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TABERNACLE SERVICE

A magnificent lesson plan is presented in God's Tabernacle where **symbolism abounds!** Now, how do we transfer the physical objects into spiritual understanding?

To begin with, look where this structure is located. Its bright and meaningful colors, various metals types and exacting significant dimensions stands amid barren

landscape. Looking downward, it's the only thing we see; certainly, the only righteous object that God sees on this not-so-green earth.

Truly, the Tabernacle represents a perfect man, one without sin, entering this barren, lost and rejected world to perform the needed acts in order to secure salvation for all its inhabitants; no matter what time they lived. The Tabernacle is a picture of Jesus in Type, Symbolism and, its meaning carries eternal truths.

The Tabernacle, from a wide angle, shows the Lord's Anointed, as a whole. The curtains, mounted on metal posts in the **outer court**; along, with two other objects; pictures a physical Savior - one that has not yet entered into heaven or rejoined His Father. Here is where His atoning work begins.

Then, the Tabernacle, within the court, reveals the heavenly side of the Savior. It is what Hebrews 9:11 states: "**A greater and more perfect Tabernacle not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building.**"

We understand "**not of this building**" to mean: NOT OF THIS WORLD; but, a heavenly one, "**which, the Lord pitched and not man,**" Hebrews 8:2. The earthly Tabernacle is a picture of the True Tabernacle of heaven.

Therefore, in the earthly Tabernacle, the two aspects of Jesus are brought together; His birth of women, with its responsibilities and, His eternal being of an obedient Son of God.

The Tabernacle unites His being so that we may appreciate Who He is, and what He did on our behalf. We bow down to Him in full meaning that is presented by the Tabernacle; both His being before the earthly creation and, His Personal walk among men.

Jesus Christ is God's Messiah. We know that in Jesus is eternal life and that He gives eternal life to mankind. His demonstrated power over this physical life proves that He healed the sick, cleansed the lepers and raised the dead.

So, Jesus did not have to die before the eternal powers kicked in; the miracles He performed proved His Deity. Jesus encouraged the Jews to examine the evidence. "**If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in Him,**" John 10:37, 38.

Back, in the **Outer Court** of the Tabernacle, we view the physical side of the Savior; where His works within the physical world were performed. The picture pre-figures those acts.

As a man, all He had to do was, simply, walk around the earth. Every step was one of sanctification. Every person He touched was blessed; every place He walked became calm, full under His control - whether, a mad man, full of demons or, a tempestuous, storm tossed sea.

As a physical man, there was no need of an altar of sacrifice. In Him was life. Jesus could have touched the altar and His life would sanctify it. He could look at the laver and clean it; rather than it cleaning Him. He was no ordinary man.

It was, however, a spiritual need that Jesus die. Having proved man worthy of eternal life, God's Son, willingly lay down on the altar which He had sanctified, previously - just by being there.

The outer court **Burnt Altar** pre-figured His work of salvation; His life blood sacrifice. The **Brass Laver** "foreshadowed" His cleansing life that would make all men "**accepted in the Beloved,**" Ephesians 1:6.

The Tabernacle structure itself shows why Jesus came into the world. Finishing His physical duties in the outer court, He was resurrected and now sits at God's right hand in heaven.

Although, Jesus was a perfect man - a second Adam, He had to die. Without His efficacious offering, mankind could not be saved; never be resurrected and live eternally.

So, Jesus came to do the will of the Father; which was symbolized in the physical Tabernacle. Jesus came to set men free, spiritually. His fleshly offering on the Altar was the cross. His offering set men from the flesh prison that held them away from God.