

The way to Intimacy with God

Jesus said "Come to me those who are *thirsty* and *drink*"... this is about intimacy with Him.
(John 7:37)

MADE IN HIS IMAGE

We are made like Him with a desire to be intimate with Him

Intimacy with God is His desire for us...

Garden of Eden ...

The cross - intimacy restored

PATHWAY TO INTIMACY

Moses tabernacle is a picture of the pathway to intimacy.

It paints a picture of how we can have that intimacy with God

1) the altar; 2) the basin; 3) the light; 4) the bread; 5) prayer & worship; 6) mercy seat
lampstand table incense altar atonement cover

The One way in

1) **The Altar** Ex 27:1,2 (the place of sacrifice) this is the beginning point, *the blood*.

Without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sins.

The Priest traditionally sprinkled in the form of a **CROSS**

After the Crucifixion, the torn curtain, the barrier was removed.

THE SACRIFICE WAS PERFECT ...No more restrictions to His presence.

Very often sacrifice came before His manifest presence **CAME** and His glory filled the temple

After the cross intimacy was made possible. **IT IS OUR DECISION HOW INTIMATE!**

Take up our cross daily... sacrifice... obedience

2) **The laver** (basin) Ex 30:18

Intimacy through repentance

The place of cleansing... Jesus washed disciples feet (John:13:1-14).

Your body is clean **##WE ARE CLEAN##**

Sometimes in the world we can pick up dust on our feet.

No doubt if we sin it affects our intimacy with God. He is there, but we don't approach Him, we don't read the Word, we don't pray etc.

We can grieve the Holy Spirit; a bit like if I upset Vik - so much wanted to put it right.

Confess sin, so sorry.

Another place of intimacy and forgiveness

"Come to me". There is a call to come.

Allow Him to minister to us, we are then more capable of serving others.

Repentance is a key to intimacy. Prodigal embrace from the Father.

David after he sinned realised His relationship with God was the most important thing.

"Do not take your Holy Spirit from Me" Ps 51:11.

He wrote, who can climb the hill of the Lord? those with a pure heart and clean hands. Ps 24:3,4

Very often people feel they cannot approach God because of imperfections. Our righteousness is based on what we believe, not what we do.

God does not impute our sins to us but has imputed the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

We are righteous and therefore can climb the hill of the Lord. Enter into His presence.

3). **The light** - Holy Place :(Holy Spirit) Ex 27:21

Light reveals: intimacy through revelation.

Holy Spirit reveals Jesus.”Holy Spirit will... Take what is mine and make it known to you”

Reveals his presence (brings his presence to us).

Lamps give light, guidance and clarity. In the same way, the Holy Spirit brings about illumination in the life of the believer. The Holy Spirit gives illumination through: Revelation of the Word of God (see John 14: 26) Revelation of the ways of God (see 1 Cor. 2: 10-12) Revelation of the will of God (see Acts 16: 6-7).

4) **The bread** - Holy Place. Ex 25:30

The representation of *Jesus` s presence*. His presence Ex:33:14-15, a place of rest..

The bread, the presence of Jesus and the Word of God. “I will never leave you”.

Just as the bread supplied the needs of the priests, so Jesus meets our needs now. “I am the bread from heaven.”

Daily bread: our needs met for that day, daily communion, intimacy.

Jesus said “I am the bread of heaven”

Luke:24:13-30 – on the road to Emmaus, revelation through the word and time with Him opened their eyes to Jesus

Breath from his mouth: all scripture is God-breathed - presence in His word

We must be aware that as we read the Word of God the very breath of God is on it.

5) **The altar of incense**. Intimacy is gained through prayers and communion.

6) **The mercy seat**. Ex:25:17-22 God resided over the atonement cover (substitutionary sacrifice)

He waits on us coming; no more restrictions.

Conclusion: Ex:25:22. When we meet with God in His manifest glory He releases his word. Our lives can be changed.

Hi hope this is helpful, it was interesting studying it. God bless Jeff.