God.

David desired that those who had wavered in their love for God's Testimonies would return so that they could have fellowship in the Light and Life of the Testimonies. He desired that those who had strayed would return from their proud activities and that they would follow his walk of steadfastness in God's Testimonies.

> **I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation** (Psalm 119:99).

David was not speaking from an attitude of proud conceit here. What he was saying is that his personal experiences with the Light and Life of God's Testimonies imparted greater Understanding, Instruction, and Guidance in the Paths of Righteousness than all the theories he had learned about the Law from his teachers. Understanding gained by experience is beyond the Understanding the believer gets by theory. It is one thing to know about the Resurrection Light and Life of the Word and another thing to experience it personally.

David's human teachers could give him only the *theories* of Truth, but his personal experience in God's Testimonies gave him the Light and Life

of the Truth that he gained by constant meditation.

God's Testimonies supply the believer with Understanding for every aspect of his earthly relationship. God's Testimonies crown believers with Light and Life when they leave the ways of Death to follow Christ's Resurrected Light and Life.

> **Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart** (Psalm 119:111).

David chose for his inheritance the Eternal Life and Light of the LORD's Testimonies, with their Fruits of Gladness and Rejoicing, rather than the earthly Canaan's Land that was often under foreign attack or domination.

God's Testimonies of Truth are believers' heritage in Christ Jesus, and they constitute His ennobling ornaments for their lives. Every born-again believer has the inalienable right in this life to choose God's Moral Law or *Torah* as his inheritance for both now and in Eternity. By choosing God's Laws and His Testimonies, with their Light and Life for one's present heritage, the person secures them for his eternal heritage in the Heavenly Canaan's Land, which is not now, nor ever will be, dominated by a foreign king, for God is the Eternal King of that Land.

> **Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them** (Psalm 119:129).

The LORD's Testimonies are wonderful because of their Divine Origin and because they reveal the miracles of God's Power. The Testimonies illuminate the soul with wonderful discoveries of God, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Heavenly World to come. They enrich believers' lives with the beautiful revelations of God's Wisdom and Goodness. The Testimonies bear witness of God's Love and give many admirable proofs of His wonderful Grace. On one side of the scales, the Testimonies witness about the many distinctive parts of the Law, while they witness about the harmonious Unity on the other side of the scales.

The effects of the *Torah* upon the heart are indeed wonderful in convicting believers of their wrong doings and in comforting and consoling them when they do right. No wonder David's soul clung to the Testimonies, for they were Treasures of inestimable value! When the soul clings

completely to God's Testimonies, their Truths remain unclouded before the *eyes* of the spirit and soul.

The Testimonies must be put in the soul, just as the treasured *Torah* was put in the Ark. The Light and Life of the Testimonies will fill the soul with the LORD's Oil of Gladness.

> **Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever** (Psalm 119:152).

After David had meditated day and night in God's Testimonies, he became convinced that they were eternally good. Therefore, he trusted them completely in the time of danger. From the beginning, God began with the Light, the Life, and the Wisdom of His Testimonies of *Torah*-Truth. From the beginning, God ordained that His Testimonies would be a part of His Eternal Foundation of Truth. Without this established Foundation, there can be no completion of the Spiritual Building of God's *Torah*-Truth.

David had long reflected on the living righteousness of the LORD's Testimonies, and his Knowledge and experience had convinced him of their eternal validity. Therefore, he could confidently place all his belief, trust, and faith in them. God's *Torah*-Law is a perpetual frame of living righteousness.

> **My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly. I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies:** for all my ways *are* before thee (Psalm 119:167,168).

David's love for God's Testimonies was a superlative love. All the things and feelings of David's spirit and soul absorbed the Truths of God's Testimonies as permanent Spiritual Treasures. With all his heart, David loved those priceless Treasures of Truth that his spirit and soul had come to know. Fulfilling God's Testimonies was the task of David's life and the governor of his conduct. The love for God's Testimonies in King David's heart kept them before his eyes and before his feet in every step of his life. This is why his soul observed them.

Our love for God's Word and its righteousness must surpass the love of the gains and pleasures of this present world. Transcending love for God's Testimonies will overflow the believer's soul, submerging and mortifying

the carnal effects of the world, and, at the same time, this love of God's Testimonies will sanctify and fill his soul with renewed Life and Power to glorify and to magnify the LORD's Holy Name. Because the LORD God is a Spirit, He must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth.

David looked to God's Testimonies for Light, Life, and Guidance. Then, he brought all his ways before God so that God could observe and inspect them in order to see how well David had practiced what he had learned from God's *Torah* and Testimonies and how well he had walked in their Resurrection Light and Life.

If the believer would learn God's order for spiritual growth and spiritual building, He would be blessed and happy. Here is God's Divine Order: Man's eyes for the Word of God; God's Eyes for the inspection of man's ways. Man perverts God's order. Instead of looking at God's Word, he observes his own way and, then, sets up his own earthly frame or form of innocent self-righteousness. Thus, man destroys God's perpetual frame of Righteousness of the Law. Believers' lofty verdict of his ways as being clean and innocent does not purify his ways and restore his innocence before God. It is God's lofty Verdict concerning believers' ways, as to whether they are clean or unclean, that will help believers to grow spiritually. If the LORD esteems the believer's ways unclean, he can repent and continue to grow.

This chapter has presented the portion of the Cross and the Inner and Outer Humility Seals that are revealed in the Courtyard of the Tabernacle of *Torah*-Truth that God gave to King David, who saw the *Brazen Altar* as the *Law of God* and the *Brazen Laver* as the *Testimonies of God.*

Through six experiences with the Blood and Fire, as pictured at the Brazen Altar, and three experiences of the Water, as pictured at the Brazen Laver, the Inner and Outer Humility Seals of Christ's Living Blood, Fire, and Water are formed to seal the believer's heart for worship of the Living God and to seal his arm for service and ministry unto Him.

David's experiences with the *Blood at the Brazen Altar* taught him that *the Law of God is Life;* that *it Instructs the Conscience in Righteousness;* and that *it is for Hearing.*

David's experiences with the LORD's *Holy Fire at the Brazen Altar* revealed to him that *the Law of God is Power;* that *it is Gifts;* and that *it is Fiery Light.*

The Triangle of Truth that completes the mature Foundation in the Courtyard of David's Tabernacle is formed by spiritual experiences with the *Rock Water that was in the Brazen Laver.* The first bar of the Triangle of Truth at the Brazen Laver was formed when David came to know that the Waters of Truth of God's Word Were Sure Testimonies. As the king continued living at the Laver of God's *Torah*-Word and letting its Waters wash over his soul, he experienced the destructive side of the LORD's Testimonies that Remove Pride, Reproach, and Contempt. After that, he was privileged to experience the Righteous Resurrection Light and Life in the Testimonies at God's Laver of Truth.

The experience that King David had with the Blood and Fire at the Brazen Altar and the Water from the Rock that was in the Brazen Laver were realities to him. Although David was not perfect in his thoughts and actions, he did have his heart and arm sealed with living humility that allowed him to humble himself greatly before God and to repent for breaking God's Holy Commandments. It was this ability to debase himself and to turn from his wicked ways that made David the best and greatest king that ever reigned over Israel.

Chapter Six

The Inner And Outer Humility Seals Of Truth In The Courtyard Of Jesus' Personal Tabernacle Of Sacrifice And Ministry

Throughout His Word, God, the Master Teacher, uses figures, types, shadows, parables, metaphors, and allegories in order to illustrate Divine Truth. For instance, when the children of Israel needed a way in the wilderness to approach and to communicate with a Holy God, the LORD graciously provided the Mosaic Tabernacle, which was a picture, a shadow, and a type of the Stature and Tabernacle of His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ.[6]

> **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; (Hebrews 9:9).
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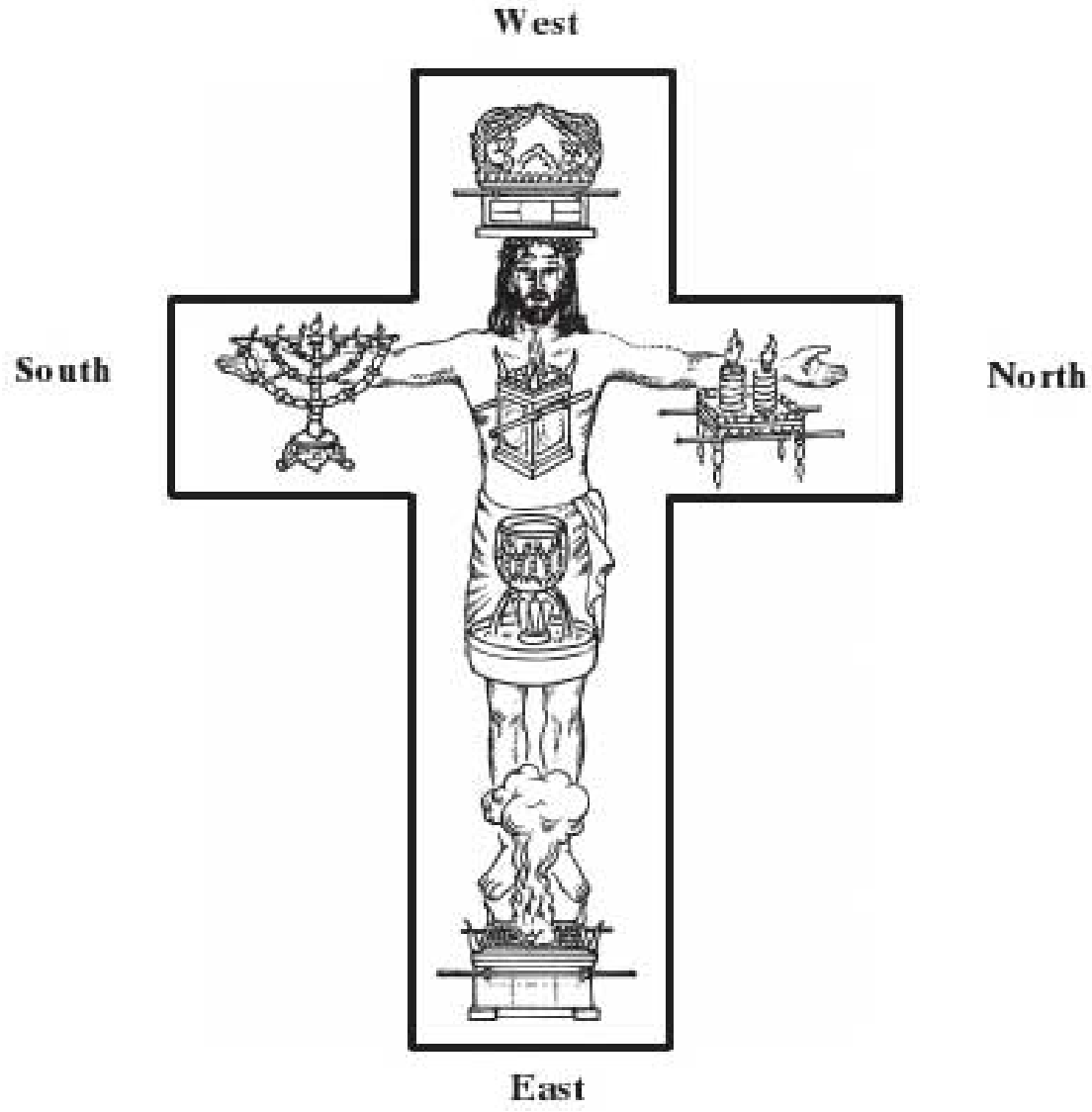
> **But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle,** not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (Hebrews 9:11).

Believers cannot understand *the figures and types* of Truth in the Scriptures without knowing the reality of them in Christ Jesus. Nor can they completely understand the Fullness of Christ's *Spiritual Stature* without having seen the figures and pictures of Him in the Old Testament Tabernacle.

God never eliminated the Mosaic Tabernacle until He had replaced it with the greater and more perfect Living Tabernacle of the LORD Jesus Christ. The Personal Tabernacle of Jesus Christ was greater than the Mosaic Tabernacle because it had Supernatural Blood that put away sin, once and for all, and that gives Eternal Life to all who believe on Him and receive Him into their hearts.

The Mosaic Tabernacle: A Shadow of Jesus' Perfect Tabernacle



The first Tabernacle was revealed to Moses, and he was to build it precisely according to the Pattern that God had given him on the Mount because, centuries later, Jesus Christ God's Only Son, would fulfill all the

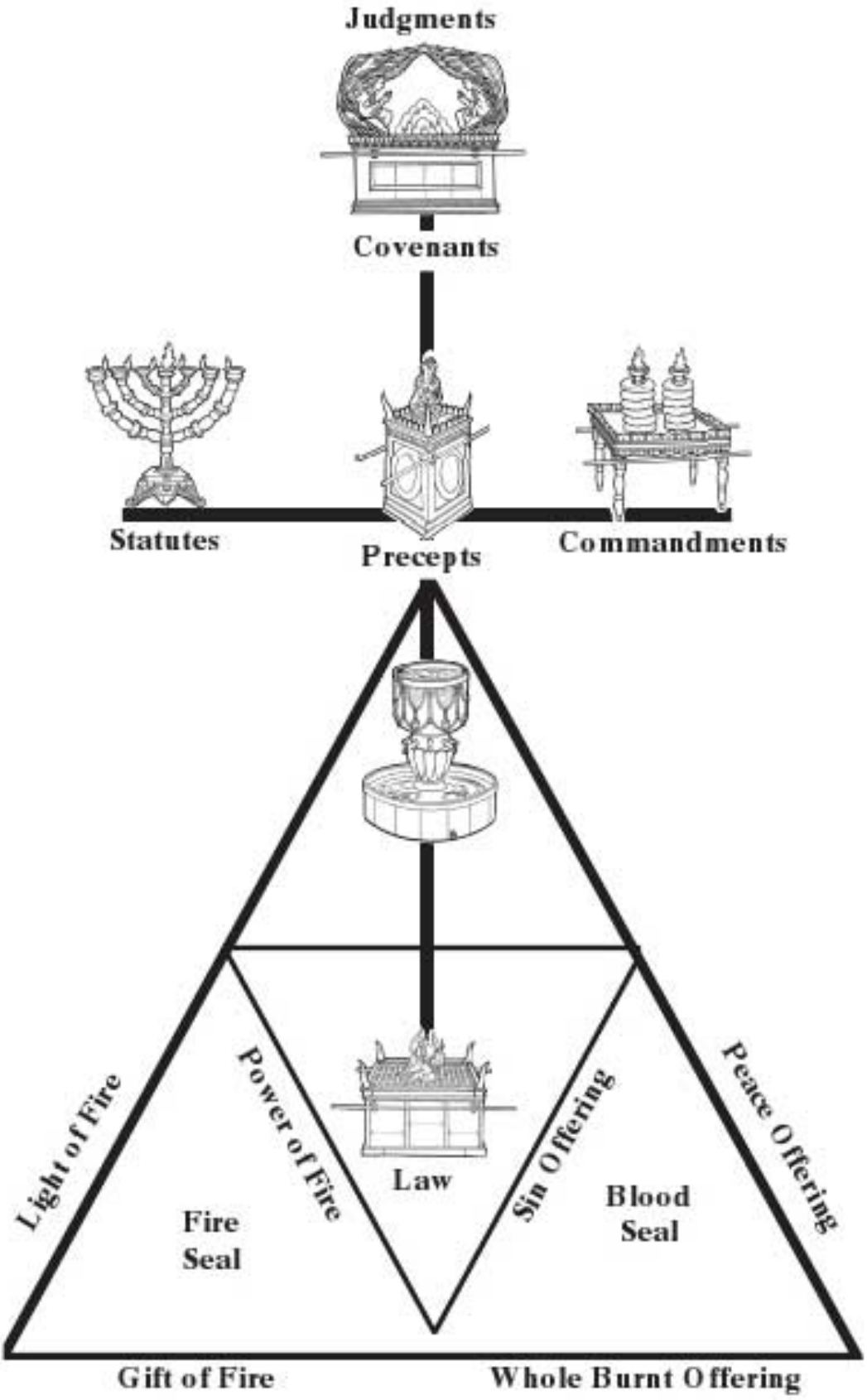
types and figures representing the perpetual Stature and Ministry of the second and more Perfect Tabernacle, Jesus Christ, Who with Brightness and Glory caused the shadows to flee and the Truth to stand revealed as the illuminating splendor of the noonday sun. Each of the seven pieces of furniture that formed the Cross in Moses' Tabernacle represented a portion of the Stature of the Living Cross of Truth in Jesus Christ, and every portion of the Tabernacle proper was a type and shadow of some aspect of the Nature of Jesus Christ.

Because it gives the Blueprint of the Stature of the Son of God, the Mosaic Tabernacle is a guiding Light to reveal how to grow up unto the measure of the Fullness of the Spiritual Stature of Christ.

> **Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:** (Ephesians 4:13).

The Old Testament Tabernacle was God's Promise in type and shadow form; the New Testament Tabernacle of Jesus Christ was God's Performance of His Promise. It is exciting to study God's Word and to see how perfectly the Promises in the Mosaic Tabernacle and the Performances in the Tabernacle of Jesus Christ fit together. For example, one finds the same Spiritual Principles projected in the Courtyard experiences of the Mosaic Tabernacle that formed the Inner and Outer Humility Seals of Truth, as set forth in the Courtyard experiences of Jesus' Personal Tabernacle. These experiences form the Inner and Outer Humility Seals of Truth in the believer's heart and for his arm of service to the LORD.

I. The Promise of Blood and Fire Appears in the Old Testament Tabernacle.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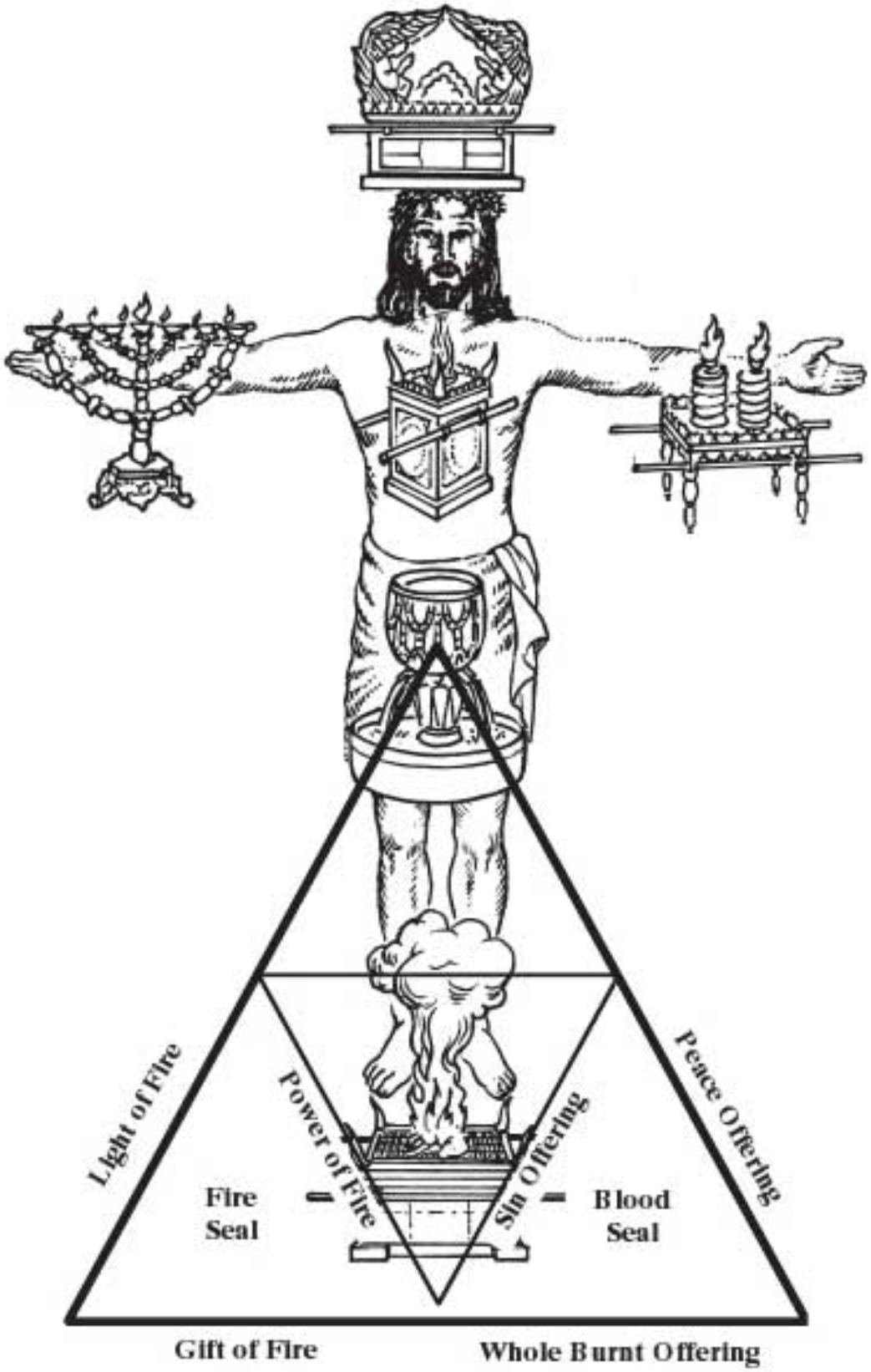
God’s revelation of the Mosaic Tabernacle allowed Israel to enter into a closer, more intimate relationship with Him than she had known in Egypt. Although the place of worship changed from Egypt to the wilderness, God’s Principles of Worship remained the same. God always has required Blood[7] as His first provision for cleansing from sin, and He always has sent down Fire as evidence that the sacrifice has been accepted by Him.

Just inside the gate, on the east side of the Tabernacle, was the Brazen Altar at which the Priests offered blood sacrifices for the sins of Israel. After the blood sacrifices had been offered upon the Altar, the Priest and the people waited for the Holy Fire from the LORD to fall and change the sacrifice into a cloud that would ascend into God’s Nostrils as a sweet-smelling savor. Thus, at the Brazen Altar, the Israelites saw a visible demonstration of the redemptive Blood and the transforming Fire that would be revealed in the Living Stature of God’s Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ.

II. The Performance of the Promise of Blood and Fire Was Fulfilled in Jesus’ Personal Tabernacle in the New Testament.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A. Jesus' Performance of the Promise of Blood Is Found in His Personal Tabernacle in His Shedding His Blood at His Crucifixion.

No single animal possessed all the attributes and characteristics necessary to depict the infinite powerful Living Blood of Jesus Christ; therefore, God instituted many different animal sacrifices in the Old Testament dispensation so that Israel and all people everywhere could understand the Power of the invisible Blood of His Only Begotten Son.

No single animal possessed eternal, resurrected blood; therefore, animal blood could only *cover* sin for a season. It could not put sin away eternally. For a season, *animal blood* served only as a figure and type, under the dispensation of Promise, until Christ Jesus came to fulfill the types and shadows. The Brazen Altar with its many vessels and sacrifices portrayed the Ministry and Power of the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

1. The Performance of the Promise of Blood for a *Sin Offering* Is Found in Jesus' Personal Tabernacle.

The Holy Son of God was supernaturally conceived by the Power of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, the Lord Himself promised to give a sign:

> Therefore **the Lord himself shall give you a sign;** Behold, **a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,** and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).

The Holy Ghost gave existence to a Holy Blood in the veins of Jesus Christ, making a suitable sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. The origin of Jesus Christ's Personal Tabernacle began with the conception of Blood by the Power of the Highest and by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost.

> And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:** therefore also **that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God** (Luke 11:35).

> **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; **Neither by**

> **the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. For if the blood of bulls and of goats,** and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, **sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ,** who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament,** that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, **they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance** (Hebrews 9:11-15).

The scope of Jesus Christ's Ministry as our Spiritual High Priest and the perfection of His Sacrifice greatly excelled over the ministry and sacrifice of the High Priest in the Mosaic Tabernacle. Every year, on the Day of Atonement, the Old Testament High Priest had to sacrifice the blood of another creature and put the blood on an earthly, man-made Ark in order to obtain atonement for himself and for the people. By contrast, Jesus took the Blood of His own Personal Tabernacle, which was not made with human hands, but was Begotten by the Power of the Holy Ghost, and poured it out on a Cross—not for Himself—but as a loving, selfless sacrifice for all people. Then, on the third day, He arose from the dead and carried part of His Resurrected Blood to the Holy of Holies, to the Eternal Throne of God in Heaven. With His precious Blood, Christ repaired the damage that sin had done to God's Word. The other part of Christ's Blood for sinful mankind formed a *River of Remission for Sin,* where the sins of repentant man are carried behind God's Back into the Sea of Forgetfulness.

Thus, Jesus Christ, the spotless Sacrifice and the Eternal High Priest, has atoned for mankind's sins once and for all, and He ever lives to apply His precious Blood to all who come to Him by faith. All those who come to Jesus Christ, by faith, experience the joyful Knowledge of having their sins washed away and of having the pleasurable peace that comes with the LORD's Forgiveness of their sins. They also experience having their souls filled with Jesus Christ's Glorious Gratitude and Love. The spotless Holy Lamb, Jesus Christ, is God's provision for the Eternal Salvation of all sinful mankind.

> And from **Jesus Christ,** *who* is the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto **him that loved us, and washed us from our sins**

in his own blood, (Revelation 1:5).

In His everlasting, selfless Love, Jesus gave Himself as a Sacrifice on Calvary's Cross, taking the place of sinful mankind. Then, as believers' High Priest, He took His precious Resurrected Blood to the Throne of God to reconcile the offense that sin had done to God's Honour, and He formed a River of Remission to carry repentant sinners confessed sin behind God's Back.

Sin also left a crimson stain on man's soul, and only the All-powerful, Resurrected Blood of Jesus can fetch it out and carry it behind God's Back. For all who come to Him, in faith believing, the High Priest washes away all the sinful stains of guilt and pollution from the soul. Eternity will ring with praises sung to Jesus for His precious Blood that purchased man's pardon and that purifies his soul from the awful stain of sin.

And **they sung a new song,** saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: **for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; (Revelation 5:9).

Jesus Christ was slain as a Sacrifice. His Blood was shed to redeem mankind from the bondage of sin, shame, guilt, and the Devil. With His Holy Blood, Jesus Christ has paid the price to liberate man's soul so that his soul can, in turn, become a priest and king to serve Him with praises and thanksgivings.

The Blood of Jesus Christ fulfilled all the types and shadows of the sin offering at the Brazen Altar in the Mosaic Tabernacle, which formed part of the Inner and Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory.

2. The Performance of the Promise of Blood for the *Whole Burnt Offering* Is Found in Jesus' Personal Tabernacle.

Wherefore **Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate** (Hebrews 13:12).

Jesus suffered shameful disgrace outside the camp of religious and civil society in order to give Himself in total surrender to God on man's behalf,

as well as to sanctify the human will and to work in man's heart a desire to surrender totally to God. Love and appreciation for Jesus' precious sacrificial Blood will cause the believer to walk in Christ's Way of Humility, outside the camp of the religious world and general society, in order to take his place on the Cross with Jesus and to die to the desires for worldly praise and applause so that he can be like Jesus Christ and please God.

Truly grateful Christians will gladly share in Christ's reproach in order to serve Jesus Christ completely. Since Jesus Christ has borne unspeakable reproach and disgrace in order to save and to sanctify sinful man with His precious Blood, the least man can do is to serve Him faithfully.

> Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied** (I Peter 1:2).

The poured-out, sacrificial Blood of Jesus Christ redeems penitent mankind from sin. The sprinkling of the Blood sanctifies and consecrates the human will to surrender completely to Jesus. Unless a person is sanctified by the Spirit and sprinkled with the Blood of Jesus, there can be no complete surrender of the Self to the LORD. The LORD created man for the purpose of total surrender to Him and for His Perfect Will to be done in man's heart and life.

The sanctifying Blood of Jesus Christ fulfills the type and shadow of the Old Testament sacrifice of the whole burnt offering, with its Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory at the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle. The sanctifying Blood of Jesus Christ consecrates, separates, and sets apart the heart and the life of the believer for God's Holy Purposes.

3. The Performance of the Promise of Blood for the *Peace Offering* Is Found in Jesus' Personal Tabernacle.

> And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;** by him, I *say,* whether *they* be things in earth, or things in heaven (Colossians 1:20).

Because of his sinful nature, man is at enmity with God. Man's carnal mind is an enemy to God. Man's thoughts are contrary to the Moral Thoughts of God's *Torah*-Truth. Jesus Christ paid the greatest of all prices to take away this enmity. It was through the Blood of His Cross that He took away God's enemy, called sin.

Jesus Christ is God's Perfect Peace Offering. As God's spotless Sacrificial Lamb, He made peace through the Blood of His Cross. As God's High Priest, Jesus Christ offered up the Blood Sacrifice to God the Father for the atonement of sinful mankind. As God's Prophet, He foretold the Power of His Blood to save, to sanctify, and to bring peace. As God's Sovereign King over all sin, He applies His precious Blood to all hungry souls who are in bondage, but who long to be cleansed, liberated, and at peace with God. Through His precious Peace Offering Blood, Jesus Christ slew the enemy of sin that existed between the Holy God and sinful man.

> But now **in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ** (Ephesians 2:13).

Sin is the great separator, dividing God and man. Sin breaks all harmonious relations between God and man. Sin distances man from the LORD; it divides God, the Eternal Right Cause, from the Creation, the Right Effect. When man fell, the Creation also fell.

In the beginning, God purposed for the Heavens to serve the Earth with perfect sunshine and rainfall, and for the Earth to serve perfectly the seed and the harvest, and the perfect harvest to serve the perfect man. But sin broke the perfect, harmonious relationship between Heaven and Earth; seed and harvest; God and man. When the Creation is not joined to God, the Right Cause, it cannot experience perfect Right Effects.

Through the Blood of His Peace Offering, Jesus Christ takes the proud, arrogant, alienated sinner and brings him near to the Father. Then, the cleansed sinner is filled with profound gratitude to God for Christ's Peace that passes all understanding. The Peace-Blood of Jesus Christ is the Peace Offering of the Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle.

B. Jesus' Performance of the Promise of Fire Is Found in His

Personal Tabernacle.

Israel's second experience in God in the Mosaic Tabernacle came when God sent Fire out from Himself to consume the sacrifice upon the Brazen Altar. When the Supernatural Fire from God fell upon the sacrifices, the Priests and the children of Israel knew that God had accepted their offerings. The Fire from Heaven speaks of the consuming, changing, and cleansing Power of the Holy Ghost and Fire.

God's Spiritual Principles are *consistent* and *unchanging*. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus Christ, the spotless Lamb of God, fulfilled the types and shadows of the sacrificial lambs and animals in the Old Testament when He offered His Holy Blood upon the Cross of Calvary. Then, God fulfilled the shadow and type of the Fire that fell upon the sacrifices on the Brazen Altar by sending His Resurrection Glory-Fire upon the Body of Jesus Christ in the tomb. God's Unbegotten, Resurrection Glory-Fire, sent upon Jesus Christ's Body, was a living witness that showed that His Son's Sacrifice was acceptable in His Sight. God's pouring out of the Holy Glory-Fire upon Jesus Christ at His Resurrection was the performance and fulfillment of the Fire that fell on the sacrifice on the Brazen Altar in the Old Testament Tabernacle.

1. The Performance of the Promise of the Fire Was Fulfilled when the Dove Descended on Jesus Christ's Body at His Baptism in Water.

Jesus Christ's Personal Tabernacle was also baptized in the Holy Ghost and Fire when John the Baptist baptized Him in the River Jordan. At Jesus' baptism in water, the Holy Ghost descended upon Him in the bodily form of a fiery Dove and abode upon Him.

> Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that **Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him,** and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased (Luke 3:21,22).

Jesus was born under the Law; therefore, He humbled Himself, made

Himself of no reputation, and was baptized by John the Baptist in the Waters of the LORD's Name, Death, and Life, as though He were a sinner. Then, when the Son of God opened the Heavens by His prayer to the Father, the Holy Ghost and Fire descended upon Him without measure. "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: *for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him"* (John 3:34). So Jesus Christ began His Ministry with Blood, Fire, and Water in His Personal Tabernacle.

John the Baptist prophesied of Jesus' Power and Authority to share the Holy Ghost Fire with those who are His:

> **John answered, saying** unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but **one mightier than I cometh,** the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:** Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable (Luke 3:16,17).

During Jesus' public Ministry, He shared the Power of the Fire of the Holy Ghost with His Disciples so that their hearts would be sealed with its cleansing Power. The Disciples had three-and-onehalf years to become acquainted with the burning, cleansing Fire of the Holy Ghost, as it was breathed out along with Jesus' fiery Words of Truth. Although the Disciples walked and talked with Jesus, they did not have a *personal* baptism with the Holy Ghost and Fire until the Day of Pentecost. However, they had become well enough acquainted with the burning Power of the Holy Ghost to recognize it when Jesus appeared in His Resurrected Form to two of His Disciples, who were walking along on the road to Emmaus. Although they did not recognize Christ at first, as He expounded God's Oral and Written Law to them, the Power of the Holy Ghost Fire was at work, burning through the deafness of their ears and the blindness of their eyes so that they could hear the Words of the Resurrected Christ and, finally, recognize Him.

> And they said one to another, **Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way,** and while he opened to us the scriptures? (Luke 24:32).

The hearts of the two Disciples were set aflame by the Power of the

Glory-Fire of the Christ, the Resurrected, Living Sacrifice. Therefore, hearts were kindled with the Divine Heat and Light from the Fire, and the powerful Glory of the Fire opened their ears and eyes so that they could hear and see the Truth of Christ's crucifixion. They heard the Truth; they saw the Truth; and they understood the Truth of Christ Crucified as never before. Then, the triumphant joy in their hearts made them rush to share the good news: "The LORD Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!"

When believers' inward ears are opened to hear about the unfathomable Love that Christ showed for mankind by dying on the Cross, and when their inward eyes are opened to see the beautiful Spiritual Person of Jesus Christ, clothed in His splendorous Resurrection Glory, their hearts are set aflame with holy love and appreciation to God for the unspeakable Gift of His beloved Son. Holy love causes believers to share with others the Living Truth of their blessed LORD's Resurrection.

Jesus breathed His living, resurrected Breath of Glory-Fire upon His Disciples so that they, too, might have open ears to hear the Truth and open eyes to see the Resurrected Truth. In the Garden of Eden, God breathed the Fire of Life into Adam the First so that Adam could hear God's Oral Law and see God's Living Word, the Tree of Life. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus Christ, the Resurrected Saviour, was talking, and His Disciples' hearts were burning. Christ, God's Resurrected Sacrifice, the Burning Cause of Redemption and Reconciliation, had a burning effect on His Disciples. Their burning hearts warmed their cold feet, turning them into willing feet to run and to share the Truth with others that very same hour.

The Resurrected Christ, the Burning Cause, melted the icy sadness and hardness of their hearts, turning them into fountains of joy that overflowed with Good News and resurrected hope. Three days previously, at the Cross in Jerusalem, they had buried their hopes of Christ's Kingdom's coming to fruition. Now, they returned to Jerusalem and helped the other Disciples to become filled with hope, again, because the LORD was resurrected from the dead.

Let us not forget this Spiritual Principle: Christ's Talking to Us Produces Burning Hearts and Willing, Walking Feet.

Christ breathed upon them the Fire from His sacrificial Offering, His Glorified Body, turning their fears, doubts, and sadness into confidence, certainty, and happiness so that they could perceive and understand His new

Resurrected Words of Life.

The Disciples did not receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost and Fire on this occasion because the Day of Pentecost, the day on which the Holy Ghost and Fire would be poured out, had not yet come. However, they experienced a foretaste of the Power of God's Glory-Fire as it was breathed out through Jesus' resurrected Mouth.

The Power of the glorified Fire in Jesus Christ fulfilled the Power of the Fire at the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle, and it formed the second side of the Inner Humility Seal in the believer's heart.

2. The Performance of the *Gift of Fire* Was Fulfilled when Jesus Sent Down the Holy Ghost and Fire on the 120 Gathered in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost.

> And **when the day of Pentecost was fully come,** they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly **there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind,** and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues,** as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:1-4).

Before the LORD Jesus Christ poured out the Holy Ghost and Fire on the Day of Pentecost, He had breathed the fiery Breath of the Holy Ghost upon His Disciples.

> And when he had said this, **he breathed on *them,* and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:** (John 20:22).

Jesus Christ breathed upon His Disciples to give them a foretaste of the gift of the Holy Ghost and Fire from His Personal Tabernacle so that they would be constrained to tarry for the gift of the Holy Ghost and Fire and so that their personal Spiritual Tabernacles would be filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

On the Day of Pentecost, 120 obedient disciples were gathered in the upper room when the Holy Ghost and Fire fell upon them, filling them with the gift of utterances in other Tongues. They all glorified and magnified the

LORD for His wonderful Works and spoke with other Tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Cloven Tongues of the Holy Ghost Fire sat upon each person in the upper room, possessing their physical tongues and helping them to praise and to magnify God with a holy zeal and a fiery, burning love for the LORD Jesus Christ that they had not known nor experienced before.

The gift of the Holy Ghost and Fire was given on the Day of Pentecost, the day that God had commanded to be set aside to celebrate the giving of the Oral Law and the Written Law that had been given with Fire at Mount Sinai. At Mount Sinai, God had given His Word, clothed in Fire, so it was called a Fiery Law.

Likewise, in the New Testament, the Word of God, the Christ, is also clothed with resurrected Glory-Fire. Jesus Christ sent the Holy Ghost and Fire upon His Disciples so that His Gospel might be clothed with Fire as it proceeded out of the "mouths of Fire" of His ministers. The LORD desires that His ministers be vessels of "flaming fire" in order for His Word to be clothed with Fire. Then, it will set aflame the hearts of the listeners with desire for Christ. The gift of Fiery Tongues helps God's servants to preach with burning, melting heat, which, in turn, kindles flames of love and adoration to God in many that hear.

The gift of Fiery Tongues in the Tabernacle of Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the type and shadow of the gift of Fire at the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle that helps to form the believer's Outer Humility Seal for his arm of service to the LORD.

3. The Performance of the *Light of the Fire in Jesus Christ* Fulfilled the Type and Shadow of the Light and Fire that Fell on the Sacrifice on the Brazen Altar.

The LORD Jesus Christ is the "Divine Light of the World." He is the Promised Messiah of Israel. As the Light and the Wisdom of God, He dwelled with God before He was made visible in a sacrificial Body. The Prophet Daniel spoke of this Light that dwelled with God.

> He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and **the light dwelleth with him** (Daniel 2:22).

The Light reveals the deep and secret things of God—that which is below the surface—and the Light knows what is in the Darkness or the unknown. Christ, the Light, reveals Christ, the Light, who knows the deep, secret things in the unknown

The LORD of Light was Israel's Messiah, Who sat at the Right Hand of the LORD God until it was time for Him to be manifested as the Light of the World, the Word in Flesh. The Christ, the Light of the World, makes His enemies of Darkness bow in surrender and in subjection to His Light.

> **Then spake Jesus** again unto them, **saying, I am the light of the world:** he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life (John 8:12).

The Prophet Malachi testified that the Light would descend to search out deep and secret things and that it would ascend into Darkness, making the unknown things of Darkness to be known. The Prophet Malachi prophesied that the Light, the Sun of Righteousness, would arise for those who fear His Name and are faithful to it. The healing rays of the overshadowing Wings of Light will heal the broken-hearted, illuminate the darkness of the afflicted, and will radiate comfort, consolation, and health to confused minds.

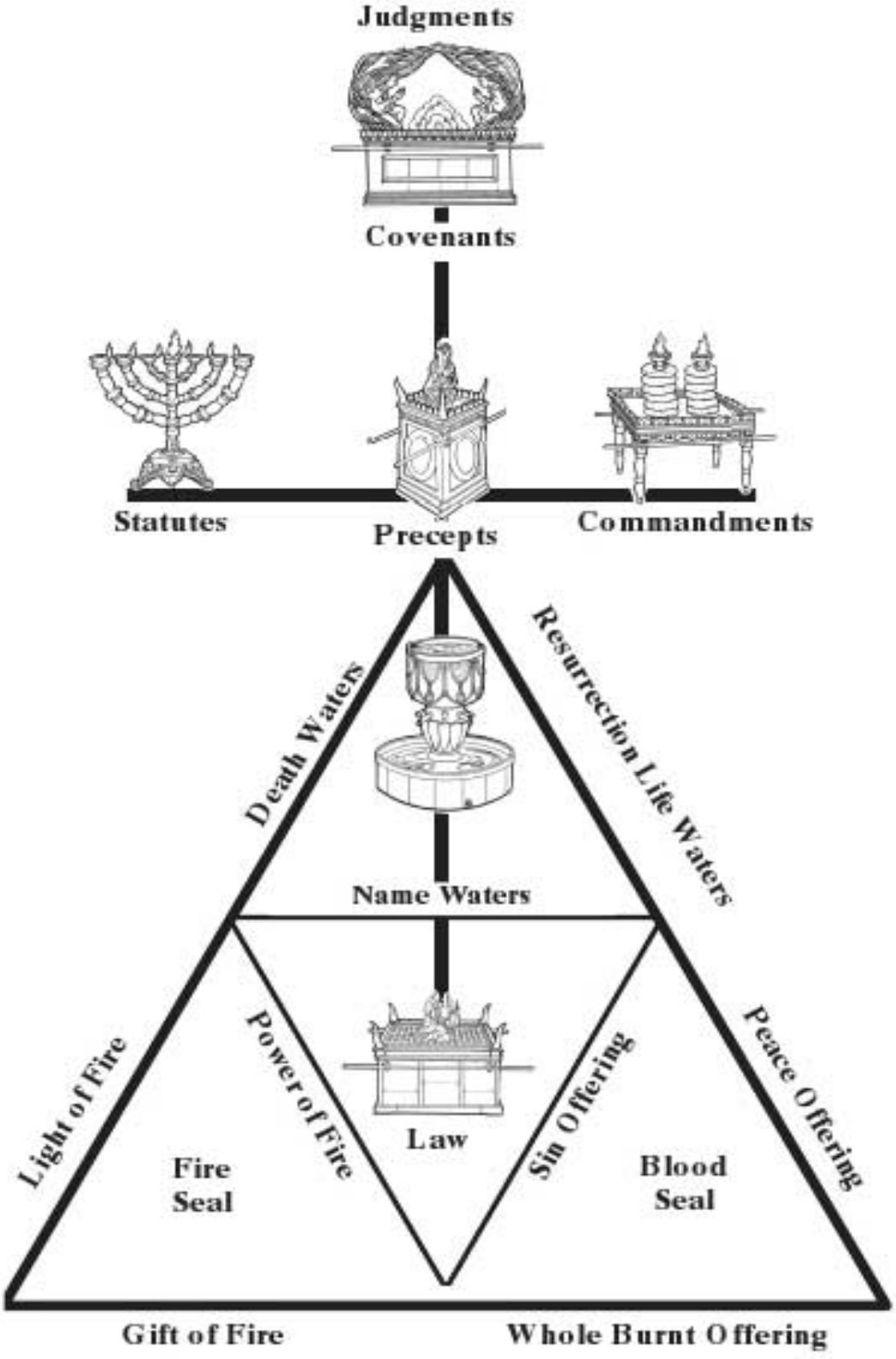
It is not enough to see the Light and to be healed by His Light; one must follow the leading of the Light and surrender to its guidance in the Perfect Will of God. One must be obedient to walk in its Life and Love. The Light of Righteousness of Jesus Christ leads to victorious living in Him so that one can grow and build spiritually. But the Darkness of this world leads to Death and Destruction when one chooses fallen Lucifer as his governor and guide. Jesus Christ gives Light to the eyes so that they see the way of Truth, and He gives Light to the feet so that they walk in the Way and Paths of Truth.

> **The entrance of thy words giveth light;** it giveth understanding unto the simple (Psalm 119:130).

The Word of God gives Light and spiritual Insight to the inexperienced. The Light of God's Truth liberates believers from susceptibility to erroneous, false opinions concerning God's Truth. The fiery Light of Jesus

Christ fulfills the Light of the Fire at the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle, which forms part of the Outer Humility Seal of Light and Glory for the believer's arm of service.

III. The Performance of the Promise of Water Was Fulfilled in Jesus' Personal Tabernacle.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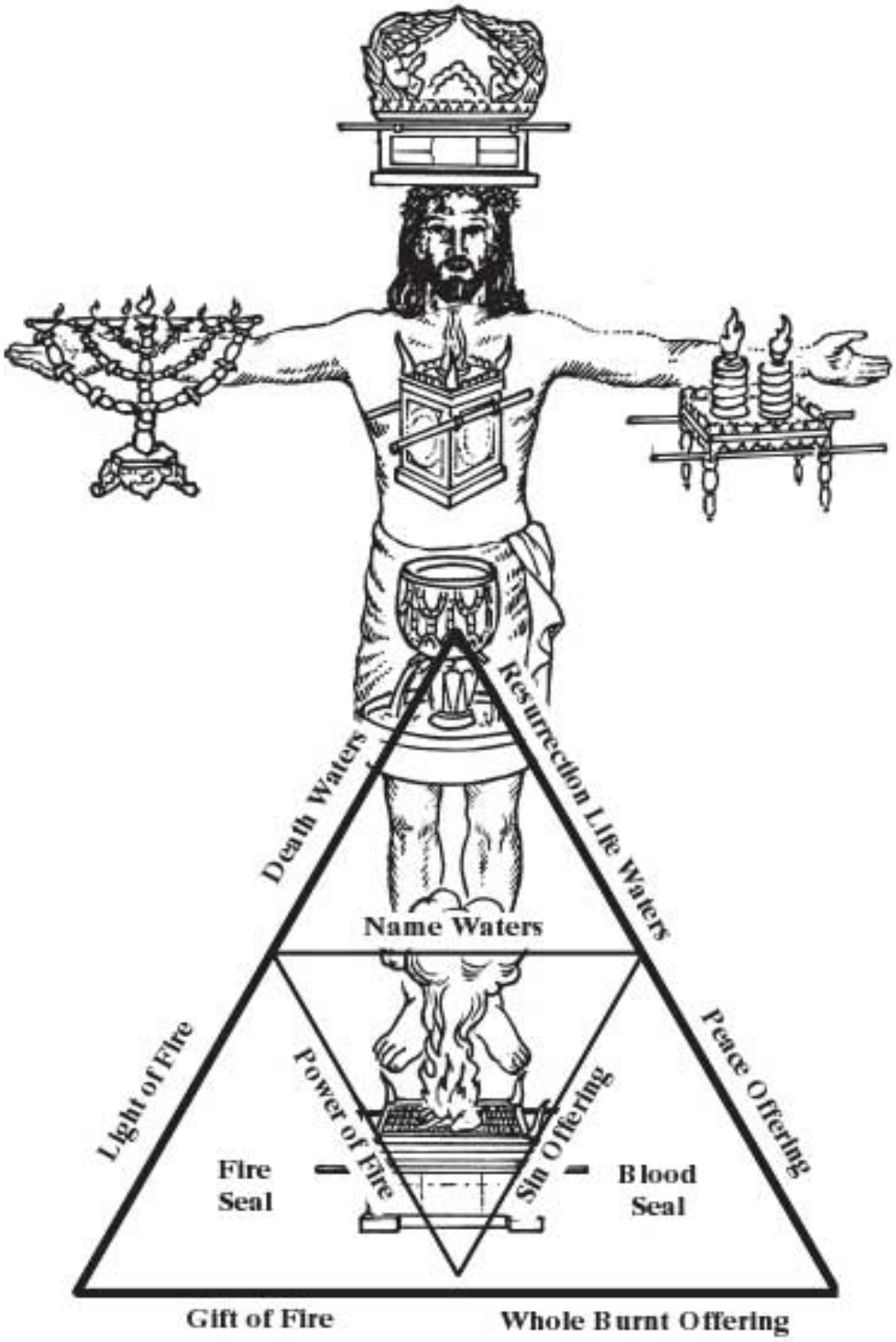
The Brazen Laver was the second piece of furniture in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle; however, it represented Israel's third experience in God's Redemptive Will. God has provided Blood, Fire, and Water for man's foundational redemption, sanctification, and cleansing from sin.

The Brazen Laver in the Mosaic Tabernacle, filled with Supernatural Water from the Rock, pictured the cleansing and transforming Waters of Truth that would be found in Jesus Christ, the second, greater, and more Perfect Tabernacle.

The Priests were washed or bathed, all over—one time—in the Waters in the Laver; then, they returned daily to the Laver to wash their defiled hands and feet in order to be able to ascend into the Holy Place in new fellowship with the LORD. These two classes of washing in the Waters of the Laver typified the outward and the inward Baptism in the Name, Death, and Life of the LORD Jesus Christ.

IV. The Performance of Water Was Fulfilled in Jesus Christ's Personal Tabernacle in a Threefold Manner: at His Baptism in Water, at His Baptism in the Waters of Death, and at His Baptism in the Waters of Resurrection Life.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Israel encountered all three of these experiences with the Water out of the Rock as she walked with the LORD. These experiences of the Waters have been fulfilled, spiritually, in Jesus Christ.

A. The Performance of the Promise of the Rock of the *Name of the LORD Jesus Christ* Was Fulfilled at His Baptism in the River Jordan.

The experience of Water was first fulfilled by Jesus Christ when John baptized Him in the Name of the LORD in the River Jordan in our place. Second, the LORD Jesus Christ taught His Disciples to baptize in His Name.

> **Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus** (Acts 19:4,5).

> When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that **Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,** (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) (John 4:1,2).

The Name of the LORD Jesus Christ attracted more disciples than did John the Baptist's ministry of repentance and baptism. From the beginning of His Ministry, Jesus empowered His Disciples to use His glorious Name to cast out unclean spirits, to heal all manner of sickness and disease, and to baptize in water. As the LORD and Master, He baptized His Disciples; then, He commanded them to baptize others in His place.

Peter's message to the multitude, who were gathered in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, shows plainly that Jesus had taught His Disciples how to use the mighty, powerful Rod of His Name in the Water.

> Then **Peter said** unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38).

Peter preached that everyone should first repent. The Hebrew word for *repent* is *shoob*, which means to turn back, to return, to bring back home again, to take back again, to come back to a possession again, to be converted, to be converted from transgressions, to be restored, to be changed, to be rescued from the sword, and to be brought back.

Repentance is the beginning of faith in Christ and returning to Him as a penitent believer. It is the privilege of the believer to take on the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ in the water.[8]

When the Ethiopian eunuch asked Philip to baptize him in water, Philip told him that he would if the eunuch believed in Jesus Christ with all his heart.

> And **as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him (Acts 8:36-38).

When we believe and repent, the Blood of Jesus Christ turns us back to God. Then, we become a worthy candidate to take on His Name. Peter preached that everyone should repent first. After repentance, one takes on the Name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, because His Name is the Only Name that ever opened the waters of the Devil's Death and took away the Keys of Death and Hell from him.

> **I *am* he that liveth, and was dead;** and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; **and have the keys of hell and of death** (Revelation 1:18).

Moses opened the waters of the temporary Death of the Red Sea with the Rod of God's Name, but the LORD Jesus Christ, the Living Rod of God in Flesh, opened up the eternal Waters of Death, liberating the souls in Paradise who had been held captive by the Devil. God's Word teaches that Jesus Christ led captivity captive when He ascended out of Death.

> Wherefore he saith, **When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive,** and gave gifts unto men (Ephesians 4:8).

The LORD Jesus Christ took the Devil's captives, who were bound with his chains of Death and Darkness, and He bound them with His chains of Life and Light, making them His captives. No other name is as precious, powerful, and prevailing as the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ. No other name besides the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ can open the Eternal Waters of Death.

> Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved** (Acts 4:12).

God gave the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ to His Only Begotten Son for the Salvation of mankind. Salvation is a theme of world-wide interest; all mankind needs Christ's Salvation because sinful man cannot save himself. Salvation is through the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ alone.

> And she shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins** (Matthew 1:21).

Jesus is a *suitable* Saviour because of His Grace. He is a *willing* Saviour because of the selfless Sacrifice of His Blood. Jesus is a *sufficient* Saviour because of the Resurrection Glory of His Father.

> Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and **they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us** (Matthew 1:23).

This was the Performance of the Promise given in the Book of Isaiah, chapter seven:

> Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel** (Isaiah 7:14).

God gave the Name of Jesus under Heaven for the Salvation of mankind, and He gave the Name of Jesus among men so that whosoever would call upon His Name should be saved. There is no Salvation in any other Name.

In the Old Testament, God revealed Himself through Names of Splendor and Majesty. Now, He reveals His Humility Name of Salvation through the Name of Jesus. Jesus redeems by the *price* of His own Begotten Blood and

by the *Power* of the Unbegotten Resurrection Glory of His Father.

The precious Name of Jesus is a fulfillment of the Name of Christ found in the Rock Water at the Brazen Laver in the Courtyard of the Old Testament Tabernacle.

B. The Performance of the Promise of the *LORD Jesus Christ's Begotten Death* Was Fulfilled at His Crucifixion.

By paying the price that He paid for man's sins, through His Death and the shedding of His redemptive Blood, and by His Power, Christ Jesus saves people from the penalty of sin and from guilt and from the powerful love of sin.

> Know ye not, that **so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?** (Romans 6:3).

The New Testament speaks of Christ Jesus' Death as a *baptism*, which is consistent with what is revealed under the types and shadows in the Old Testament. The Apostle Paul told the Corinthian believers that Israel was "baptized" unto Moses in the cloud and the sea, which was a picture of the Death of Jesus Christ.

When Israel passed through the sea, she signified that, through the powerful Name of God on Moses' Rod, she completely renounced Pharaoh and Egypt and that she completely committed herself to Moses as her leader to take her to Canaan's Land.

Likewise, by taking on the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ in Water Baptism, believers signify that they renounce all former owners and masters and that they will completely submit to Jesus Christ as their Leader and follow Him to Spiritual Canaan's Land, the New Jerusalem, the eternal abiding place of the Bride of Jesus Christ. The Name of the LORD Jesus Christ in the Water is a boundary line drawn across believers' lives, separating them from all previous lords and masters, for they are henceforth betrothed to a new LORD, a new Owner, and a new Master.

> Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that **all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in**

the cloud and in the sea; (I Corinthians 10:1,2).

Israel passed through the natural waters of death at the Red Sea as a picture of Baptism in the Death of the LORD Jesus Christ. God rules by His unalterable Holy Laws, whether they are executed under Moses or under Christ.

The believer must not presume on his newfound freedom in Christ. When people sinned under Moses, their punishment followed. Likewise, in Christ Jesus, believers must not abuse the spiritual privileges afforded by His Holy Name.

The Old Testament Priests washed natural defilement from their hands and feet in the Waters of the Laver, showing that Jesus Christ would wash away repentant man's spiritual defilement in the Waters of His Obedient Death at Calvary's Cross. The Death of Jesus Christ destroys the body of sin with its many corrupt members and wicked parts. Just as the outward waters of the Red Sea set Israel free from the tyrannical Pharaoh of Egypt, as well as the many members of his army, so the waters of Jesus Christ's Death liberates repentant man from the inward oppression of the tyranny of sin with its many members.

Jesus Christ's Death fulfilled the picture of the Death-side of the Rock Waters in the Brazen Laver in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle and formed one side the Outer Humility Seal for the believer's arm of ministry to the LORD God.

C. The Performance of the Promise of the Unbegotten *Resurrection Life of the LORD Jesus Christ* Was Fulfilled at His Resurrection.

There was a beginning and an end to Christ's suffering in Death. There is no beginning or end to the Unbegotten Resurrection-Glory Life of the Father in Christ Jesus.

> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that **like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life** (Romans 6:4).

The Name Jesus Christ leads the body of sin, with its sinful energy, the

old man, into the watery grave of His obedient Death so that it can be raised as a new, clean body of energy to walk in the way of righteousness, the unceasing Newness of Life in Him. When Jesus arose from the dead, He arose with the unending Life of His Father and was then seated in the Heavenlies at His Father's Right Hand.

Likewise, when a believer walks through the obedient Waters of Jesus' Name, Death, and Life, and, by faith, dies to his flesh and the wicked world, he has the spiritual privilege of being raised up and being seated in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus, through the Spirit of God.

The new Unbegotten-Resurrection-Glory Life of Jesus Christ seeks the Heavenly Treasure, God's Word, God's Christ, Who is seated at the Right Hand of His Father. This new Unbegotten Resurrection Life is preserved in Christ Jesus. Therefore, the more believers take on His obedient *Begotten Death,* the more they are privileged to take on His *Unbegotten Resurrection Glory.* As a result, they can ascend, more and more, by the Spirit of God, into the Heavenlies with Christ Jesus and learn of Him.

> **If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God** (Colossians 3:1).

This same Spiritual Principle was manifested in the Old Testament dispensation. Israel's old way of living in Egyptian bondage, under a strange owner and master, was destroyed by her passing through the *waters of death* at the Red Sea; also her Spiritual Life was preserved by passing through the Red Sea. Israel stood in Newness of Life and Newness of Blessing when she stepped onto the wilderness side of the banks of the Red Sea.

Likewise, the Priests daily washed off old defilements from their hands and feet in the Waters of the Brazen Laver, and their spiritual lives were preserved as they daily passed through the Waters of the Laver. As a result, they stood in Newness of Life and Newness of Blessing in the Holy Place. In the Old Testament, these experiences, *below,* on Earth, pictured Jesus Christ's new, Unbegotten Resurrection Life that lifts believers' souls, above, into the Heavenlies, preserving their lives in Christ Jesus so that they can have fellowship with the LORD God. The Unbegotten Resurrection Life of Jesus Christ fulfills the Resurrection-Life side of the Rock Water at

the Brazen Laver in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle.

This chapter has presented the foundational part of Christ's Spiritual Stature as it was pictured by Promises in the Old Testament and as it is revealed in His Performances in the New Testament. The foundational part of the Personal Tabernacle of Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son in Flesh, and the foundational part of the Mosaic Tabernacle were compared in the following points:

- The *Promise of Blood and Fire* Appears in the Old Testament Tabernacle.
- The *Performance of the Promise of Blood and Fire* Was Fulfilled in Jesus' Personal Tabernacle in a Threefold Manner when He Shed His Blood on the Cross; when the Power of the Fire Descended in the Form of a Dove; when the Holy Ghost Fell on the Day of Pentecost, and in Jesus Christ as the Light of the World.
- The Promise of Water in the Old Testament Tabernacle Was Fulfilled at the Laver in the Courtyard.
- The *Performance of Water* Was Fulfilled in Jesus Christ's Personal Tabernacle in a Threefold Manner: at His Baptism in Water, His Baptism in the Waters of Death, and His Baptism in the Waters of Resurrection Life.

The foundational Spiritual Principles that relate to the Courtyard experiences of Blood, Fire, and Water are the same in the Mosaic Tabernacle, the Davidic Tabernacle, and the Personal Tabernacle of Jesus Christ. Beloved, the wise heart will not despise the lowly, humility Foundation of the Courtyard experiences that are so necessary for all spiritual growth and for all spiritual building. The Courtyard is the foundational threshold for the height, the length, and the breath of the reality of the Cross of Truth or Christ's Spiritual Stature. Those who desire to attain a mature Tree of Spiritual Growth and to erect a mature Spiritual Building cannot bypass any of these experiences in the Foundation of the Cross and the mature Seal of Blood, Fire, and Water in Christ's Courtyard of Experiences. If the believer lays his Foundation with the Eternal Truths

that are revealed in Christ’s Courtyard, the Foundation will support his Spiritual Building, both now and in Eternity. To God be all the Glory!

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Chapter Seven

The Building Of The Believer's Personal Spiritual Tabernacle

God has ordained that a personal Spiritual Tabernacle of Truth be built in each believer's heart in the Image of Christ's Spiritual Tabernacle. His Plan is for the believer's Spiritual Tabernacle to be filled with the Begotten Glory of the Son and the Unbegotten Glory of the Father and for it to reflect the beauty of the mature Stature of His Son, Jesus Christ. God desires that this Tabernacle of Truth be built in believers' hearts during their lifetime on this Earth.

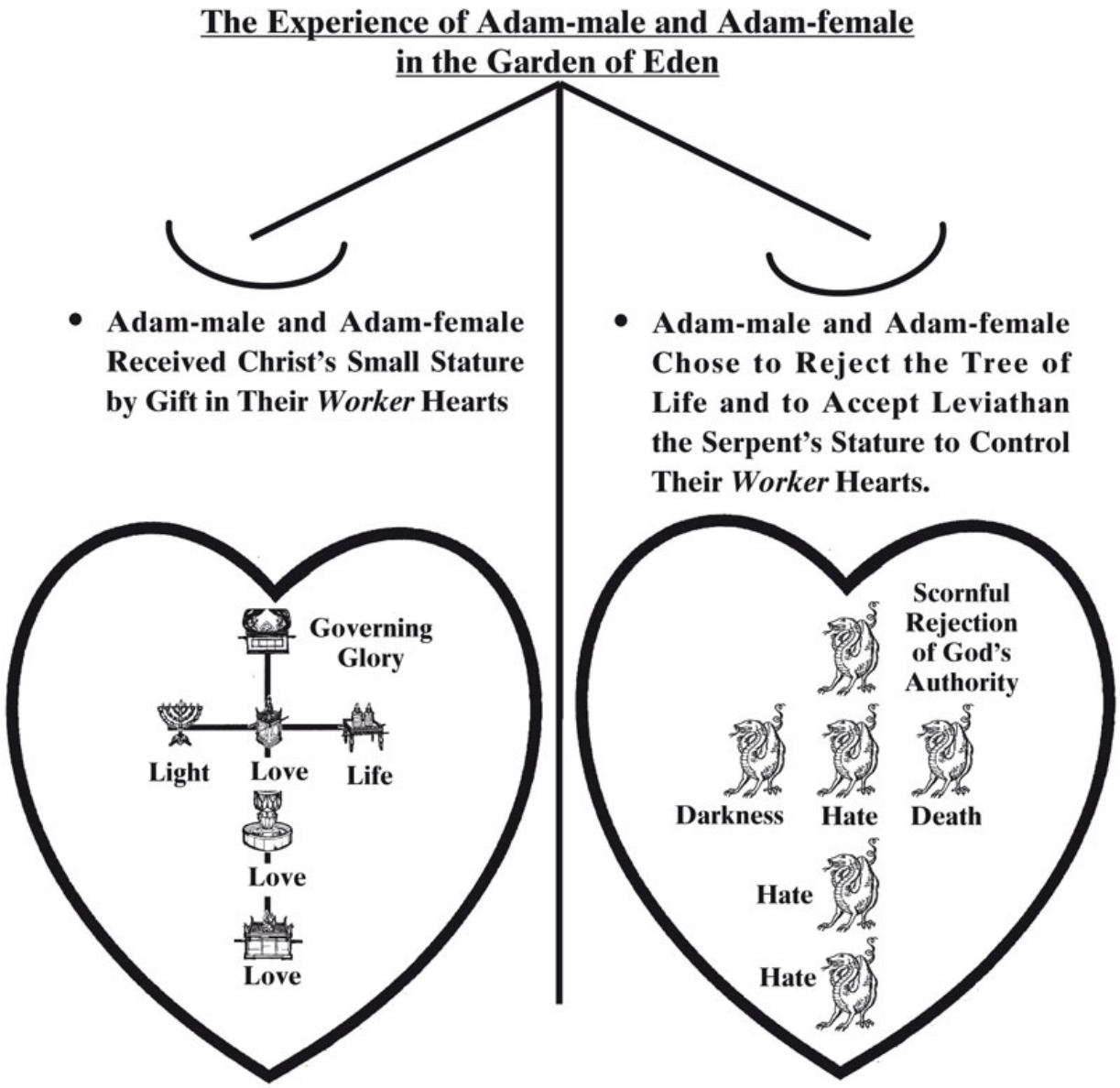
Because God created man as a free moral agent, the building of his Spiritual Tabernacle does not start in his heart until he first chooses to accept Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour and has received Christ's Blood for the remission of his sins.

After the repentant sinner has received Jesus Christ in his heart, then he can choose to attain spiritual maturity in God's Word through growth in the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ, which is first introduced in the Mosaic Tabernacle in the Old Testament under the shadow and type.

The Mosaic Tabernacle is the Pattern from which all spiritual growth progresses. When God had Moses build the Tabernacle in the wilderness and place the pieces of furniture in it, He started at the top with the Ark and its Mercy Seat in the portion of the Tabernacle called the Holy of Holies. Then, He progressed downward to the Golden Table of Shewbread. Next, God had Moses put in, across from the Golden Table, the Golden Altar and the Golden Candlestick. These three pieces of furniture stood in the portion of the Tabernacle called the Holy Place. Only the Priests could enter the

Holy Place, and only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies and, then, only once a year, on the day of Atonement. Last, Moses placed the Laver and the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard. The Courtyard is where repentant man must start on his progression upward in building a Spiritual Tabernacle in the Image of Jesus Christ in his heart, which follows the Pattern of the Cross. The LORD's "Blueprint for Spiritual Growth" always has been in the form of the Cross or the Spiritual Stature of His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. This is the LORD's Divine Pattern, which has its origin in His Purposive Will and Master Plan.

The following diagram shows what happened in man's heart when Adam-male and Adam-female sinned in the Garden. When they chose Leviathan's lies instead of obeying God's Command, they traded the LORD's Love, Light, Life, and Loyal Reverence of His Holy Name for Leviathan's Hate, Darkness, Death, and Sinful Rejection of God's Supreme, Sovereign Headship and Authority.



Man's old heart, sometimes called the "old man" or the "fleshly man," became *totally* depraved when man sinned. Thus, the sinful heart of man had no pure or clean place in which to support God's Living Truth, so God's Son had to come to Earth and die on the Cross to give repentant man a New Heart in which the Truth could grow.

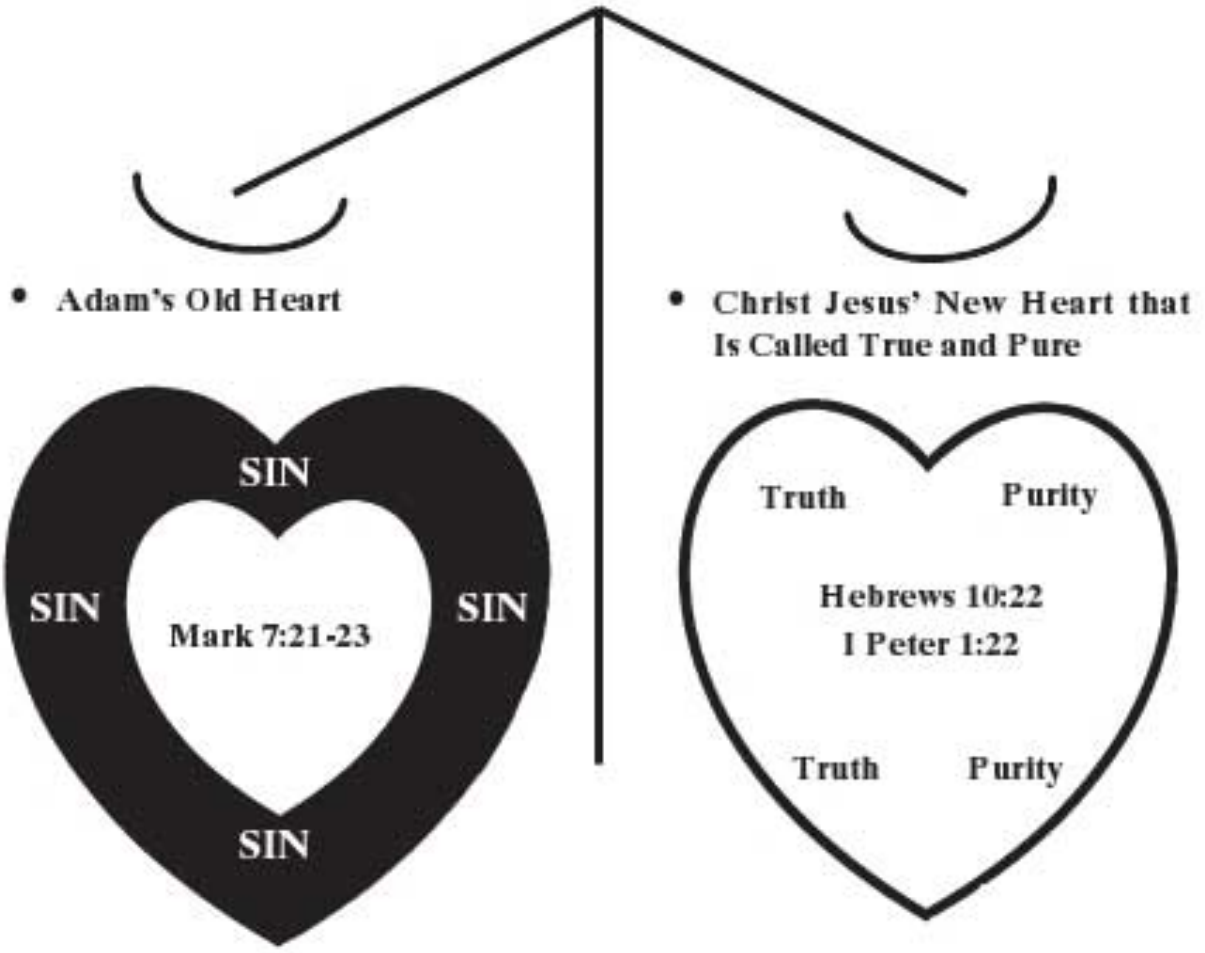
The Bible teaches that every descendant of the first Adam is a sinner by birth and by deed.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and **in sin did my mother conceive me** (Psalm 51:5).

The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies (Psalm 58:3).

Eternal destruction would have been man's end had God not mercifully prepared a sacrificial blood offering, through which He graciously spared Adam-male and Adam-female and their descendants until God's Son, Jesus Christ, would come to Earth to be the Eternal Blood Offering for Sin, and He also would create within man a righteous, holy, and pure New Heart.

The following diagram shows what is in the believer's old heart and in his New Heart.



Although the nature of the New Heart is perfect and righteous at its creation, it is not mature. Because Jesus Christ knows that His mature Nature is too immense and too excellent for the new, tiny, immature, born-again Spiritual Heart to sustain it, at the moment of man's Salvation, God

does not erect the fully mature Stature of His Living Word within the believer's heart. The Infinite Wisdom and Humility of Jesus Christ allows Him to begin His Work in man with a clean New Heart in which Jesus Christ's Tabernacle of Truth and experience can be built. Man's Spiritual Tabernacle begins as all natural buildings—with a Foundation.

I. The First Foundational Experience in Building the Believer's Personal Spiritual Tabernacle in His Heart Begins with Salvation through the Blood of Jesus Christ at the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard.

> Forasmuch as ye know that **ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,** *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood of Christ,** as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (I Peter 1:18-19).

Blood at the Brazen Altar is the first part of the Foundation in building Spiritual Stature, according to the Pattern that God drew out in the Mosaic Tabernacle.

Following God's prescribed Pattern for spiritual growth, the repentant sinner is redeemed by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, and He builds a tiny Brazen Altar, as it were, in the believer's heart. Thus, by gift, the Stature of Jesus Christ is begun in repentant man's heart. For the entire fabric of Jesus Christ's Nature to be placed within man's heart by growth, the believer must willingly choose to continue growing in the LORD's provided spiritual experiences.

II. The Second Foundational Experience in Building the Believer's Personal Spiritual Tabernacle in His Heart Is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire at the Brazen Altar in the Courtyard.

The Blood of Jesus Christ will lead believers to the Truth of the Gift of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other Tongues.[9] Thus, the believer's Spiritual Foundation becomes more established in his heart. The Book of Acts abounds with references to support the reality of this marvelous experience.

> For John truly baptized with water; but **ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence (Acts 1:5).
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> But **ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).
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> And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And **there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance** (Acts 2:1-8).

When a believer asks, by faith, for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the LORD sends the Holy Ghost Power, the Gift of Tongues, and the Purging Fire upon the sacrifice on the little Brazen Altar in his heart.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost with His Power, Gifts, and Fire, is equivalent to the experience that Israel had when the Fire came out from the LORD and devoured the sacrifice upon the Brazen Altar.

Some believers never progress in their spiritual growth beyond the experiences revealed at the Brazen Altar; consequently, they fail to gain the *full* Foundation that God has purposed and provided for their spiritual development, as found in the Courtyard of the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ.

Some Christians experience only the Blood portion of the Foundation, and they spend their days going around the three sides of the Blood at the Brazen Altar. Other Christians experience the Blood of Jesus Christ for Salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and they spend their days encircling the Blood and Fire sides at the Brazen Altar. Although these people may never backslide from God nor return to the world, they do not attain the potential of spiritual maturity that can be found in the foundational experiences of the Blood and the Holy Ghost Fire at the Brazen Altar and the Water experiences at the Brazen Laver.

III. The Third Foundational Experience in Building the Believer's Personal Spiritual Tabernacle in His Heart Is Water Baptism at the

Brazen Laver in the Courtyard.

Upon seeing the Truth of Water Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ in the Word of God, some Christians consent to be baptized, outwardly, in this blessed Name as a demonstration of their willingness to take on His Name, inwardly, in their wills. These believers are also willing to descend into the cold, chilly Waters of the Death of Jesus Christ in order to take on, inwardly, the obedient Nature of His Death and to take on the New Resurrection Life and Glory of Christ.

There are believers who are content to remain with only their complete foundational spiritual experiences that are typified by the Blood, Fire, and Water that are revealed at the Brazen Altar and the Brazen Laver in the Courtyard of the Mosaic Tabernacle, so they never build a Spiritual Superstructure on top of their Foundation.

They do not desire to build on their Foundation, for they assume that the *Foundation alone* is the *Superstructure* of their Spiritual Building. These Courtyard experiences are wonderful and satisfying, but they do not quench the spiritual hunger of those Christians who want to build a *complete Spiritual Edifice* in the Image of the Spiritual Stature of Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Mosaic Tabernacle, for at each piece of furniture is a new experience of spiritual growth.

IV. The Building of the Superstructure on the Foundation of the Believer's Personal Spiritual Tabernacle Includes the Spiritual Experiences in the Holy Place, with Prayer at the Golden Altar, Humility Light at the Golden Candlestick, and Governmental Strength at the Golden Table of Shewbread.

The Holy Place of the Mosaic Tabernacle was the abode of the Golden Altar of Incense, the Golden Candlestick, and the Golden Table of Shewbread. These pieces of furniture signify the different kinds of Prayer, the Humility Light of the Word, and the Governmental Strength of the Bread of the Word.

With those who want to start erecting a Spiritual Building on this Foundation, Jesus Christ shares His Intercessory Prayer, His Humility

Light, and His Governmental Strength that are found in the Holy Place.

In his first Epistle to the Corinthian Church, the Apostle Paul taught the *Spiritual Principle of the Edifice and the Foundation Having to Be Built of the Same Material.*

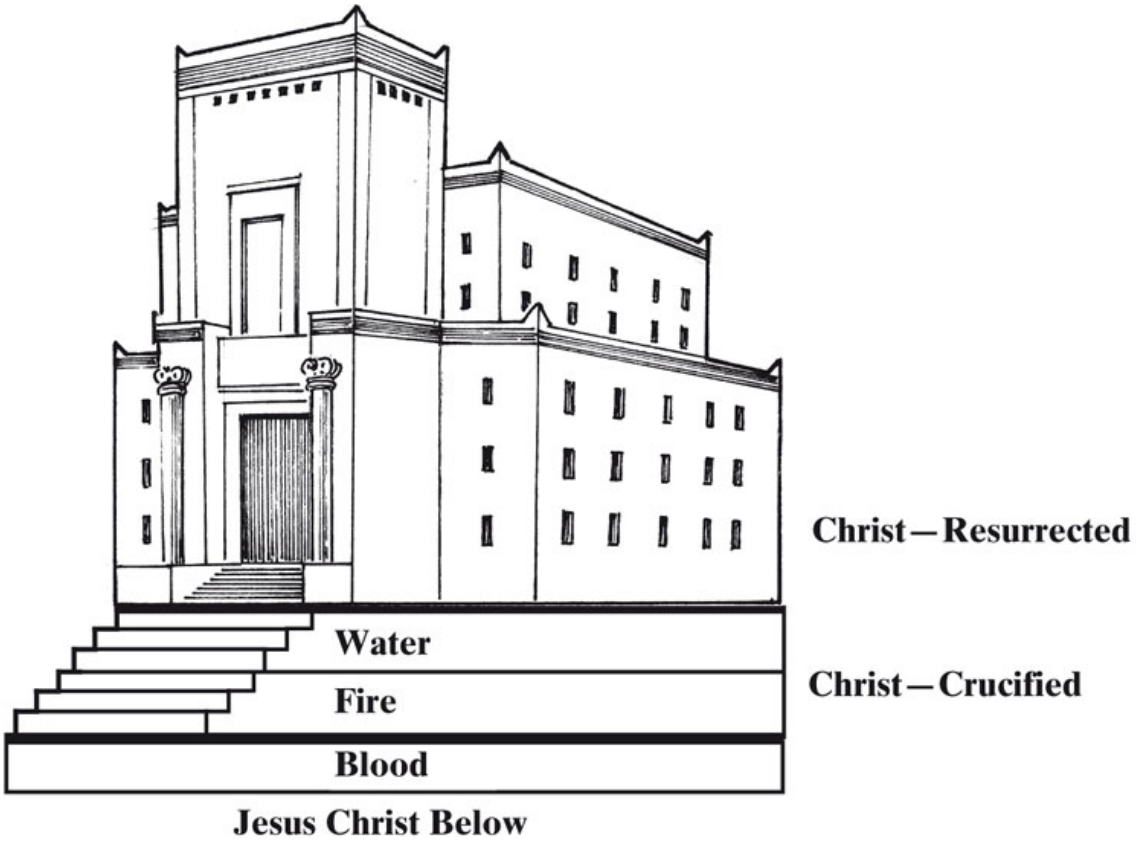
> For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ***ye are*** **God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.** But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. **For other 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** (I Corinthians 3:9-14).

The Superstructure of the believer's Spiritual Building must be of the same material as its Foundation, according to the Apostle Paul. What he taught was not a new Spiritual Principle. The Old Testament *Torah* forbade the mixture of materials, such as linen and wool in a garment, which teaches the seeking soul that God desires for repentant man to be clothed with the same nature from his head to his feet.

This same Principle applies to building spiritually and to spiritual growth in the New Testament because the Building and the Foundation have to be Christ, Who is the Chief Cornerstone, and the Superstructure on the Foundation has to be built with Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones from the same Christ. It takes the Humility Principles of the Crucified Christ to feed the Exalted Principles of the Resurrected Christ, and it takes the Exalted Principles of the Resurrected Christ to feed the Humility Principles of the Crucified Christ.

The following picture illustrates how the Superstructure of one's Spiritual Building will look when it has been built of the same materials as the Foundation.

The Believer's Spiritual Building of Eternal Substance



Believers' Spiritual Buildings cannot be erected into *Eternal* Structures if they are built with a mixture of materials. A Stone Foundation of the Crucified Christ and a superstructure of wood, hay, and stubble of the flesh, cannot survive the Judgment of Fire because the materials are mixed. Fleshly *wood* cannot abide on a *Stone* Foundation. This is why, at the Judgment Seat of Christ, God will mercifully purge away, with His Holy Fire, the "wood" of the flesh. God will separate the forbidden mixture. Some will lose the works of their superstructure that have not been built on the Nature of Christ or their works that did not have their origin in Christ's Will. Those works that have not been built on the Nature of Christ will be destroyed, for the Works of the Resurrected Christ must be built upon the Foundation of the Crucified Christ.

Since good understanding of this Spiritual Principle helps the believer to cooperate with God's Eternal Laws of Building a Spiritual House, this matter must be examined more fully.

The foundational experiences of Blood, Fire, and Water in the Courtyard

are God's *gifts* to mankind, through the sacrificial Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our Saviour willingly died for fallen mankind; He sent the Comforter (the Holy Ghost) to guide repentant man into all Truth, and He has parted the Waters of Death and Hell for him. Believers do not have to work for these treasures, nor do they have to deny the self-life in the hidden levels of their carnal will in order to receive these Courtyard experiences that are gifts of Blood, Holy Ghost Fire, and Water Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ from the Crucified Christ.

However, self-denial is necessary for the Superstructure of the believer's personal Spiritual Tabernacle to be built in the Image of the Stature of the *Resurrected Christ* in the *Holy Place*. The building of the Superstructure requires that the believer deny himself many fleshly pleasures that would satisfy the *self-life* so that he might labor in the Holy Place in Asking Prayer, Intercessory Prayer, and Travailing Prayer, and also so that he might labor in the Word of the Resurrected Christ to obtain His Oil of Wisdom, His Fire of Understanding, and His Light of Knowledge, as well as laboring in the Governmental Strength, Zeal, and Faith of the Resurrected Christ. In this way, sincere Christians become doers of the Word, more than mere hearers of the Word.

The success of the believer's Spiritual Building program is not a gift that the Resurrected Christ gives to him on a silver platter. Rather, the believer's Spiritual Building depends on his willingness to labor, day and night, in the Word and in prayer.

In the Mosaic Tabernacle, for instance, the substances of the Incense and Fire at the Golden Altar, the Oil and Fire at the Golden Candlestick, and the Bread, Frankincense, and Fire at the Golden Table came up from the foundational Courtyard experiences of Blood, Fire, and Water.

The Priest, the Living Tabernacle of Works, as it were, worked or used the Fire to transform the Incense into a fragrant smoke in the Nostrils of God. He worked or used the Oil and Fire to transform them into Light, the Eyes of the Resurrected Christ, for the Holy Place. The Priest worked or used the Frankincense and Fire to loose a cloud of fragrant smoke to transform the Bread into Strength-Breath and Faith-Bread, as it were, of the Resurrected Christ. Thus, the Substance in the Holy Place was of the same Substance and of the same Nature as the Substance in the Courtyard. There

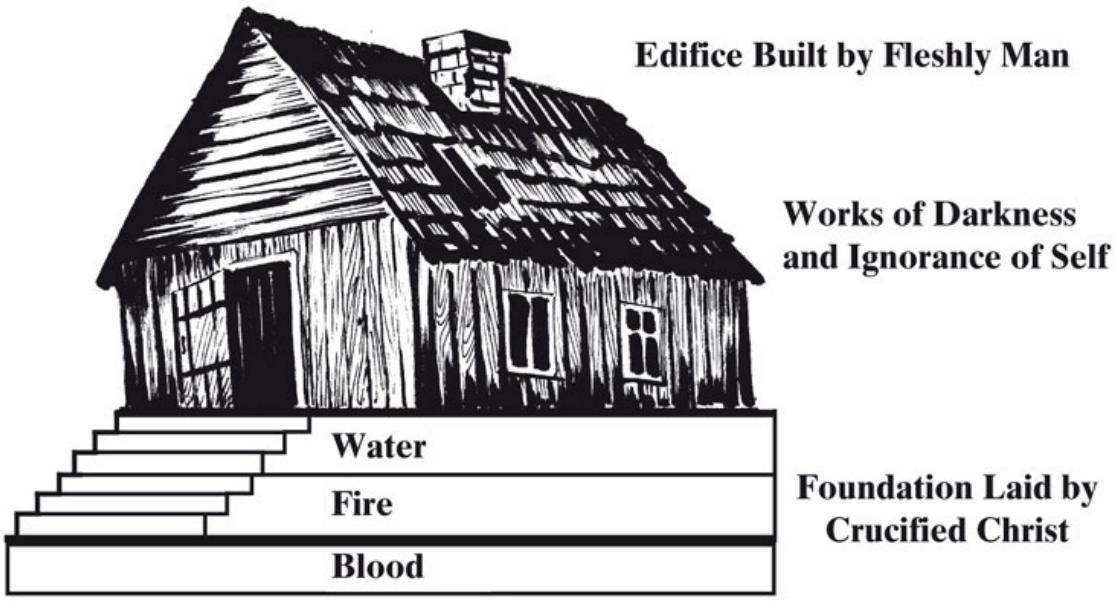
was not a perverse mixture in the Building of the Mosaic Tabernacle.

Likewise, the Crucified Christ is the Rock Foundation upon which we must build with the same Stone or the Resurrected Christ. The Foundation is the Rock of Truth, by gift, and the Superstructure is built by works, out of the same Stone of Truth of the Resurrected Christ. The Stone Materials for the Rock Foundation of Truth and the Superstructure of the Stone of Truth must be used to erect a Spiritual Building that will stand the Judgment Fire of the LORD Jesus Christ.

This type of Edifice, erected upon Christ's gift of His Rock Foundation, depends on each individual believer's personal choice as to whether he or she builds according to God's Will or his or her own will. A building comprised of a mixture of Rock, Stone, wood, hay, and stubble will be an undeniable and shameful witness against the builder, who has indulged, rather than crucified, his darkened fleshly whims and his selfish desires.

The following diagram, in contrast to the last diagram, shows a building that has been built of mixed materials.

Mixed Building: Stone Foundation with an Edifice of Wood, Hay, and Stubble, Erected Through the Works of Christ (the Foundation) and the Works of Fleshly Man (the Superstructure)

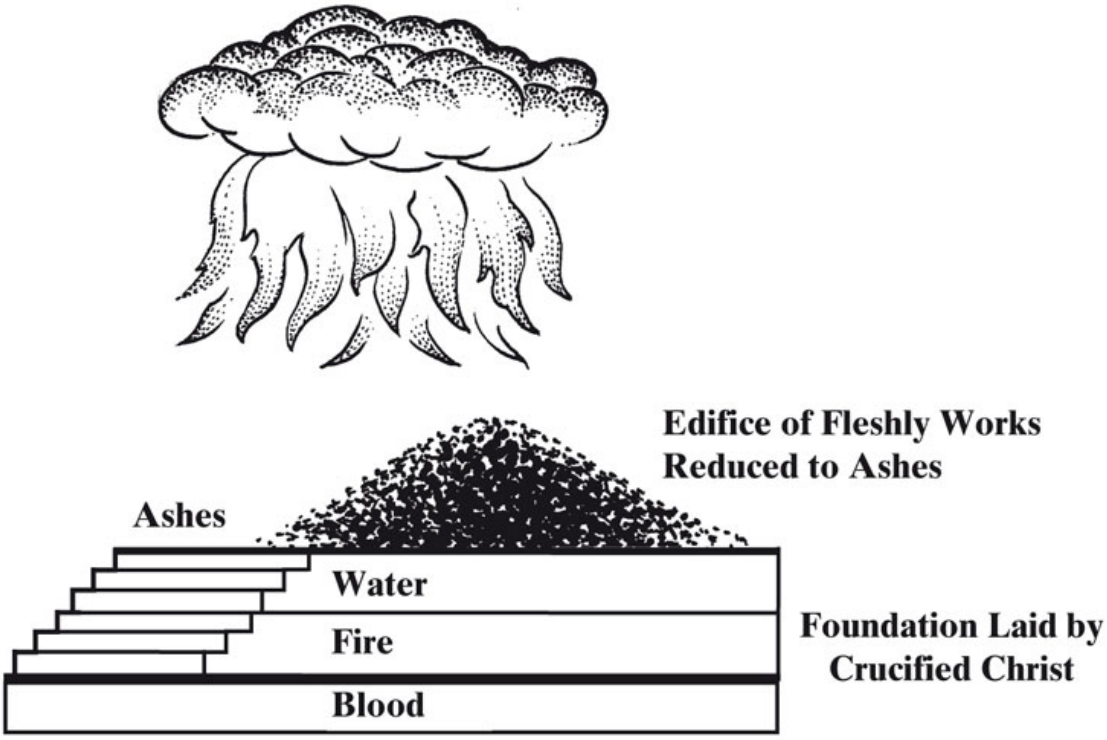


As has been noted, the Blood, Fire, and Water of the complete Spiritual

Foundation are gifts from Jesus Christ. Thus, some believers will have a partial Foundation of Blood experiences; some will have a partial Foundation of Blood and Fire experiences; still others will have a *complete* Foundation of Blood, Fire, and Water.

But if believers' Spiritual Buildings have been built of mixed materials on top of their Foundation, when they are tried by Christ's Judgment Fire, as all Spiritual Buildings will be, the wood, hay, and stubble of ignorance and darkness will be reduced to ashes, and the owners will be left with their Spiritual Foundation of Blood, Fire, and Water, with a pile of ashes thereon, which the following diagram illustrates.

Fleshly Building Tried by Judgment Fire



This destruction of one's fleshly works is why there will be tears in Heaven when believers see that all they had esteemed as precious works are reduced to ashes before their eyes.

> For **the Lamb** which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and **shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes** (Revelation 7:17).

However, there will be some Christians who will build an Eternal Superstructure with the Truth of the Resurrected Christ laid upon the Rock Foundation of the Crucified Christ.

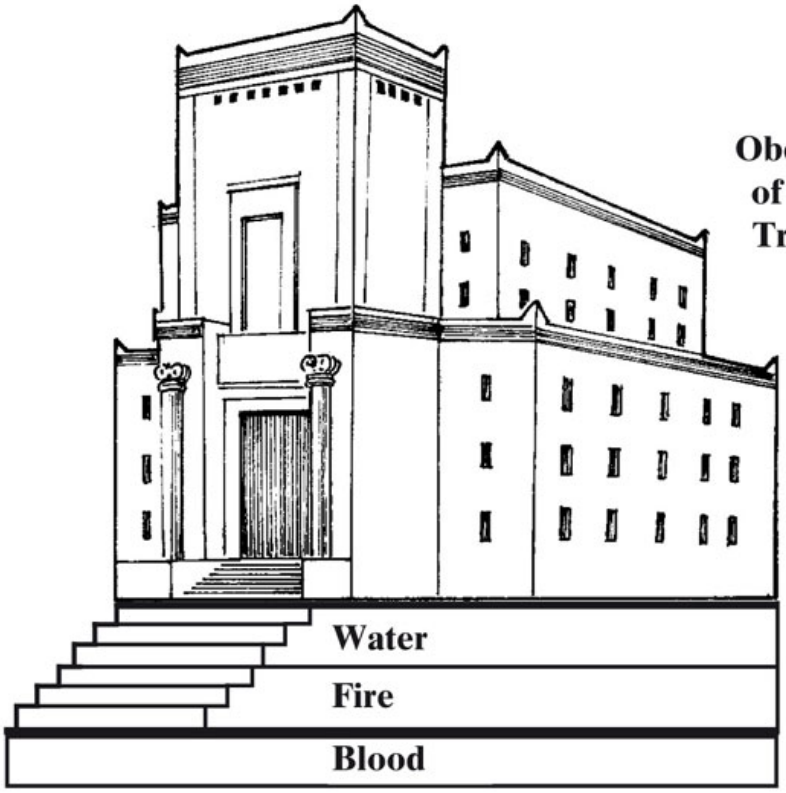
In Eternity, a glorious Spiritual Superstructure of Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones, built upon the Rock Foundation, will bring honour and glory to Jesus Christ, His Crucifixion, and His Resurrection. It will also be an eternal witness to the individual believer's willingness to deny the pleasures of "self" in this life in order to gain the true riches of the Resurrected Christ. The person who has worked in cooperation with the Power and Truth of the Resurrected Christ and his Spiritual Man will be spared the suffering of the loss of his works in the day of Christ's Judgment. Believers must use the Light and Life of the Resurrected Christ to build upon the Foundation of the Crucified Christ if they expect their Spiritual Building to abide and survive Christ's Fire.

All works, whether good or evil, proceed out of the free choice of the human will. Therefore, believers have to make the right choices in order to produce good works of Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones that will abide throughout the Judgment Fire of Christ.

Making the right choices in this life includes choosing to accept the Rock Foundation of Blood, Fire, and Water of the Crucified Christ and, then, choosing to build upon that Foundation with the Gold, Silver and Precious Stones of the Resurrected Christ. Thus, the believer's Spiritual Building will be unified in Jesus Christ, having the same Nature below and above.

Believers can confidently build with the Eternal Light of Truth that God has hidden in His Son, Christ Jesus. As believers confess their sins, repent, study, fast, pray, and do God's Will, their building will be completed, and its materials will stand the test of Christ's Fire, as the following diagram illustrates.

In Cooperation with the LORD Jesus Christ, Born-Again Spiritual Man Erects a Building of Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones on Top of His Stone Foundation.



Foundational Experiences Are Gifts from Jesus Christ

The purpose of Christ's Judgment Fire is to reveal the nature of believers' works, whether they are spiritually good or evil, and to award the appropriate sentence upon them. Christ's Judgment Fire will discover the ideas and motives of believers' wills, hearts, and minds that did the work. The Judgment Fire of Christ will compare the mind that built the Superstructure to the Humility Mind of Jesus Christ.

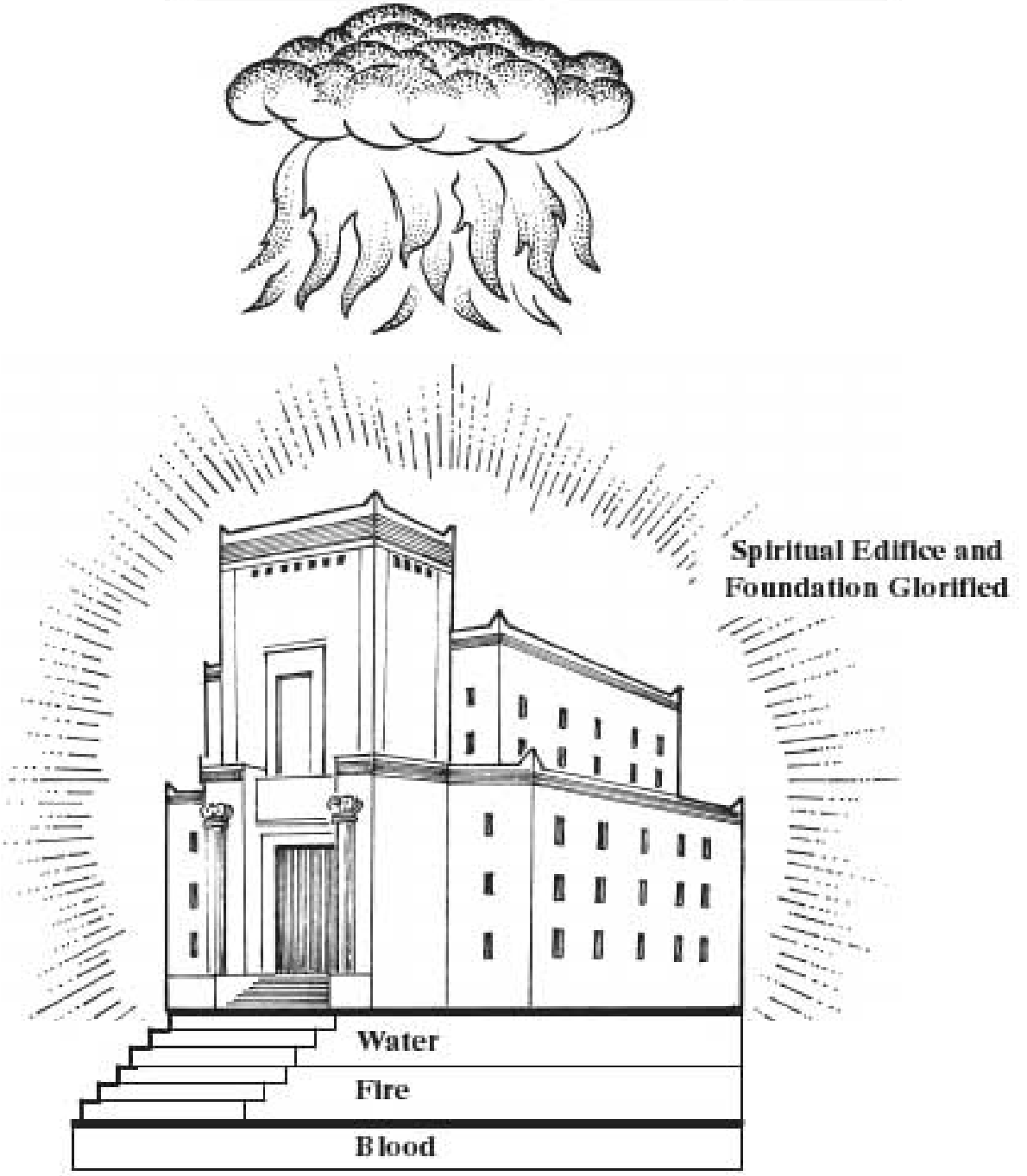
The wood, hay, and stubble of believers' proud works will be reduced to ashes, exposing the pride of their wills, the pride of their hearts, and the pride of their minds that produced the edifice erected upon the Foundation. Jesus Christ cannot join His Humility Mind to believers' proud minds or to their works of pride. The Judgment Fire of Christ will judge wisely, truly, and skillfully. The result of the comparison of Christ's Judging Fire will determine the sentence.

Christ’s Eternal Verdict will be according to the evidence produced by His Fire. Christ’s Judgment Fire will distinguish whether one’s Superstructure has been built rightfully or wrongfully. His Judgment Fire will burn according to the fixed Rules and Spiritual Principles of the *Torah*, and it will determine His choice of acceptance or rejection of the Superstructure. Christ’s Judgment Fire has both Theoretical Knowledge and Empirical Knowledge; that is, it contains both the Theory and the Experience of Truth; therefore, it is completely capable of exposing the nature of the type of Superstructure the believer has erected on his Foundation.

When Christ’s Judgment Fire tries the Unified Building, there will be no destruction of the Superstructure because it will be the same Stone Material and Nature as the Rock Foundation. Jesus Christ is the Rock Foundation and the Chief Cornerstone of a properly constructed Spiritual Building; therefore, neither the Foundation nor the Superstructure can be destroyed.

Jesus Christ has already been tried by Fire, and He has been proven to be full of Light and Truth. Consequently, it is safe for believers to use His Substance for building Spiritual Stature or a Spiritual Tabernacle. Since there is no ignorance, evil, or Darkness in Him, the Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones of His Light and Truth always come out of the Fire to shine more brightly than ever.

Spiritual Building Tried by God's Judgment Fire



The Judgment Fire, which destroys the *mixed* building's superstructure down to its Foundation, is the same Fire that glorifies the *Unified* Spiritual Building's Superstructure. God has already glorified the Substance of Truth and Light of His Son, the Crucified Christ and the Resurrected Christ, and He will glorify the Substance of His Son, again, wherever He finds it. To

God be all the Glory!

V. The Building of the Superstructure on the Foundation of the Believer's Spiritual Tabernacle Is Finished by the Experiences in the Holy of Holies at the Ark of the Covenant and the Golden Mercy Seat.

In the Old Testament Tabernacle, Moses fashioned each piece of furniture separately, according to God's specifications. Then, each piece of furniture was placed in the Tabernacle exactly where God directed it to be set. The seven pieces of furniture were laid out in the form of a Cross, which represented the Image of the Full Stature of God's Son.

After obeying all of God's Word in regard to the building and arrangement of the furniture, Moses had to wait for God and His Glory to enter into the Holy of Holies and to take up His Abode between the Cherubims on the Mercy Seat. The dwelling Presence of the LORD is what made Moses' Tabernacle a fruitful and glorious Light in the midst of Israel, which, in turn, was a bright and shining Light in the midst of the dark, heathen nations round about.

> And **when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation** to speak with him, then **he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that *was* upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims:** and he spake unto him (Numbers 7:89).

The results of God's glorious Presence in their midst were that His *Torah*-people were privileged to hear God's Voice speaking to them to teach them the righteous ways of the *Torah* and to instruct them concerning His Divine Holy Will.

When the Mosaic Tabernacle was set up, anointed, sanctified, and dedicated unto the worship and service of the True and Living God, the Voice of the LORD God spoke out from between the two Cherubims on the Mercy Seat and taught Moses and Israel His Oral Law. The Voice of His Oral Law was as powerful from the Mercy Seat as it had been from Mount Sinai.

> **And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the**

words, but saw no similitude; only *ye heard* a voice (Deuteronomy 4:12).

Did *ever* people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? (Deuteronomy 4:33).

Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and **thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire** (Deuteronomy 4:36).

The LORD God directed His Holy Voice to Israel from out of the Glory Fire of the *Torah* on Mount Sinai in order to instruct them with His Oral *Torah*. God proclaimed His Rule directly to Israel through His Oral *Torah*. In that day, the LORD God made Israel the sole trustee of His Written *Torah* and His Oral *Torah,* as He spoke from Mount Sinai and from the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat.

The Omnipresence of God that fills Heaven and Earth penetrated the Israelites' and Moses' ears, making them aware of His Word, His Will, and His Rule.

Today, in Christ Jesus, all may come and partake of the whole Stature of Truth that was personified in the Mosaic Tabernacle. Those who have received the revelation of God's Word, God's Will, and God's Rule have an eternal mission to share with others all that they have heard of His Word, Will, and Rule.

Carnal man can hear the outward song of believers' sorrow and see their outward tears of grief that are wrung out of their eyes by the painful circumstances of life. But he cannot hear the joyful, glorious sound of the LORD's Voice that has come to believers from the Spiritual Mountains or from the Mercy Seat that have revealed to them the Divine Instruction of His Blessed Word of Truth, His precious Righteous Will, and His Holy Rule. Carnal man cannot see the joyful tears of gratitude and delight that fill the believer's soul as a result of the glorious Voice of the LORD's revealing His Oral Truth to him. It is a glorious privilege to grow up to the Mercy Seat and hear the LORD's Voice in the Holy of Holies as He explains the secrets of His Word, His Will, and His Rule.

Spiritual experiences in Jesus Christ are gained, gradually, day by day, as the believer builds Spiritual Stature in God. These individual experiences

must then be brought together in a Unified Form of the Full Stature of Jesus Christ, just as the individual pieces of furniture had to be brought together to form the Cross in the Mosaic Tabernacle. After believers have gained mature Spiritual Stature, they must wait in total submission for the LORD to descend in His Ruling and Reigning *kaw-bode* Glory and to come into their personal Spiritual Tabernacles, taking up His abode there as the true Owner and Master. When the LORD has made believers' Temples His own Dwelling Place, He has the right to govern their fate and to guide their destiny according to His Perfect Will, as they are sweetly submissive to Him.

God has given believers spiritual Eyesight so that they may have regard, respect, and care for the Written Word of God. He gives them special mature Eyesight in Christ Jesus when they grow up to the Ark of the Covenant so that they may assume oversight of the spiritual education and moral development of others, as faithful, knowledgeable tutors, teaching by repeated practice and by being living examples. The greatest joy is to grow up to God's Written Word in the Ark. The next greatest joy is to lead others into the same Union with the LORD's Written Word.

Jesus Christ came to Earth, died, and rose again to write His Law in believers' hearts.

> This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, **saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;** (Hebrews 10:16).

When Christ takes His Law and writes it in believers' hearts, He makes it a Living Law. Christ has given believers His Living Law, with His Humility Shekinah Glory, which empowers them to humble themselves to the utmost in order to perform deeds of love to God and to their neighbors.

Both the Tables of Stone, inscribed with the Written Law, and the Golden Pot of Manna were preserved in the Ark of the Covenant as witnesses of God's Word, Will, and Rule. The Oral Law from the Mercy Seat and the Written Law inside the Ark comprised God's Unified, Merciful, Procreative Headship that ruled over all the rest of the Tabernacle.

Moses' visible Tabernacle was built by willing hearts, through a Union of much pleasure, love, and gratitude, on one side, and of much painful sacrifice, suffering, and work, on the other side. Likewise, the Tabernacle of

Truth recorded in Psalm 119 was not revealed to King David except through his great humiliation, sacrifice, and suffering under the cruel hands of King Saul, on one side, and through his pleasure, love, and gratitude as an exalted king, on the other side. Moreover, the Personal Tabernacle of Jesus Christ, the greatest Example of all, was built with a Union of great pleasure, love, and gratitude of Christ's willing Heart, on one side, and His great heartache and suffering on the Cross and in Death and Hell, on the other side.

Since the servant is not above the Master, the believer should likewise expect his personal Spiritual Tabernacle to be built on a Union of pleasure, love, and gratitude, on one side, and of pain, self-denial, and self-surrender to the Resurrected and Crucified Truth, on the other side. Christians cannot gain spiritual maturity unless they are willing for their personal Tabernacles of Truth to be built with a balanced measure of pleasurable love and gratitude and painful surrender and sacrifice, just as it has been for those who have built before them.

Thus God's Blueprint for the believer's Spiritual Building has always been the Cross or Spiritual Stature of the LORD Jesus Christ. To God be all the Glory!

When the believer has finished building his Tabernacle of Truth, he will have been given and will have received Jesus Christ's Blood for Salvation, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, with the evidence of speaking in Tongues, and Baptism in the Waters' of Jesus' Name, Death, and Life as His Foundation on which he will have built a Superstructure.

The believer will have had a continual experience of a spiritual prayer life in the Holy Spirit. He will have walked in the Light of Christ's Word that illuminated his path, which will have grown brighter each day as he has walked in Jesus' Footsteps. He will have gained the Strength of Christ's Living Bread to empower him to fulfill God's Purposive Will for his life.

In addition, he will have had the Headship of the LORD's Law of Love in his *lover* heart so that he will have been able to love the LORD with his whole heart and his neighbor as himself. Thus, on the believer's Foundation, by gift, he will have built a Spiritual Tabernacle in the Image of Jesus Christ's Spiritual Tabernacle. To God be all the Glory!

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