

# The Sanctuary – Daily Ministry /Overview of Holy Place

## ST Series 08

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### **The Daily Ministry** (All My Needs are Christ's)

The Never-ceasing Activities of the Sanctuary—

The daily preparations for the services each day actually began during the previous afternoon. The victims to be slaughtered, the cereal and wine offerings which accompanied them, the oil used for the lamps and the wood to be burned on the altar, were carefully selected.

The Hebrew word, *tamid*, literally translated 'daily', is used some 50 times in Scripture to describe parts of the Sanctuary ritual. It is also rendered continual burnt-offering (which included the meal-and-drink offerings). It not only involved court activities, but those in the holy place—the lampstand (Ex.27:20); the shewbread (Ex 25:30); the incense on the golden altar (Ex 30:8). These all pointed to the never-ending ministry of Jesus, Who “ever lives to make intercession for us” (Heb. 7:25).

#### **Two Parts to the Daily**

The “Daily” was thus the very foundation of the entire sacrificial system and nothing was permitted to interfere with it. While the priests were busy conducting the affairs in the court, involving the sacrifice, other priests were responsible for the rituals conducted in the holy place. {We will explore these functions of the priests at the different furnitures in a future lesson.}

As the daily ritual lay at the foundation of Israel's worship, the *tamid* in the heavenly Sanctuary is the heart of its ministry. It is not surprising, therefore, that the “daily” should be the target of satanic attack (Dan. 8:11,12). Should the arch-fiend succeed in taking from the hearts of God's people the significance of the never-ceasing ministry of the great Priest and High Priest in their day by day struggles against sin, and turning them away from the "place" (Dan 8:11) of His Sanctuary in heaven (Jer. 17:12), his plan to lead them into apostasy would speedily succeed. Eternal Spirit, keep my mind daily locked into the ministry of my Saviour-Priest in His Sanctuary in heaven.

### **With Jesus in the Holy Place**

#### Freedom from Sin's Power

The only “way” to the three parts of God's shrine was through a veil. These rainbow curtains, each made of the same materials, were symbols of the “flesh” of Jesus (heb.10:20).

Each Veil emphasizes that the Son of Man = the only “way” (John 14.6) by which **the penitent** can progress >> from one stage of **discipleship** to the next.

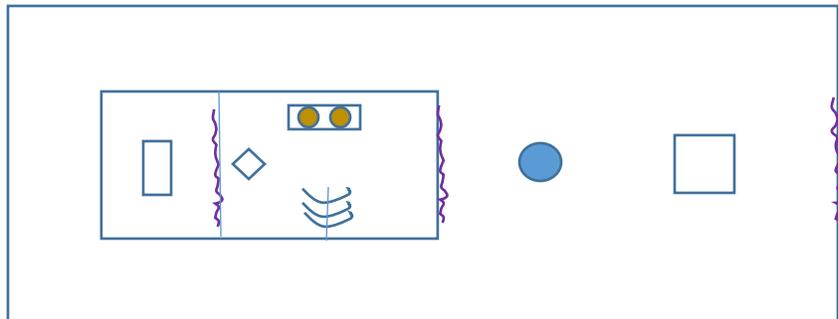
“The **humanity** of the Son of God is everything to us. It is the **golden chain** that binds our souls to Christ, and through Christ to God. This is to be our study. Christ was a real man...Yet He was God in the flesh. When we approach this subject, we would do well to heed the words spoken by Christ to Moses at the burning bush, ‘Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground’ (Ex 3:5). We should come to this study **with the humility of a learner, with a contrite heart.** And the study of the incarnation of Christ is a fruitful field which will repay the searcher who digs deep for hidden truth” (1 SM 244).

- The veils were woven with ten thousand fragile fibers to assure us that Jesus presents no impenetrable barrier to bar the spiritual voyager who longs to enter God’s presence.

### The Holy Place

- ceiled (ceiling) with tapestries made with same materials as veils. Why?  
The beauty of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Galilee forms the canopy of love above the worshipers.
- The room’s acacia walls, encased **in gold**, rested on silver footings.
- Three pieces of furnitures are precisely position. This rectangular area, 18x18x36’  
Whispers that the Son of Man is gently surrounding with the embrace of His sympathetic humanity this tableau of redemption.
- The Lord designed the forms and function of each part of this arrangement to illustrate the lessons He wished to teach—**the sanctification of His people.**

It builds on **Justification by faith** in God’s provisions. The **fire, water** and **blood** fulfilled their three-fold task and **freed** the penitent **from the guilt of sin.**



Now **in the holy place** his life **develops** through the next stage.

God’s word is likened to both **light** (Ps. 119:105) and **bread** (John 6:35). One illumines the Way the pilgrim must travel, while the other nourishes him during his journey on **to glory.**