

CHAPTER FORTY-ONE

NEW TESTAMENT AND THE TABERNACLE

Before we continue, we should pause and realize that the New Testament believers followed the steps of the Tabernacle that were required to meet the requirements of the Mosaic Law. Jesus did this and established the pattern which the believers were to follow. As you know this was done without the actual Tabernacle being present, but we identify with Jesus as He went through the True Tabernacle process.

Let me be more specific. Before the foundation of the world, the Second Person of the God Head volunteered to be the Gateway for the redemption of mankind. He then became the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world—the Altar of Sacrifice. When He came to earth, He was set apart from the world to carry out the ministry that He had been commissioned to do. This was His visit to the laver. He was the candle stick—the Light that shined in the darkness of the world. He lived by the Bread of Life or Word of God—the Table of Shew Bread. Through prayer, He worshipped the Father—the Altar of Incense. He was glorified and returned to the right hand of God. He, as High Priest, truly entered the Most Holy Place (Heaven) where He put His own blood up the True Ark of the Covenant.

Let me share more with you about Jesus. Jesus, Himself, the Gate, the Way was born in stable. This within itself was a great sacrifice, leaving Heaven and its glory to come to this evil earth and be born in what appeared to be very poor conditions. Later, John the Baptist baptized Jesus in Jordan, separating Him for His earthly ministry. Jesus had just been to the laver. Leaving there, Jesus went into the wilderness. After forty days of fasting, satan tempted Jesus at the Table of Shew Bread by trying to get Him to turn rocks into bread. Next, satan took Jesus to the Altar of Incense. Look Jesus, I can give you authority over all the land that you can see from here if you will worship me. Last, satan said why don't you jump off the pinnacle of the temple, the angels will catch and everyone will know that you are the Light of the world.

Jesus responded by making satan get behind Him. It was after this that His ministry really got underway with the anointing of God being upon Him. He preached the Law of Love and combined it with the mercy of God. The Father's Words were, "This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased.

Still another look at Jesus. He was crucified on the cross—Altar of Sacrifice. He was resurrected and glorified—purified—Laver. Jesus then ascended into Heaven where He walks among the seven branched candlestick. Everyone there will have partaken of Him as the Bread of Life—He is the Table of Shewbread. He make intercession for us—The Altar of Incense. He is at the Right Hand of God.

Now, let me show you that the New Testament follows God's Plan of Salvation. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John cover the Brazen Altar. They talk about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Acts discusses the laver aspect. Instead of water, it refers to

being separated from the world by the baptism of and with the Holy Spirit. Romans through Jude emphasizes the Word, the Light and intercession which are the pieces of furniture in the Holy Place. Revelation brings us into the Presence of God—the Holy of Holies.