

## INDWELLING OF GOD SERIES

### THE OUTWORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the Outer Court, there are two pieces of furniture. Right at the entrance is the brazen altar. And before the first veil is the laver, where there is water to wash the animals and also the priest to wash their hands and feet. As you enter the first veil, you come into what we call the Holy Place. In the Holy Place, there are three pieces of furniture. To the left there is the lamp stand. To the right there is a table of showbread. Just before the second veil to the Most Holy Place or the Holy of Holies is the altar of incense.

As you move into the second veil, you will come to the Holy of Holies. There is only one piece of furniture. That is the Ark of the Covenant. And inside the ark, there contains a pot of manna, the rod of Aaron and the two tablets of the 10 commandments. The ark is basically a mercy seat with two cherubim facing it.

We have seen how each piece of furniture represents something. We have seen how the brazen altar outside represents Jesus Christ the Lamb. The laver represents Jesus Christ the Word. The lampstand represents Jesus Christ the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. The table of showbread represents Jesus Christ the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And the altar of incense represents Jesus Christ the High Priest.

As you enter into that, you will find the ark. Jesus Christ the fullness of God. And each aspect of the furniture represent an aspect of Christian principle, which we must know and acknowledge in our life. The brazen altar represents the power of the Blood. The laver represents the power of the Word. And the lampstand represents the power of the Holy Spirit. The table of showbread represents the power of the name of Jesus. The altar of incense represents the power of praise and worship. As you move into the Holy of Holies, the Ark of the

Covenant is the glory of God. And each aspect represents something in the Christian life.

Now we are going to see in a different manner how each part of the tabernacle of Moses represent our own personal body, spirit, soul and body. The Outer Court represents the human body. The Holy Place represents the soul area of our life. The Holy of Holies represents our spirit. Paul says that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Thes. 5:23 says, *May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* The question is, how does God sanctify our spirit, soul and body? The principles by which God will sanctify our spirit, soul and body are found in the understanding of the tabernacle of Moses.

The two aspects of the body are the two pieces of furniture on the outside emphasizes two aspects of the principles of Jesus Christ that applies directly to our human body. They are the power of the Blood and the power of the Word. Just as blood brings life to your physical body, the spiritual Blood of Jesus Christ brings divine life into our mortal bodies. Lets turn to Rom.8: 11 *But if the Spirit of Him who raise Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.* The life or *zoe* of Jesus Christ flows in our mortal bodies. God quickens our mortal bodies with the life of Jesus Christ. Our body has *bios* or biological life. Rom.8: 11 says that if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in you, then the Spirit that dwells in you will give spiritual life to your natural body. So, our natural body receives spiritual life. There is a measure of spiritual life given to our physical body. Our body already has life. But the type of life we already have is biological life.

There are three Greek words for life, one is *bios*; one is *psuche* and one is *zoe*. *Bios* life is biological life. *Psuche* life is soul life. And *zoe* life is God's kind of life. Here it says that the Spirit that dwells in us gives life or *zoe* to our body. It is easy to understand how the Spirit of God gives *zoe* to our spirit man since our spirit man has been born again. But here it tells that the Spirit of God gives life to your body. Look carefully. It is not talking about your spirit man. It is talking about your body. So here, it says that the Spirit of God gives life to our physical body. He is not talking about our spirit although our spirit did receive life when we were born again. It says that our natural body receives the life of God. When you are healed, it is because the power of God comes on your natural body. When a person is raised from the dead, the cells are revived when the *zoe* life of God comes upon each cell and renew it. So the

Blood of Jesus Christ that brings life is applied to our physical body. Then the Word of Jesus Christ becomes life also to our physical body. The book of Proverbs 3 tells us that the Word of God becomes health to our flesh. It is medicine to our flesh. The book of Heb.4: 12 speak about both. How the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword piecing even unto the dividing of spirit and soul and of bones and marrow. The Word of God is giving life and it's dividing and causing a supernatural impartation in our very marrow and bones. So, in those two aspects of the tabernacle of Moses we find that those two principles are applicable to the body.

Now lets move to the Holy Place and that is where we want of focus in this message. The Holy Place represents our soul life. And your soul consists of three main areas, your mind, your emotion and your will. These three areas move together. Sometimes we separate our mind from our emotion. Some people are more intellectual and some more emotional. However, the intellect and the emotion are inter-linked. You can't really separate and isolate them. Even the most intellectual person is moved by sub-conscious level kind of emotion. The most emotional person is affected by what they hear and by what they think. So the three aspects of our emotion, mind and will flow one into the other.

Now those three pieces of furniture also represent the three aspects of our soul and how God works in our soul. For example, the lampstand represents the power of the Holy Spirit. The lampstand in our soul is the work of the Holy Spirit in imparting revelation of truth, enabling the functioning of the five-fold ministry, operating the nine gifts of the Spirit as well as the producing the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23 talks about the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, all of them tied up to love. So, the fruit of the Holy Spirit is from the spirit man but it affects your emotion. Your emotion flows with the spiritual fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance. Your soul emotion is affected in that category.

The table of showbread represents the power of the Name of Jesus Christ. The showbread that is to be eaten speaks about the inner working of the Word of God in your life and the renewal that must be done. The showbread is changed every week. Every week they will bring a new set of twelve loaves of showbread. And it is sprinkled with frankincense. The priest and his family eat the showbread. So, the

showbread represents the partaking of the Word of God. It is renewal of your mind and your emotions.

And what about the altar of incense? The altar of incense represents your will. Paul says in 1 Cor.14: 14-15 *I will pray with my spirit and I will pray with my understanding. I will sing with my spirit and I will sing with my understanding.* My will is involved in praying and singing in the spirit and with understanding. 1 Thess. 5: 18 we see how Paul says, *"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* It is your will to choose to worship God; you choose to praise God. So here, it speaks about our will; we choose to praise God, we choose to worship God. And as we worship and praise the Lord, our whole being is transformed.

I am going to show how each part of our soul life is linked to the other. Why are we looking at this when we are considering the indwelling of God? God dwells in our spirit. 2 Tim. 4: 22 says, *The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.* Jesus is always with our spirit. He has never forsaken us; He has not left us orphans. Whether you feel Him or not, He is with your spirit. But the Lord Jesus is not manifest to your soul or to your body all the time.

In Leviticus 9: 6-7 *Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the Lord commanded you to do, and the glory of the Lord will appear to you." And Moses said to Aaron, "Go to the altar, offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people. Offer the offering of the people, and make atonement for them, as the Lord commanded.*

Moses told the high priest Aaron that as he performs all these sacrifices, the glory of God would appear to him. After the tabernacle was built, the glory of God resided in the Holy of Holies at the mercy seat. And as Aaron performed all those sacrifices, the glory of God from inside the Holy of Holies came out and filled the Holy Place, and came out to the Outer Court. And the people saw it and they worshipped. God's glory that resides in the Holy of Holies wants to come forth. This is the key for releasing the glory from our spirit, as represented by the Holy of Holies, to our soul (Holy Place) and to our bodies (Outer Court).

*And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), (2 Chron. 5: 11). Indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God (2 Chron 5: 13-14)*

After the temple of Solomon was built, the priests came out of the Most Holy Place into the Holy Place, but as the trumpeters and singers were as one, the glory of God filled the place so that they could not minister there anymore. The fact that they could not minister tells us that the glory of God came from the inside outwards, that is, from the Most Holy Place outwards to the Holy Place and the Outer Court. The glory of God came from inside the Most Holy Place outwards to the Holy Place and Outer Court.

*2 Chron. 7: 1-2 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.*

The glory of the Lord came into the temple from the inside out and nobody could get in. However, the glory of God after some time went back into the Most Holy Place. Why does God do that? See the glory is the manifestation of His presence, the manifestation of His love and the manifestation of His pleasure with us. If God had kept the glory upon the tabernacle all the time, they could not have performed the work of the tabernacle. Nobody could get in. So, after His manifestation, He withdraws His glory into the Most Holy Place and the priests could carry on with the sacrifices.

For that reason God does not keep His glory upon us 24 hours a day. Otherwise, you cannot function like a normal human being any more. You won't be able to sleep. When the glory of God is upon you can't sleep. If you have tasted some of the strong anointing of God before on you, you won't be able to sleep. You just want to worship the Lord. See God understands that our mortal body is not made for immortality yet. One day when we get that immortal body at Jesus Christ coming, as He calls us to Himself, that is when we can taste more of the full measure of the glory of God. But until then, He manifests His Spirit from time to time. If the glory of God is placed on you all time, you cannot live your life as a normal human being. God knows. He manifests His glory from time to time so that we can do His work and His glory is manifested in this present world. When it is completed, it is withdrawn and you are back to normal. After that live your normal life and keep a consecrated life. And after that, again it is time to manifest His glory to minister for His glory. Tap on the glory from within.

The problem is sometimes people don't know how to tap the glory of God that dwells in within their spirit man and release the glory outwards. So, that's the whole problem. They don't know how to draw the glory of God from within their spirit. The Lord Jesus is with their spirit. How do we bring forth the manifestation of Jesus from our spirit outward? If we know how to bring it forth and yielding to the Holy Spirit, then we will be able to allow God to use us wherever there is an opportunity for a need for the glory of God to use us. We are talking about the glory of God in different manifestation and why God's glory has to manifest from time to time.

As we look at the glory of God in His manifestation from time to time as it comes forth, there are a few basic points that we want to take note. We are talking about how to learn to release the glory of God from the inside outward. God is on our inside. He dwells in our spirit man. We want to learn how to flow forth with Him. How do we bring forth the glory from within us outwards? There are certain principles that we want to take note. One of them is this. As we study the Old Testament example, we find that the Old Testament people bring the blood obtained from sacrificing the animals. Every day, they bring that blood from the Outer Court and anoint each piece of furniture with blood. And then they come into the Holy Place and anoint the lampstand, the table of showbread and the altar of incense with blood. Every day they did it. Every week they will change the showbread

twelve loaves. Every day they will have to check the oil level in the lamp stand. Once a week at the same time, they would have changed the showbread almost the same time as the evening sacrifice. They will put incense and the incense will burn and form a cloud. While the incense is burning, they quickly trim the lamp stand. It is done every week. So, in the Holy Place there are some things that are done every day. Some of the things are done weekly. In the Outer Court, everything is done almost every day. In the Most Holy Place, the only work that is to be done inside is done once a year. On the Day of Atonement, the high priest will sacrifice an animal and take the blood of the animal into the Most Holy Place once a year.

We can draw certain principles from this and can apply to the Christian life. The entrance to the Most Holy Place by the high priest once a year represents Jesus Christ dying for our sins and opening the way to God. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, something happened at the Most Holy Place. In the temple, the veil that divided the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was torn into two from the top downwards (cf. Matthew 27: 51). That tells us that the way to the Most Holy Place is now opened. The bible in the book of Hebrews tells us that there is only one sacrifice done once. Jesus Christ died once and it is enough. That one entrance into the Most Holy Place by the Lord Jesus Christ the Lamb of God was done was fulfilled and it need no longer be repeated. So that is completed. You are born of the natural once and born again once. Some people said if you are twice born, you die once. If you are born once, you die twice, natural death and spiritual death. So, you are born again once and Jesus entered into your heart once. He does not need to enter over and over again. As He enters into your heart through the Holy Spirit once to dwell in you, the measure of His presence may increase. But His entrance into your life is once. You are born again once. Some people feel that they have to accept Christ three, four times before they are assured. Even though you may have done that, you are getting assurance. You were saved once when you actually acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior died for your sins. You acknowledged what He has done and you accepted Him. Jesus comes into your Most Holy Place your spirit man and gives you a new spirit. You are given a new spirit once.

So, Jesus comes into our spirit man but once. In the Most Holy Place, the application of the blood is repeated. Even though you accepted Jesus Christ once and He has forgiven all your sins, yet, when you do fail in word, thought or deed, what do you

do? You ask for the Blood to cleanse you. See you apply the Blood in your life as you have need of it. The New Testament way is acknowledging the power of the Blood upon your emotion, upon your mind, upon your will. You test it in your life. Every day when you wake up, you acknowledge the Blood of Jesus on your mind, on your emotion, on your will. You will see the difference that affects in your life. There is a purity that is there.

Lets look at Heb. 10: 16-18 *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds, I will write them. Then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. Now where there is a remission of these there is no longer an offering for sin. Verse 22, Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Now the word *heart* has been confusing to many Christians because some Christian writers say that the word *heart* always represent the spirit. It does not. The word *heart* if you study it has a special application. Let me illustrate what the bible mean by the word *heart*. There is a body and then there is a soul. Your soul consists of your mind, your will and your emotions. Then there is your spirit man. Your spirit man also consists of three major areas - the communion, your intuition and your conscience. The communion is the part that could sense and relate to God's presence. Your intuition is the part that perceive. And your conscience that detects right and wrong. The word *heart* in the bible actually refers to the three areas of your soul including your conscience. So, you could draw three circles. In the outermost circle, you put the word *body* there. The second circle you divide it into three parts, emotions, mind and will. The inner circle you divide it into three parts, intuition, communion and conscience. Then you color the second circle with the conscience one color. Now that part represents the heart. How do we come to that definition? If you take a concordance and look under the word *heart*, you will find that it says the heart thinks, that is your intellect; the heart feels, that is your emotion and the heart chooses which is your will. And then the heart also has reference to your conscience. So, that is how you get a basis of scriptural understanding. Some times the word *heart* is used primarily in reference to the spirit area. But most of the time, it is in reference to your soul plus one portion of your spirit area, conscience.

Now you understand what it means to cleanse our hearts with the Blood. With that background, when we say the Word of God washes or the Blood of Jesus cleanses the heart, it means there is a cleansing of the Blood upon the mind, the will, the emotions and the conscience. Why do we not accept the word *heart* to simply mean the spirit? Jesus said out of the heart of men proceeds evil thoughts. How can I accept that evil thoughts can come from the regenerated spirit of man? I can't relate that scripture as referring to the spirit man. Jesus said out of the hearts of men proceeded evil thought, adultery, fornication etc. By the study of the Word of God, how can I say that the born again spirit of men produce all these thoughts and desires? The word *heart* refers to these four areas corporately together. Heart refers to the mind, the emotion, the will and the conscience. So, those are the areas that the bible refers to when it says the heart.

Lets look at the book of Heb.10: 22 *Lets us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.* Sprinkle with what? The Blood of Jesus. How do we know that? Hebrews 9:14 *How much more shall the Blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* See the Blood of Jesus purges your conscience and purges your heart. Your hearts are cleansed by the Blood of Jesus. We need to acknowledge the application of the Blood of Jesus Christ upon our minds, our emotions and our will. We need to acknowledge that in our lives. If you have not done that, what do you imagine when you say, "Thank you God for washing me white as snow." Do you know many Christians don't have the right imagination? And your imagination must be in line with the Word. Most Christians just see a substance of the Blood coming on their body and cleansing them. Your picture must be more detailed than that, according to the scripture. The Blood must cleanse your mind, your emotion, your will and your conscience. So now that you know that, you can apply the principle of applying the Blood upon our conscience, mind, emotion and will.

In the Old Testament, when the priest took the blood from the Outer Court, they went through the first veil and applied it upon the different parts of the tabernacle. He put the blood on those pieces of furniture. The blood from the Outer Court was applied there in the Holy Place. That is the application of the Blood of Jesus Christ

upon our soul.

Let's look at Exodus 28 at the priestly garments. Those areas are emphasized over and over again in the bible. Verse 4 it says *And these are the garments which they shall make abreast piece, an ephod, a robe, a skillfully woven tunic, a turban and a sash. So, they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons that he may minister to Me as priests. Verse 5, they shall take the gold and blue, purple, and scarlet thread and fine linen. And they shall make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet thread and fine linen artistically woven.*

Bronze represents sin is judged. Silver represents redemption. Gold represents divinity, the spiritual part, or the spirit being. Gold emphasizes the divinity or the godhead of Jesus. Blue represents Jesus Christ the Son of God. Purple represents Jesus Christ the King of Kings. Scarlet represents Jesus the Savior of the world. Fine linen represents the Jesus the Son of Man. All those four colors are repeated in the tabernacle parts.

And the four gospels are found here. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus Christ is the King of Kings. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus is the Son of Man. The gospel of Luke, Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. The gospel of John, Jesus is the Son of God. Now all those four aspects of Jesus Christ together with divinity must be interwoven together to be the application of Jesus Christ to your life. Jesus as the Son of God, Jesus as the King of Kings, Jesus as the Savior of the world, Jesus as the Son of Man interwoven into your life and you put on Jesus Christ. Doesn't the bible say to put on the Lord Jesus Christ? We are to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. And putting on Jesus Christ emphasizes the application of the Blood over and over again.

Let me point more in the Old Testament time in Exodus 28 in the priestly garment in verse 9 – 12. *Then you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel: six of their names on one stone and six names on the other stone, in order of their birth. With the work of the engraver in stone, like the engraving of a signet, you should engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall set them in settings of gold. And you shall put the two stones on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for*

*the sons of Israel. So Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders as a memorial.*

Now there are two stones. Each stone have six names. Those are to be placed on the top of the shoulders. They are to be set into gold. And they are to be placed on the shoulders of the high priest. Twice he is to bear the names on the shoulders and on the breastplate.

*Exodus 28:15 You shall make the breastplate of judgment. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it of gold, blue, purple, scarlet thread and fine woven linen, you shall make it. (Divinity, Jesus Son of God, Jesus King of Kings, Jesus Savior of the world and Jesus the Son of Man.) It shall be doubled into a square; a span shall be its length, and a span shall be its width. And you shall put settings of stone in it.*

(The settings of the twelve jewels are another topic altogether. Each jewel represents an aspect. The twelve stones represent the twelve tribes of Israel. And each tribe of the twelve tribes of Israel represents a spiritual aspect of the Christian life and of the church life. And when you compare the twelve stones with the twelve blessings of Jacob on the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve blessings of Moses on the twelve tribes of Israel, you will find that each one cover an aspect of teaching. There are twelve blessings that are involved. They are tied up to the twelve stones. These twelve again are tied up to the twelve requirements of a priest. That is another whole set of teaching. Maybe one day we will go into that. )

And so, what we want to see here for the time being in this message is that those twelve names are once again written on the stone and placed on the breastplate to be tied on the high priest's breast. So, he bore the twelve names on his chest. And he bore the twelve names, six on each shoulder. The twelve names represent for the priest the work of the ministry that he consecrated himself to. To minister he needs to receive the revelation of the ministry on his heart. The breastplate is tied to his heart and he must receive the burden of the Lord. He must carry the office that God chooses him to stand in. So when God calls you to the ministry, God will give you both the revelation and the office to stand in.

Now that's not completed yet. As we finish off the breastplate and put it upon him, we see how in verse 31 it says, *"You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue."* And in verse 33, *And upon its hem pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet, all around its hem, and bells of gold between them all around.*

He has the normal ephod and make up of the five elements gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen. Then he has a special over coat that is made of blue. Blue emphasizes Jesus the Son of God. The divine elements are emphasized. And in his description of the pomegranates, there are only three colors mentioned. In verse 33 blue, purple and scarlet. Blue Jesus the Son of God, purple Jesus the King of Kings and scarlet Jesus the Savior of the world. You do not find Jesus the Son of Man mentioned there. Because Jesus the Son of Man represents the natural part of us that must be subjugated totally. When you come to serve God, you cannot serve God with your carnal being. Your flesh has to die in order for us to serve God.

Now there is an aspect here. There is a whole piece of garment that is made of linen that is mentioned in verse 39, *You shall skillfully weave the tunic of fine linen thread. You shall make the turban of fine linen and you shall make a sash of woven work. For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them. Verse 42, you shall make for them linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs.*

So, they have a pair of linen trousers that they wear. Now that is Jesus the Son of Man. Jesus was likened onto us. He was tempted in every way but He did not sin. So the bible tells us gird up the loins of your mind. The bible tells us to restrain all of your flesh. Every part of your flesh has to be restrained. Tied up and hidden. Do you notice that the trousers were hidden? He wore the garments over the trousers. And then over the ephod he wears a coat of mail. The coat of mail is blue with all the three colored pomegranates, which emphasizes the three aspects of Jesus Christ, who He is (Son of God), what He is (King of Kings) and what He has done (Savior of the world).

And between the pomegranates are bells. Verse 33-34, *Upon its hem you shall make three pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet, all around its hem and bells of gold between them all around: a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe all around.*

So, on the edge of his robe we have a different type of pomegranate and a bell. It must be a glorious garment. However, God emphasizes here that the bell will make noise. The bells are made of gold. They are divinity. As Aaron moves about the Most Holy Place, the bells will sound.

In verse 35, *And it shall be upon Aaron when he ministers, and its sound will be heard when he goes into the holy place before the Lord and when he comes out, that he may not die.*

It says that if the bells don't sound he dies. Look at it here. We have mentioned that if he dies the bell don't sound. But God puts it the other way. If the bell doesn't sound, he dies. That tells us that God wants to hear that sound. Those cute tiny little bells around his garment made of pure gold make sound. Gold represent divinity. So as the bells sound the divinity, he is talking about the spiritual being of God. God is holy. So the bells are like the four creatures before the Throne of God that cries out, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come." (Rev 4:8) So, the sounds of the bells are golden sounds. They are ringing to God's divinity. They are emphasizing the divine aspect. The bells are ringing holiness to the Lord.

And on his head is the turban that has on his forehead, "Holiness onto the Lord." And over on his shoulder blade, there are the six names on each shoulder. They are held together by the sash is golden in color. And have the breastplate held by gold. So all over, there is an emphasis on holiness. The garment that he clothes himself with emphasizes for us the importance of holiness before the Lord. And every aspect has the Blood of Jesus involved: Jesus the Savior, Jesus the Son of God and Jesus the King of Kings.

How do we get into Jesus the Son of God and becomes sons of God? By the Blood. How do we become saved? Through the Blood. How do we partake of the Kingship of Jesus Christ heir and joint heir with Christ? Through the Blood. How do we taste of the holiness of God and be as holy as He is holy? There is only one substance in this whole universe that can make us acceptable to God's holiness and that is the Blood of Jesus Christ. See how important the blood is to be applied in the Most Holy Place?

What happen if the Holy Place is not tended properly? The glory of God cannot manifest. In fact, Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron died because they did not tend the Holy Place properly. Leviticus 10: 1-2, *Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they dies before the Lord.*

There are many Christians who do not tend their Holy Place properly. We are in the new covenant and the grace of God is there. But it is killing them. Jesus lives in our Most Holy Place. You are responsible to tend the Holy Place. What is the Holy Place? Your mind, your emotions and your will. You are the priest in your own temple. You have to tend the Holy Place. That is why there are opportunities to tend to our minds, emotions and will in our weekly meetings. In our book on developing the devotional life, we talked about how in the Christian life there must be discipline, daily discipline, weekly discipline and yearly discipline so that you could develop a strong devotional life to God. There is something that you do every day that you should make it into a habit. There is something that you should do weekly. Like for example weekly fast. Or weekly time on waiting on God or weekly overnight prayers. There should be something you should do yearly. As you develop this into your life until it becomes habitual, your devotional life will grow by leaps and bound. Christians who don't develop discipline in their life is like the priest who says, "I cannot take care of the temple." You can't say, "I don't feel like reading the Word. I don't feel like praying in tongues. I don't feel like praising God." It was their daily duty to lit the lampstand, to make it a habit to worship God with praise and worship. They can't do anything outside of the will of God or they will die. So, we must tend our Holy Place properly. We must tend our mind. We must tend our emotions and we must tend our will properly.

How do we do that? In the New Testament, there is reference. I just throw out all the scriptures. Maybe we will consider it more in the next message. We have talked about how the revelation of the Holy Spirit working in our life. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. The Holy Spirit works in our emotions through the fruit of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit works on our mind through the revelation of the Spirit of truth revealing truth to us. See they are tied up together. The Spirit of God works in our will through conviction. He convicts and He leads by His voice.

The aspect of the showbread, which is the application of the Word of God in our lives, is tied up to our mind. No problem to consider that. Rom. 12:1-2 says to let your minds be renewed. Eph. 5: 26 *that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word.* The mind has to be renewed by the washing of water by the Word of God. That is the aspect of the Word of God renewing the mind. The Word of God also will determine the will of God. Rom.12: 2, *that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* The will of God in your life and the Word of God are also applicable to your emotions. *For we walk by faith, not by sight* (2 Cor. 5:7. What is faith? *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God* (Rom.10: 17).

So many times your natural emotions want to pull you aside. You have the Word and it holds your emotion. You say, "I am not going by my emotions. I am going by the Word of God." You need the light of the candlestick to see to change the showbread in the Holy Place. The altar of incense represents the will. You have to choose to love God and choose to worship God. Our choice to pray will affect also the area of the mind and the emotions. All of us know that when you worship God it does something to you.