

# #2 - The Sanctuary Prayer

**Opening Song:** #483 I Need Thee Every Hour & **Closing Song:** #478 Sweet Hour of Prayer

## **Purpose of the Sanctuary:**

1. Mechanism of instruction to Israel – How God was going to deal with the sin problem. **(Plan of Sal.)**
2. Today it points us by faith to what Jesus has done, but also to what he is doing for us now, and what He is about to do.
3. A practical approach

**A Model for Prayer:** This model of prayer has been helpful to me for two reasons.

1. It is not the only way to pray.
2. It helps me to keep my mind from wandering during prayer.
3. The Sanctuary model keeps me focused on how to approach God and what to pray for.
4. Handouts

**This evening we will look at the Sanctuary from three perspectives.**

1. Through the ministry of the earthly priest
2. Through the ministry of Christ our heavenly priest for fallen man.(Prophetic time line)
3. How the understanding of the Sanctuary aides me in prayer **Lets Pray**

**GC 519** “Satan well knows that **all** whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures, will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind.”

## **A. THE SANCTUARY AS A MODEL FOR WHEN TO WORSHIP!!**

**The Timing For Prayer found in the Sanctuary:**

**Priests:** -- What was the service of the Daily?

**Jesus:** -- This is what Jesus did...He is our example.

**Isa. 50:4,5** – *The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me **morning by morning**, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.*

**Prayer:** Why the morning? Because the battle hasn' t begun yet, and it is wise to put ones armor... (I start my day with prayer)

# A Model for How to Pray

## 1. Entering the Gates of the Outer Court: –(Only one entrance in, and it was from the east)

**Priest:** At the Gate: (Here the Priest met the repented sinner)

**Jesus:** Is the Gates: **John 10:9** *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved..." Joh 14:6* Jesus said to him, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

**Psa. 100:1-5** – *Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

**Prayer:** I begin by praising God..

**PK 202** –"If more praising of God were engaged in now, hope and courage and faith would steadily increase." We have much to thank Him for...

## ENTER INTO THE OUTER COURT

### 2. The Brazen Altar: "The Cross"

**Priest :** This is where animals were sacrificed. **2/3 mile plaza** (Joshua 3:4). **The sinner brought sacrifice, confessed sin over it and took its life, the priest would then capture the blood to be ministered later in the Sanctuary.** (Here is where man and sin are separated).

**Jesus:** **The altar points to Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. Joh 1:29** *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

**Prayer:** Here I ask God to forgive me for my sins, I am specific. I think...last 24 hours. (Sin Seperates)

### 3. The Laver of Washing:

**Priest:** Before administering the blood in the holy place, the priest first had to wash his hands and feet. (Service)

**Jesus:** **The laver points & Christ's water experience (Baptism).**

A. **Luke 3:21-23** *...it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."*

*Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age... (Num. 4:23, 30, 35, 39)*

**Prayer .**        **The laver calls me each day to recommit by life to God & His service.**  
Here I recommit my life to Jesus & ask Him into my heart. **“Take my heart for I can not...”**

#### **ENTERING THE TABERNACLE INTO THE HOLY PLACE**

#### **4. The Lampstand: *The only light in the Holy Place.* (And its fuel was made of oil)**

**Priest:**        He was to never allow the light to go out. The priest made sure it was filled with oil.

**Jesus:**        **Joh 8:12 ...*"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit (Zeck 4:6) with Jesus was filled with. (Character)**

**Jesus calls the church to be the light of the world. Reflecting Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**6T p. 117** *“We need and must have fresh supplies every day...All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the holy oil, to be a joy and a blessing to others.”*

**Prayer:**        I ask Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to me to change my weak character and make it like His. **Psalmist** *“Create in me a clean heart oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.”* (**Revival, Reformation, Continuation**)

#### **5. The Table Shewbread: On the table were 12 round loafs = 12 tribes**

**Priest:**        The priest made it fresh each Sabbath and the old bread was eaten by Aaron’s sons. 12 loaves = 12 Tribes, **God supplies our needs (physical, Spiritual)**

**Jesus:**        The Bread is a symbol of Jesus. . **Joh 6:48 *"I am the bread of life."***  
Physical food gives strength to the body. And Spiritual food gives strength to the being.

**Phil 4:19** – *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

**Prayer:**        Here I ask Jesus for the strength, and courage to face the day. I lay before Him my physical needs and my plans for the day and I ask for His guidance in all my actions. I ask Him to give me courage, wisdom, and skill to meet each encounter.

#### **6. The Golden Alter: (Stood before the Ark separated by a curtain)**

**Priest** – Here the priest presented special incense on the burning coals of the alter. The incense represented the prayers of Israel (“*Let my prayer be set before You as incense..*” Psa. 141:2).

**Jesus** – **After His Death & Assertion Jesus went into the Holy Place–**  
**1Tim. 2:5** *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.*

**Heb 7:25** *Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

**Prayer** – Here I life **others** up before God beginning with my family. God allows me, as a priest for Him, to pray on behalf of others.

**1T 346** – At the sound of fervent prayer, Satan’ s whole host trembles

**2 SM 377** – Ministering angels are waiting about the throne to instantly obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to answer every prayer offered in earnest, living faith. Picture It!!

### **ENTER THE MOST HOLY PLACE**

#### **7. The Ark of the Testimony: (The place where the visible presence of God dwelt)**

**Priest** – Once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the high priest entered this room to remove the sins of the people that had symbolically been transferred to the sanctuary over the past year. The Jews referred to this day as the day of Judgment. **Israel was to search there hearts**

**Jesus** – A study of Daniels 2300 day prophecy reveals that in 1844 Jesus moved from the holy place to the Most Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary to begin the final phase of the salvation plan... the investigative Judgment.

**Daniel 7:13** *"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him."* (Oct. 22 1844)

#### **Today Jesus is preparing a People...**

**Prayer** – Here I ask Jesus to examine me, and show me my hidden sins, and character defects. Here I compare my character with that of Christ’ s.

#### **Explain Judgment (Izhar all these texts can be on one slide)**

A. **Psa. 19:12** – *Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. (Judge me)*

B. **Jer. 17:9 10** - *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.*

C. **Psa. 139: 23,24** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*

**Conclusion:**

1. **The Sanctuary prayer helps me to focus while I pray to Jesus while it reminds me of what**
2. **It reminds me of what Jesus has done for me but also to what He is doing for me now.**