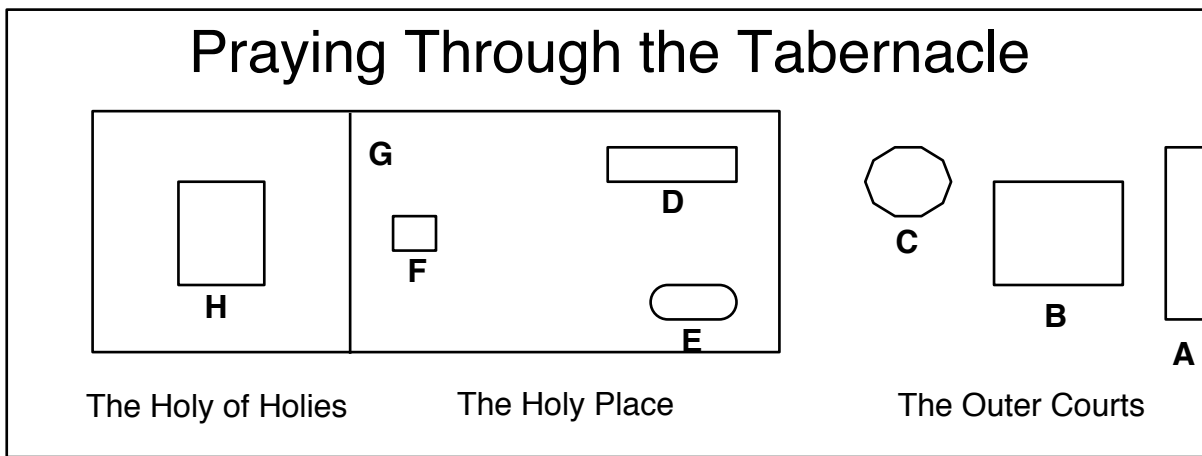


# Praying Through the Tabernacle



## The Outer Courts

**The Gate (A)** - Enter in with thanksgiving and praise. Enter in knowing there is only one way in, Jesus.

*Ps 100, Jn 14:6*

**The Altar (B)** - The first stop is the place of forgiveness. We acknowledge our need for Jesus. We acknowledge His sacrificial death and His resurrection. We seek His grace and mercy. We confess and repent. *1 Jn 1:9, Titus 2:14, Rom 3:26*

**The Laver (C)** - We wash. We have been hurt and wounded as we walk in this fallen world. We ask Jesus to wash away the filth: the hurt, the pain, the resentment, and the defeat. We have stepped in the muck and the mire. The things of this world cling to us: sin, greed, selfishness, busyness, apathy, and lust. We need Jesus to wash us in His Word and His love. We reflect and ask the Holy Spirit to search us. Are there things I need to let go of? Are there things that Jesus wants to change? Are there ways I need to grow and mature? We ask the Holy Spirit to help us. *Ps 51, Ps 139:2, Jn15:1-5, Rom 5:1-5, James 1:1-2*

## The Holy Place

**The Table of Showbread (D)** - Communion, the bread and the wine, the body and the blood. We commune with Him. We consider and contemplate. We invite Him to connect with us. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

**The Menorah (E)** - The light of the menorah illuminates the room known as the Holy Place. We ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate by giving us wisdom and understanding of the work of Christ in us. We ask Him to enlighten us through this time of prayer. *Eph 1:15-23, Col 1:9-14*

**The Altar of Incense (F)** - Here, the aroma of incense rises to heaven. Here, as we have worked our way through the temple, we truly enter in. Here, we see hints of the heavenly throne room. Here, our prayers rise to heaven. Here, we intercede. We pray for people in our life: our spouse, our kids, our extended family, our church, our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and the lost around us. *James 5:13-20, Galatians 6:1-2*

**The Veil (G)** - A grand tapestry with colors of blue, purple, and scarlet threads; gold and silver poles, clasps, and bases; and designs of cherubim embroidered into the veil. It was 30 feet high, 30 feet wide, and anywhere from 4-9 inches thick. It separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. Only the high priest had access, and only on one day, the Day of Atonement. When our High Priest Jesus died, the veil tore in half from top to bottom. He made a way for us. We can now enter in. *Rom 5:1-2, Rom 8:37-39, Heb 10:19-25*

## The Holy of Holies

**The Holy of Holies (H)** - Here in this room sat the Ark of the Covenant, the mercy seat. The Ark contained a jar of manna, Aaron's budding rod, and the 10 commandments. The mercy seat was a lid on top of the Ark. Much more could be discussed, but for our focus, we move to the most important part of the Holy of Holies. The most important aspect of the Holy of Holies is the very presence of God, the Shekinah Glory. In 2 Chronicles 5:14, the Shekinah Glory was so strong it pushed the priest out, but in Hebrews 10:19-25, our High Priest ushers us in. We enter into the presence of God because of Jesus. We worship God here. So here in prayer, we dwell in this. We sit in the presence of God. *Ps 46:10, Ps 91:1, James 4:8a, Rev 3:20*