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To the children all over the world who desire to understand God's mysteries.

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And let them (the children of Israel) make me (God) a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee (Moses), after the pattern of the tabernacle.

Exodus 25:8-9

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Yours in His service, Pavlina Davis

Foreword



To our young readers, We want to present to you this book, Mystery beyond the Veil, that the message of the Kingdom of God may be established in your hearts and lives.

The vision of the writer, Pavlina Davis, is that our children would grow in the truths of the Word of God. It is with that burden that she has taken the teachings of The Pattern, a book written by Mr. Cecil J. duCille, and has prepared spiritual food for our young readers.

The teaching of the Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness, which is being described in the following pages, is vital in a believer's way of living for it provides the whole plan of God to the individual, as well as the Church together.

This book has been specially prepared for those of a younger age that they might read it to understand the doctrines of God.

The definition of doctrine is "instruction and truth." Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me (John 7:16).

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself (John 7:17).

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (II Timothy 3:16).

We commit this book into the hands of those who read it and pray that the Lord Jesus Christ give you the wisdom and understanding of the life that is within these pages.

God bless you,

George Herrig (father) Stacy Asbill (daughter)

Chapter 1

God's Purpose and Plan



When a builder wants to build a building, before he actually starts, he has to know why he wants to build it and how he wants it to look. It means he has a *purpose* for building and he makes a *plan*. If his purpose is to make shoes, he draws plans for a factory. If he wants a place to live, he draws plans for a house. If he wants to raise chickens, he draws plans for a chicken house.

God, the greatest master builder of all, also had a purpose when He created man. He made three plans or patterns of that which He builds in the earth:

1. *Moses' Tabernacle* in the Wilderness, which is the *first temple* (Exodus 25:1-9).

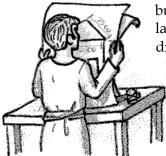
2. *Solomon's Temple* in Jerusalem, which is the second temple (I Chronicles 22:9-11).

3. *Jesus Christ* the Man, which is the *beginning of the third temple* (Matthew 24:2).

They all are very different, yet they all show the same purpose that God had at the very beginning.

Can you imagine what would happen if you decided to

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build a house and called the brick-layers to build a part of it, but they didn't understand what it is supposed to be used for? They could easily make a mistake and build walls in totally different directions than you needed them to be. That is why *it is so important to know God's purpose and plan for*

us so that we would not be building things that He does not need or want.

Why do you think God gave us the patterns of the Tabernacle and the temple in the Bible? Was it just that we would know about the history? No, it wasn't! He wanted to show us two things:

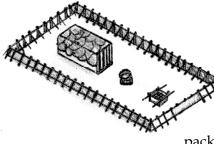
1. That He needs a place to dwell among people.

2. That He needs a place to meet with man.

God's purpose is not for us to have traditions, sacrifices, routines, and different pieces of furniture as they had in both the Tabernacle and the temple, but His purpose is that He could meet with us. The high priest always had to go through the whole Tabernacle, but if he, at the end of his journey, hadn't met with God, then everything would just have been a waste of time. It wouldn't have had any meaning. When the priest was going through the Tabernacle, all the people were waiting with fear and trembling, whether he did everything right and whether he *qualified* for God to come down and meet with Israel. If everything was done properly, God did come down. *We in our lives are also trying to walk very carefully so that we would be able to meet with God*.

As we said earlier, God put into His Word several pictures, plans or patterns. When you build a house, you also have to have several different pictures. First of all, you have to have the whole purpose in your mind – you have to know what the house is supposed to be used for. Then, as you talk to different people, you have to use different ways to pass your ideas on to them. When you tell your idea to the architect, you have to tell him how many feet long and wide the house is to be. You have to tell him where you want your stove to be placed, what kind of heating you want and things like that. When you talk to the people from the power company, you tell them how much power you are going to be using per year as well as where your electricity is going to be turned on and where the fuses are. But, when you talk to the children, you have to tell them how many sinks there are going to be in the bathroom and what color each room will be. All this time you are still talking about one house and all the information you are giving out leads to one purpose – you want to live in it.

Have you ever put together puzzles? Do you enjoy doing it? I don't know how you start your puzzles, but some people try finding all four corners of the picture first. After they have those, they choose the straight pieces to form the edges. This way they make a frame and they know that all the rest fits inside that frame. No piece stays outside it. *The same way everything that is happening in our lives as well as in the world has to fall into God's framework, into His purpose. Moses' Tabernacle, Solomon's temple, and Jesus Christ the Man give us a framework for our lives as well as for the life of the church as a whole.*



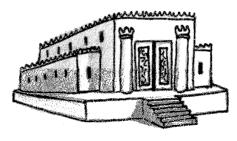
1. MOSES' TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

God gave Moses a detailed plan of a Tabernacle that he should build. The Tabernacle could be packed up and transported, so

the Israelites were able to take it with them on their journey from Egypt to Canaan. Egypt is a type of bondage, sin, and our old carnal Adamic nature. Canaan is the type of the great promise of salvation and a life free from sin.

The materials used in building the Tabernacle were wood overlaid with gold, skins of animals, brass, threads of certain symbolic colors, and silver. There were also seven pieces of furniture in it. We will be talking about the meanings of all of these in later chapters.

This plan or pattern has in its symbolic language every bit of God's word. It starts with the outside of the Tabernacle where the sinner is destined for hell. Then, the Holy Spirit brings him in through the gate of the Tabernacle and takes him to the destination God ordained for man – the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies is a place where God meets with man and where man takes on the full nature of the risen Christ, which means that he is holy and doesn't sin anymore. *This pattern has in itself the very essence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His love.*



2. SOLOMON'S TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM

Solomon's temple shows us the second stage that we, as the people of God,

would come to as we develop in God's plan. In this stage we would be as I Peter 2:5 says, *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house.* These stones were covered with gold. It means that our old, cold, dead, stone nature will be covered up with God's nature.

In Solomon's temple the size and the number of the symbolic pieces of furniture were increased when compared to Moses' Tabernacle. For instance, there was not only one Candlestick (Lampstand) there, but ten of them. Also, the Table of Shewbread, which was only one in the Tabernacle, was multiplied to ten in the temple. It all means that the work and power of the Holy Ghost has increased in the soul of the believer as well as in the church as a whole.

The next important point is that the glory of this temple was much greater than the glory of Moses' Tabernacle. Do you remember the story how at one time the glory upon Mo-

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ses was so great that his face shone and the people could not look upon him? Well, the glory of the temple was much, much greater than that of the Tabernacle. And now we are going out of Solomon's temple to the third experience, which will bring even greater glory than there has ever been before.

3. JESUS CHRIST THE MAN, OR THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD TEMPLE

Jesus Christ is the beginning of the third temple. *In Christ, we are that third temple.* God says that we are and He promised us that He would walk in us and talk in us. It is written in II Corinthians 6:16, *And what agreement*



hath the temple of God with idols? for <u>ye are the temple of the living</u> <u>God</u>; as God hath said, <u>I will dwell in them</u>, and walk in them; and <u>I</u> <u>will be their God</u>, and they shall be my people. This tells us that we are the temple where God wants to live. We will fulfill all that has been written about temples in the Bible.

Many people say that we can never be like Jesus. Yet, the Bible says that we can be like Him and not only that we *can*, but also that God *wants* us to be like Him. In Romans 8:29 it says, For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Also, Jesus says in Matthew 5:48, Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Do you think God would tell us something that would not be possible? No, He wouldn't for He is God and He cannot lie! We will become like Jesus not because we will be trying hard, but because we will be learning to step out of the way and let Him make us like Himself. I trust that as you read your Bible, this book or other Godly books, you will be able to find out for yourself how to do it in practical day-to-day life, so that you would become like Jesus.

Let me tell you: the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a mystery and it has never been fully revealed. But we live in the time

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of the end and God said in Daniel 12:9, *Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.* It means that this mystery will be shown to us, because we live in this time of the end. Some of it has already been revealed to the twelve apostles and other brethren that went before us, but some of it is still unveiling. Do you want to understand the mystery of God? If you do, let us study it together.

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un</u><u>derstood this chapter:</u>

- 1. God had a purpose before He created man and made several plans or patterns. Do you remember how many and which ones they are?
- 2. What was the whole purpose of the high priest going through the Tabernacle? What is our purpose?
- 3. What is the difference between Moses' Tabernacle and Solomon's temple?
- 4. Who is the third temple?
- 5. Can we be like Jesus? Why?

Chapter 2 The Time of the End



Any Christians do not know that the writings of the Old Testament are written of and about Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said in John 5:46, For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: <u>for he wrote of me</u>. Jesus Christ, as well as His apostles, quoted freely from every book of Moses and based their teachings upon them.

God told Daniel and other prophets that the Gospel would be revealed to the people living in the time of the end. Many people in the past claimed to be these people of the end and some even prophesied the exact time when the end would come. Let me give you an *example*:

Many years ago there was a man in Jamaica, whose name was Bedward. He prophesied that the world would come to an end on a certain day and that he and those who followed him would fly away to some prepared heaven in the skies. All the people who believed him sold their houses and everything they had, gave him the money, moved to his camp, and waited for the end of the world. The day arrived and nothing happened. Some of the people climbed a tree and, as they tried to hasten the flying away, they jumped from their perches, only to fall heavily to the ground. That day the hospital was busy with broken bones. Does it sound funny to you? But there have been hundreds of cases like this all over the world!

The Bible says that neither man nor the angels in heaven know the day or the hour when the end of the world will come, but that we know the times and the season. There were men in the Old Testament, of the tribe of Issachar, men that had understanding of the times to know what Israel should do (see I Chronicles 12:32). Also, it is written about Daniel that he understood the time the prophet Jeremiah wrote about (see Daniel 9:2). And so, there are people even today who understand the time we live in. Do you want to understand it, too?

In Genesis, *God created a seven-day week and on each day He did a different work*. Because Moses wrote of Jesus, then Genesis is about Jesus. Therefore, even though the creation was physical, it had a spiritual meaning, which is to be found in Jesus.

Let us examine the things that God created on each day. The Bible says in II Peter 3:8, *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this*



one thing, that <u>one day is with the Lord as a</u> <u>thousand years, and a thousand years as</u> <u>one day</u>. It means that that which God began to make on the 24-hour day, He completed in the 1000-year day. It is simple to understand: God is a Spirit and so the spiritual life is a higher form of life than the natural one that we know. Then, when God creates natural things, His plan must be to show us some spiritual purpose.

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SYMBOLIC MEANING OF THE SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION (As written in Genesis 1)

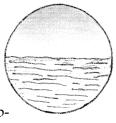


<u>The first day</u> symbolically means the <u>first</u> <u>thousand years</u>. In this day, there was a separation made between light and darkness. This means that *from the very beginning God was going to make a separation between good and evil*. Do you remember the

story about Cain and Abel and how they brought sacrifices to God? Abel's heart was pure, but Cain's was evil and because of that, God could not receive his sacrifice. Wherever light shows itself, darkness is revealed.

There was somebody very special who lived during this First Day, this first thousand years. Can you guess? His name was *Enoch*. He marked the end of the first day by being taken into heaven without dying. It all happened because he believed God (see Genesis 5:21-24 and Hebrews 11:5).

<u>The second day</u> symbolically means the <u>second thousand years</u>. On this day, God separated waters so that there was heaven in between them. There were waters above the heaven as well as below it. It was a preparation for dry ground to be able to ap-



pear as well as preparation for the growing of trees. Trees symbolically speak of the sons of God being a separate generation from the sons of earth.

The second thousand years ended with *Noah*. In Noah's time there was much evil in the earth. God had to destroy it, but He saved Noah in the ark.

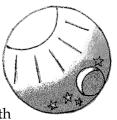
<u>The third day</u> symbolically means the <u>third thousand</u> <u>years</u>. On this day, God created dry land, fruit-bearing trees and the green vegetation. When we interpret it, we find out that this was the thousand years when God brought forth



men of godly nature to show His fruits. This is the age which produced some of the mightiest men of the Bible, for example, *Shem*, who was the father of the Semitic nations of which is Israel, the chosen people of God; *Abraham*, the father of the faith-

ful, the friend of God; also, *Isaac*, *Jacob*, *Joseph*, *Moses*, *Joshua*, *David*, etc.

<u>The fourth day</u> symbolically means the <u>fourth thousand years</u>. The sun, moon, and stars were created on this day. *The spiritual meaning of the sun is Jesus Christ, the moon is the Church, and the stars are the sons of God. Jesus* was born near the end of the fourth



thousand years. The church was born also and God began the process of begetting sons in His nature.



<u>The fifth day</u> symbolically means the <u>fifth</u> <u>thousand years</u>. On this day, the Lord created the living creatures, fish and birds. The fifth thousand years were when Jesus resurrected and brought forth *life everlasting* and *triumphed over death*. When He did

that, He gave us immortality as a present. Immortality means that we will never die but live forever. II Timothy 1:10 says, *But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.* So it really happened.

<u>The sixth day</u> symbolically means the <u>sixth thousand years</u>. On this day, God created the beast first and then He made man to control the beast and the whole creation. The word *beast* in the Bible speaks of a man who rejects God and is being led by evil spir-



its. This beast then has to be completed by the end of the six

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thousand years. Also, the sons of God who are led by the Holy Spirit must be completed and rise in their power and rule the beast and the creation. *In the Bible the end of the sixth day is called the time of the end of the world.*

<u>The seventh day</u> symbolically means the <u>seventh thousand years</u>. On this day, God rested. He didn't rest because He was tired (for God is never tired), but He wanted the whole creation, including man, to rest with Him. *During the seventh thousand*



years, God is going to bring His Kingdom to the earth so that there will be no evil anymore and everything and everybody will rest.

Now, as we have learned about the days of creation, can you understand the times? Where do you think we are in time? If Jesus came at the end of the fourth day and we live two thousand years after Him, then we must be at the end of the sixth day, the six thousand years. It means that *the seventh day will start soon*. We cannot say that the end of this age will come next year, April 6th at 5 PM, but we can certainly say that the time is very near and we need to be ready for it.

The sixth day must end in tribulation and great suffering as it is written, for example, in Matthew 24. But those who walk carefully with Jesus through God's Tabernacle do not have to be afraid. God will hide them in His secret place under His shadow as Psalm 91 says. *Let us, therefore, be among those who love God, spend time with Him so that we might know Him, and do His will.* Then, we will be hidden by God and nothing of the destruction of this earth will touch us.

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

1. Who are the writings of the Old Testament written of and about?

- 2. Who were the people in the Old Testament that had the understanding of the times?
- 3. How many days did God take to create the earth and everything on it? Can you remember what He did every day and what is the symbolic meaning of it?
- 4. Which mighty men of God lived during those one thousand-year days?
- 5. When will the seventh day start?

Chapter 3 The Tabernacle Jn the Wilderness

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First of all, let me introduce you to a young Jewish boy named Aaron. Aaron is eight years old and is the son of a man who, if they still lived in the Old Testament times, would be a priest in the temple. Since Aaron was a little boy, his father has been diligently teaching him Jewish law. A few weeks ago, his parents met a family that introduced them to Jesus. Both Aaron's mother and father gave their lives to Jesus, began to read the Bible and started going to church. Aaron went with them, together with his siblings, but could not quite understand the things he was participating in. Then one night he had a visitation...

"Aaron," a strong but gentle Voice called him, "come with Me, I will show you My pattern for man." Aaron was so startled by the voice.

"Who are You, Sir?" he asked.

"I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and I want

to be your God, too."

"God of my forefathers," Aaron thought, "and He wants to be my God!" He rose up quickly to follow the One Whom he heard so much about.

"Aaron," the strong but gentle Voice said, "I want you to learn all that I will show you. I want you to experience it, too. And I want you to go and tell other people that I am a good

> God Who loves them and has a wonderful plan for their lives."

Immediately, Aaron was taken into the wilderness to a very interesting structure. It looked like a building but was not built with stones. He remembered his father telling him

about the Tabernacle of Moses that the people of Israel were given before the temple was built. Could this be it? Suddenly, the Voice said, "This is My pattern for man. If you follow it closely, you will get to know Me and you will learn how to hide under the shadow of My wings. I want you to understand, Aaron, that *the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands* as it is written in the Bible in Acts 7:48. Do you know what that means?"

"No, Lord, I don't," Aaron replied.

"It means," the Voice spoke again, "that I live in human beings and they are My everlasting house. But I have given them My pattern to follow so that they would qualify to be My house. What you see here in the wilderness is the Tabernacle that I told Moses to build. You can read about it in Exodus chapters 25-27, 30, and 37-38."

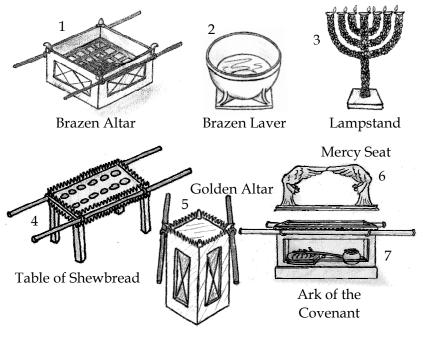
The Lord took Aaron in the air so that he would be able to see the whole structure from the bird's perspective. What a marvelous picture it was – simple but beautiful! As Aaron was enjoying the view, the Lord spoke to him again, "Aaron, what you see here is called the *Outer Court*. It has two pieces of furniture, the *Brazen Altar* and the *Brazen Laver*. We will talk about the meaning of them sometime later. Also, have you noticed the tent placed in the Outer Court?"

"Yes, Lord, I see it. Is that the sanctuary?"

"It is the place where I meet with men. It has two parts. The first one is the *Holy Place* where the priests come every morning, light the *Lampstand* that is found in there, sit and eat by the *Table of Shewbread* and burn incense at the *Golden Altar*. The second part of the tent is the *Holy of Holies* and it has two pieces of furniture: the *Mercy Seat* and the *Ark of the Covenant.*"

Aaron thought this all looked very exciting. He had heard about all these things before, but somehow in his heart he didn't understand how this could show God's pattern for man. He asked the Lord, "Lord, I don't understand. How can this all mean that You want to dwell in man?"

"It is more simple than you think, My child," the Lord replied. "The man has to walk to the fiery Brazen Altar of sacrifice and through the watery grave (the Brazen Laver) for washing and cleansing of his human dirt. Then, he walks to



the Lampstand and learns how to work together with the Holy Spirit. At the Table of Shewbread he feeds on Christ in order to receive life. At the Golden Altar of Incense he totally separates his whole human and spiritual life unto God. And if he does everything right, he enters into the Holy of Holies, which is a very special place. It brings man out of himself and into the nature of the Father. Here the man comes to be like Jesus."

This was all a lot of new information for Aaron. He had heard about the Tabernacle before, but never saw it so real nor did he understand that it had something to do with the life of an individual. As he was pondering upon these things, the Lord took him down to earth and brought him outside of the whole Tabernacle. Aaron found himself standing outside the fence not being able to see anything inside.

"What a sad place this is," he thought. "There are all those beautiful things inside and yet I cannot see any of them."

The Lord, being able to read his thoughts, said to him, "Aaron, this is what the people in the world experience. They see only the fence and nothing else. They don't know what is beyond the fence and cannot even enter in to find out. They don't have Jesus in their lives. The only thing they know is dry wilderness where there is no water and nobody to care for them."

Aaron had heard about Jesus quite a bit these days, but never gave Him much thought. Even this time he pushed the thought of Jesus back in his mind and began to think about the three parts of the Tabernacle: the Outer Court, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. He was wondering why God made the Tabernacle in three parts. Immediately, as this thought came to him, the answer came: "I have made all things in threes. I am in three parts – Father, Son and the Holy Spirit; you are in three parts – spirit, soul and body; heavens are three, too; and even the atoms have three parts. This is how I created things.

"Aaron, I also want you to understand this: even though

I created the Tabernacle in three parts, when the end of this age comes, only the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies will be saved from the destruction. I am sure you want to know why. It is because the people who live there have My covering upon them. Those who do not have My covering will die, whether they choose to live outside of the Tabernacle or in the Outer Court.

"Do you remember the first two days of creation and how I had to destroy the whole earth at the end of the second day? It will be the same in the time that is shortly coming. Only those who were hidden in Noah's ark were saved from the destruction. And so, only those, who are hidden in Me will be saved. But without at least living in the Outer Court you cannot get to heaven after you die and be with Me forever. The Outer Court, with its first two pieces of furniture, shows the two thousand years in the history of men. However, we will talk about the details of it some other time."

Aaron thought deeply about all of this. He really wanted to understand all these things but he knew he would have to meditate upon them a lot. Yet, he didn't mind doing so.

While he was still deep in his thoughts, Aaron began to realize that the Lord was slowly leaving him. The last thing he heard Him say was, "Aaron, it is time for you to get some rest now, but I will come again and show you in detail the things about the Outer Court."

What a joy filled Aaron's little heart! He will get to meet with the God of his forefathers again and learn even more about His plan and purpose for men!

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. In which book of the Bible can you read about the Tabernacle of Moses?
- 2. How many parts does the Tabernacle consist of and what are their names?

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- 3. How many pieces of furniture did God tell Moses to put in the Tabernacle? Do you remember their names?
- 4. What is going to happen to the world and the Outer Court at the end of this age?

Chapter 4 The Court of the Tabernacle

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"A aron," the Voice called the young boy in his sleep, "come with Me and I will show you the meaning of the Outer Court as I promised you. You can read about it in Exodus chapters 27 and 38 later on."

Aaron's heart leaped with joy. The Lord was here again and He wanted to talk to him, a little boy. Aaron knew the story of Samuel in the Bible how God had chosen him and spoke to him when he was still very young. But he didn't know any other child at this time that God would speak to. Yet, he was learning that God doesn't make any difference among people whether young or old. He comes and talks to everybody who wants to listen to Him. What a joy and peace Aaron was experiencing in the presence of the Almighty God!

"Take this stick, Aaron," the Voice commanded him. "It is one cubit long. Walk around the fence of the Outer Court and measure the length of it." Aaron did as he was told to do. It took him quite a while but finally he came up with the right number: 100 cubits long and 50 cubits wide. He did his math real quick. "Well," he thought, "it

means that it is 300 cubits all around."

"Good math, Aaron," the Voice said to him. "Can you tell Me where else in the Scriptures you find the number 300?"

Aaron didn't hesitate a bit. He knew it very well. It was Gideon's army in Judges chapter 7! He liked that story very much and heard about it a lot from his father.

"Well answered, Aaron," the Lord smiled with pleasure. "I want you to understand that today I still have My army like Gideon's was. However, it is not only 300 men anymore, but this number 300 is a symbolic number representing the sons of God, those who allowed Me to change their human nature into My nature."

While still in thought about God's army, Aaron lifted up his head and noticed that in order for the cloth wall of the Tabernacle to be able to stand up, it was hanging on pillars made out of brass and anchored in the ground by brass pegs. He was also aware that there were sockets in the ground made out of brass.

By this time he knew that everything God makes in the natural has a spiritual meaning. Therefore, he was anxiously waiting for God to explain to him what this brass meant. He didn't have to wait long; the explanation came quickly: "The brass means judgment, Aaron. If you read throughout the Scriptures and look up the word *brass*, you will see for yourself that it means just that. All men have equal opportunity to be either of God or of the devil. There is nothing in between. Everybody will be judged according to the decision they make."

"But, Lord, what do the silver fillets on the top of the posts of brass mean? They are not judgment, are they?"

"You are right, Aaron, they are not judgment. Only brass talks of judgment. Silver speaks of redemption. Do you know what redemption means?"

"I am not sure, Lord," was Aaron's hesitant answer.

"Redemption means that you are bought from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of light; you don't have to behave like a slave anymore, but you have become the child of the living God. You see, redemption surrounds the whole court. The Outer Court only represents judgment and justice against your enemy, *sin*. The purpose of this judgment is *redemption*. Though you are shut in forever, it is to redeem you from your enemy. If you look carefully, you will see that the hooks are also made of silver, and these are used to hold the hangings."

Now, after being given so much information, Aaron still wanted to know what the hangings meant and what they were made of. He learned that they represent the *flesh* and their hooks are made of silver. It means that even though we are made of flesh, we are kept in the right place by the *re-demptive power of God*. The hangings are made of fine twined linen, which is made by hand. Linen symbolically means purity and purity is a defense of the people of God. When the

devil comes and you are pure, he cannot stay around but has to run away. The handiwork means that there are people ordained by God, the ministry of God, who work busily to perfect God's work within men.

There was one last thing Aaron was curious to know about and it was the *gate*. He noticed there was only one gate leading inside the Court and it had four pillars. As he was trying to peek in, the Lord spoke to him.

"Aaron," He said, "this is the gate by which men can

come back to God. Do you remember how I had to cast Adam out of the Garden of Eden, out of My presence, out of a close relationship with Me, because he sinned? With Adam's fall I have provided a way for all people to come back to Me if they want. This gate with its four pillars shows them how: four speaks of testing and tribulation and change. Tribulation is the only means by which I am going to purge sin out of My people once and for all. Isn't it exciting to know that there is a way out of sin?"

"It sure is exciting," Aaron admitted in his thoughts. He often wondered how people, who are so bad, could come to a pure and righteous God and not die. Now, he knew: God has provided a way!

"Lord, will You show me how to walk in Your way so that I might be in Your presence forever?" Aaron wanted to know.

As he asked, it was as if he felt the strong but gentle Voice smile, "This is why I came to you, Aaron. So that you would know My way for yourself and also, so that you could teach it to others. I will come to you again, very soon..." These were the last words Aaron heard. There sure was a lot he would have to think about...

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. How long is the Outer Court? Can you remember what that number means?
- 2. What does brass represent? Can you tell which things in the Outer Court are made of brass?
- 3. What does silver represent? Can you tell which things in the Outer Court are made of silver?
- 4. What are the hangings made out of? Does it have a specific meaning?
- 5. How many pillars does the gate consist of? What does the number mean?

Chapter 5 The Brazen Altar



aron was laying in his bed wondering whether the God of his forefathers would come to him again this night. He enjoyed hearing about the plan of God for man. Last time the Lord promised to take him through the gate into the inner part of the Outer Court. He was anxious to enter in.

"Aaron," the still small Voice called the young boy in his dream, "it's time to continue our journey."

Yes, the Lord came again! Aaron's little heart leaped with joy. He quickly joined the Voice and found himself standing at the gate with its four pillars, exactly where they left off the last time.

"Aaron, would you like to enter through the gate?" the Voice asked him.

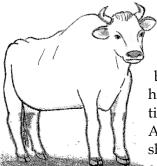
"I would, Lord," Aaron answered, "I have desired it since You told me about it being possible."

The Lord was pleased with his answer, "That is a good desire, Aaron, but let Me tell you first what it would mean for you to enter in. When you go through the gate, you will meet the first piece of furniture in the Tabernacle. As I have told you before, it is called the *Brazen Altar* and it represents the cross, or death to sin. You remember that all men were born sinners, don't you?"

"Yes, I do, Lord," said Aaron sadly. He knew that there was nothing good in man and that he could not help but sin.

"The Brazen Altar talks about justification," the Lord continued, "which means that you will be made just as if you had never sinned. It also talks about the beginning of salvation/redemption meaning that you are bought and paid for. It says in Romans 8:24 that you are saved by hope. So at the Brazen Altar there is a part of that salvation imparted into you. This is why Jesus died on the cross so that you would not have to be a sinner any more and go to hell.

"Now, let Me tell you what used to happen on the altar



in the time of Moses. A bull was brought in to the Tabernacle by sheer force. He could smell the blood of the animals that died there before him and was fighting to retain his life, but it was all in vain. He was tied down with cords to the Brazen Altar with four brazen horns, which showed power and authority and force and judgment. Then he was slain with

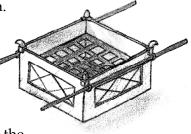
one stroke of the priest's knife. This is also what I require of you - to die."

Aaron thought about it deeply. He didn't understand why the loving God would want him to die. He didn't want to die, he was still very young!

"Aaron," the Voice continued as He was able to read Aaron's thoughts, "I don't want you to die physically. I want you to die to your sin. Your carnality has to die in order for you to be able to live with Me."

Well, that was a different story. "Lord, can You tell me more about this Brazen Altar?" Aaron asked. He wanted to know as much as he could so that he would be sure he knew what the Lord was asking of him.

"The knife that the priest used," the Voice spoke again, "represents the Word of God. The sin life of the sinner is the bull. The rope is the physical circumstances, which bring you to the



binding. And the Great High Priest is Christ. Jesus Christ Himself was the first Lamb slain on this altar, and since then you are only asked to do it in spirit. Then, you receive all the benefits of life. Because of sin, death becomes a necessity, for as it says in the Bible in Romans 6:23, *The wages of sin is death*. The old life must die before the new begins."

Aaron also learned that the altar was made of *wood* and overlaid with *brass*. *Brass*, as he already knew, represents *judgment*. *Wood is a type of flesh* and it shows that Jesus had to come as a man in order to save men from their sins. We can read about it in I Corinthians 15:21, *For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead*. Sin comes under judgment at the Brazen Altar. Repentance then is a basic part of receiving the work of the Brazen Altar within the soul of man.

Aaron was curious to know, "Why is repentance so necessary? Why could I not just accept Jesus as my Savior and receive all the benefits of salvation without repentance?"

The Lord just smiled at him, "Aaron, I cannot participate in sin. It says in Matthew 9:16, *No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.* Can you imagine what would happen if you sewed a piece of new cloth on an old garment? It would only make it worse. In the same way, repentance is needed because you have to renounce the old for the acceptance of the new. In your past life you had been a servant of Satan and his spirits, because you submitted to them. But because of the sacrifice of Jesus, you can now have a better way than obeying the devil. You can repent of



your sin and give your life to Me. And I will make sure that you will have an everlasting life and have the opportunity to walk through the rest of the Tabernacle. Is this what you want, Aaron? Do you want to enter through the gate?"

Aaron was deep in thought. He never knew that Jesus died to take away his sin. As he thought of it, the Lord showed him the cross, where Jesus died. He showed him all the wounds that were bleeding for him and other sinners. As he saw the cross, tears came

into Aaron's eyes. He never thought that somebody would want to die for him so that he would not sin any more, so that he would not be disobedient any more, so that he would not be naughty any more, so that he could live forever. He knelt down and told the Lord he wanted to die to sin and live with Him. He repented of his sin and received the work of Jesus into his heart.

How about you, young reader? Have you ever given your life to Jesus? If not, just know that Jesus is asking you to do the same as He asked Aaron. And the same promise that He gave to Aaron will belong to you also: you will live with Him eternally and He will give you the opportunity to walk with Him through the rest of the Tabernacle. If you don't know how to give your life to Jesus, you may want to read the prayer below that might help you. Jesus longs for you to give Him your heart so that He might give you all the benefits of salvation.

Prayer that you may pray:

Lord Jesus, I believe that You died for my sins on the cross and I thank You for it. I repent of my sins and ask You to forgive me. Please make me all clean. I confess with my mouth that God has raised You from the dead and I believe this in my heart. Please be my Lord and my God. Thank You,

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Lord Jesus, for saving me.

Answer the following questions to see how well you understood this chapter:

- 1. What does the Brazen Altar speak about?
- 2. What happened on the Brazen Altar in the time of Moses? What does it all symbolically mean for us?
- 3. What was the Brazen Altar made of? What is the meaning of it?
- 4. Why is repentance necessary?
- 5. Have you received Jesus into your life? Tell somebody about it!

Chapter 6 The Brazen Laver Part 1

aron, it is time to go to the second piece of furniture," the still small Voice called the young boy. Aaron's heart jumped with joy. He was ready to follow the One Whom he had begun to love with his whole heart. The Voice led him from the *Brazen Altar* to the *Brazen Laver*.

"Look carefully at this Brazen Laver filled with water, Aaron," the Voice commanded him. "Do you know what the word *laver* means?"

Aaron was not sure. "Can You tell me, Lord?" he asked.

"The word *laver* means wash basin. It is a place of washing," the Lord was quick to answer.

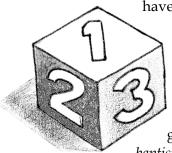
Aaron wondered why he had to be washed in water when he had already been washed by the Blood of Jesus. The Lord, knowing Aaron's thought, began to tell him about the Brazen Laver:

"You see, Aaron, the Laver is made of brass and so,

again, it represents judgment. When you come to the Brazen Altar and receive the Blood of Jesus into your life, you <u>die to</u> <u>sin and to the world</u>. But the Brazen Laver represents <u>death</u> <u>to self</u>. It is judgment against self</u>. The priest had to wash at the Laver and as he did, he put the death of the cross behind him as a completed work, and turned to the next step on his journey through the Tabernacle. This next step is *sanctification* and *consecration.*"

Aaron thought these two words, *sanctification* and *consecration*, were too big for him to understand, but the Lord explained them further to him. He learned that *sanctification* means that he will be holy as God is holy, as the Bible tells us to be so (for example, I Peter 1:16). *Consecration* is the putting aside of that which was cleansed for the work of the Lord only. It means that from the time you are baptized you will work only for Him. Aaron liked that. He wanted to be with his Lord all the time and working for Him sounded so wonderful! The Lord continued to explain to him:

"The Brazen Laver represents baptism, Aaron. In Ephesians 4:5 it says that there is only one baptism. But as you



have learned before, all things are in three parts. Therefore, even baptism has three parts: natural which is baptism in water; spiritual - baptism in the Holy Spirit; and fullness - baptism into Christ. Every principle of God is first given to you in the natural. *Natural baptism, then, is the baptism in water*. But if

you allow your understanding to remain in the natural, then it has no real meaning since the natural will pass away."

"Lord," Aaron asked, "I understand it is important to be baptized because You say so, but I must have missed what the true meaning of it is. I don't understand why I have to be baptized."

"It is very simple, Aaron," the gentle Voice replied. "The true meaning of baptism can be found in Romans 6:4, *There-*

fore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. The two (death and resurrection) go together like peas in a pod. Also, in John 3:5 it says that you cannot enter the Kingdom of God without being baptized."



Aaron began to think deeply. He really wanted to enter into the Kingdom of God. And he really wanted to get to the destination in the Holy of Holies. He understood that without being baptized in water he would not be able to reach all the best things the Lord had for him. Also, he knew that if he refused to be baptized, the Lord would not tell him about the other pieces of furniture which were in the Tabernacle. And he really wanted to know them all! Therefore, he asked, "Lord, how can I get baptized?"

The Lord smiled at him. He was very pleased with him. "Go to the river tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock," He said. "You will find a man there who will be baptizing other people. Tell him I sent you to him so that he would baptize you in water."

"Lord, why can't You baptize me?" Aaron asked.

"I don't baptize in water, my young friend," the Lord replied. Then He continued, "I have sent men to do it. They baptize in the name of Jesus and you know that *name* means *nature*. To be baptized in a name, therefore, is to be immersed in the nature of the name. Water baptism is valid only when you submit to Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith, and enter into a covenant relationship with Me. You are therefore baptized out of self, losing your name (nature), and by covenant agree to go all the way with Me. Baptism means immersion, *being covered over with*, therefore, to be baptized into the name of Christ means being covered over with Christ's nature. And even though I cannot baptize you in water, Aaron, I can promise you that once you are baptized, I will come and baptize you in the Spirit and in fire." With these words the Lord left Aaron for the night.

What do you think, young reader? Did Aaron go down to the river to be baptized as the Lord told him to do? He sure did! What would you do if God told you to be baptized? Would you obey Him? You can be sure that if you have given your heart to Jesus, He wants you to be baptized, for the Bible says in Mark 16:16, *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...* Jesus desires the same for you as He did for Aaron to give Him your life and be baptized so that you can go through another step that leads to the destination in the Holy of Holies.

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. Do you remember what the word *laver* means?
- 2. Why do we have to be washed in water when we have already been washed by the Blood of Jesus?
- 3. What do *sanctification* and *consecration* mean?
- 4. What does the Brazen Laver represent?
- 5. What are the three parts of baptism?
- 6. What is the meaning of baptism in water?
- 7. Who baptizes in water?
- 8. Have you been baptized? If yes, tell somebody about it!

Chapter 7 The Brazen Laver Part 2

aron remembered well the wonderful feeling he had when he got out of the water after being baptized. He was so full of joy that he was hardly able to contain himself! He was ready to share his joy with the whole world! But even more he was looking forward to seeing again the One Whom he now loved more than anything or anyone else. His desire was soon fulfilled. The Lord came once again...

"Lord!" Aaron exclaimed. "I went down to the river and got baptized as You told me to do!"

"Very good, Aaron," the Lord replied. "I am glad you obeyed for *to obey is better than sacrifice* as it says in I Samuel 15:22."

"Lord," Aaron continued with excitement, "I was filled with so much joy!"

The Lord smiled, "You see, Aaron, doing the will of God will always fill you with joy. Remember it. Now, do you still

remember what the baptism is all about?"

"Oh, yes, Lord!" Aaron exclaimed again. "It means that I was buried with You into death and as You raised up from the dead, so I also can now walk in the newness of life. Furthermore, I have been sanctified and consecrated. And now I will work for You only."

The Lord seemed to be pleased with his answer. "Very good, My son," He said, "you remember it well. Let Me tell you what your next step is in order to get to the destination in the Holy of Holies:

"Do you still remember our little box with dimensions? I am sure you do. Baptism in water was the first dimension, the natural, wasn't it? The second dimension is spiritual and it is called the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is your next step. This baptism means that the Holy Spirit enters into you. When you were first saved, I didn't actually come into you. I had to make way for Myself - I sent My Blood. But because I really want to live in you, I will send My Spirit to you. Before you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, My Spirit dwells with you, but after the baptism He will live in you, as it says in John 14:16-17. In this baptism, comparing to the baptism in water, instead of being covered over with water, you will be covered over with the Holy Spirit, inside and outside. Just as the water covered you, so also the Holy Spirit will cover you. This time I am the Baptizer and not any man."

Aaron thought about it. He had recently met some people who told him that they desired the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but never received it. They were saying that one group is teaching that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is this and the other group is teaching it is something else. These people were saying that they were confused, because the churches are so very different. Aaron wanted to make sure that he would not be confused. He really wanted to understand it.

The Lord, being able to read his thoughts, answered his question immediately. "You see, Aaron, people are saying different things about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, but the truth of the matter is that they are not sincere in their heart. For if they are confused, all they have to do is apply the Word of God and prove for themselves what the baptism in the Holy Spirit is. In Luke 11:10-13 it is written, *For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? This is the insurance policy that people have with Me. For I am a good God and have good gifts for My children."*

"Lord, I know You want to live in me," Aaron continued thoughtfully, "but what is it that the Holy Spirit will do to me?"

"That's a very good question, Aaron," the Lord replied. "Let Me tell you some of the things the Holy Spirit will do: He will make you holy so that you will be like Me; He will be your Comforter (see John 14:16); you will receive power and be a witness unto Me (see Acts 1:8); you will speak the Word of God with boldness (see Acts 4:31); also, you will start caring about other people because the love of God will be shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit (see Romans 5:5)."

Aaron's heart was satisfied with the answer. He knew he wanted to be baptized so that he would not miss out on the best the Lord had for him. He asked, "Lord, what can I do to receive Your Holy Spirit? Is it really that simple that I only ask You and You will give?"

"Yes, Aaron, it really is that simple. Sometimes I have people laying hands on others so that they will receive the Holy Spirit (see Acts 8:17). But sometimes I baptize people as they seek My face on their knees and ask Me."

Aaron still seemed to be thinking hard. "But, Lord," he said, "I am thinking of those people who were saying that they have been asking You for a long time yet never received the Holy Spirit. They have not only desired it, but also asked for it. Why didn't You give it to them?" For the first time in all the visitations that Aaron had from the Lord he saw the Lord's face getting sad. His eyes were full of tears as He spoke the following words:

"There are people who think that they can serve both Me and the world. They come to Me and say they want the Holy Spirit, but have sin in their life at the same time. And they don't want to be cleansed by My Blood so that I can bless them. Sometimes they say they are not sure if they really need the Holy Spirit as if they were saying that they are not sure if they want to live with Me and go with Me all the way. It hurts Me, you know. I want to bless them, I want to give them the best I have prepared for them, but I cannot enter an unclean vessel or a vessel that is not really sure that they want Me inside of them. Also, sometimes instead of seeking Me they seek speaking in tongues or prophesying. But it is only when they seek Me that I send the Holy Spirit. There are also those who pray but don't really believe that they will receive. If people want to get to the Holy of Holies, they have to fall on their face and say, 'God, I need the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Please cleanse me and give it to me.' They have to make sure they are baptized in the Spirit; they have to make sure that they have gifts, and they speak in tongues."

Tongues! The Lord had mentioned this word twice already and it really struck Aaron. He heard about tongues before and was wondering what they were good for. The Lord was pleased to see how much Aaron was interested in the heavenly matters. And because He was ready to share His secrets with the hungry and curious heart, He was ready to answer even this question.

"When I baptize people in the Holy Spirit, I give them gifts. They either start prophesying or speaking in tongues. They just get *out of themselves*. It is My sign that I have entered into their being and am ready to take over. I have said in Mark 16:17 that those that believe shall speak with new tongues (among other things). I would encourage you to read the Acts of the Apostles. There you will find out how many times the people spoke in tongues after being baptized in the Holy Spirit."

"Lord, what are these tongues for? Are they only a sign or is there any other meaning to them?" Aaron wanted to know.

The Lord answered, "It is written in I Corinthians 14:4, *He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself...* When you speak in tongues, the Spirit speaks mysteries through your mouth and you are being edified."

At this point, Aaron had learned what he thought he needed to know about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He wanted it very much. He had the Blood of Jesus in his soul, but he longed for Christ to actually enter into him. Therefore, he knelt on the floor before the Lord and asked him, "Lord, would You please baptize me in Your Holy Spirit?" Because the Lord was pleased with Aaron asking Him, He sent His Spirit and baptized him. Immediately, Aaron was filled with such power and joy that it was hard to be described. He opened his mouth and began to speak the mysteries of God in another tongue as the Lord promised him.

How about you, young reader? Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If you haven't, study the subject for yourself so that you would desire to be baptized as Aaron did. We have learned that without making this step through the Tab-



ernacle, we cannot get to the destination in the Holy of Holies. I pray that you would be inspired in seeking the Lord for the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He wants to do for you the same as He did for Aaron.

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Answer the following questions to see how well you understood this chapter:

- 1. What is the second dimension of baptism?
- 2. Who baptizes in the Holy Spirit?
- 3. What are some of the things the Holy Spirit will do to you?
- 4. How can you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?
- 5. What will happen when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit?
- 6. What are the tongues for?

Chapter 8 The Brazen Laver Part 3

aron could not help but rejoice every time he remembered how he was baptized in the Holy Spirit. What joy filled his soul! He now had power over his own sin and was becoming holy, as the Lord is holy. Also, he felt such a comfort in his little soul. In addition to these, he began to care about other people and speak the Word of God with boldness. He shared his experiences with his family and is now praying for his siblings every day that they too would come to know Jesus. He also talked to some of his friends. They thought he was strange, but some of them came back to him later so that they could learn more about his faith. Aaron is believing for their salvation, too.

Aaron learned that speaking in tongues really edifies him. When he is alone praying to the Lord, he not only talks to Him in his native tongue, but also in his heavenly language. He learned that as he speaks and rises up in the Spirit, the language changes and becomes more and more beautiful. One time he listened to the beauty of the tongues so much that he forgot to focus on the Lord and the Lord had to remind him to look to Him.

Aaron prayed for everybody and everything! Sometimes he would just praise the Lord. Other times he would weep before the Lord for the lost souls or people who were in a lot of suffering. Sometimes he would even wake up in the middle of the night praying to the Lord. He really enjoyed God's presence in his life and was looking forward to the next visitation. He knew that this time the Lord was going to talk to him about the third dimension of baptism and he could hardly wait. Then one day the Lord came to him again...

"Aaron," the well-known Voice woke up the young boy from his sleep. "I am here to tell you about the third dimension of the second mystery in the Tabernacle of Moses."

Aaron's heart leaped with joy - the Lord was here! "Lord," Aaron exclaimed, "I could hardly wait for You to come! I was looking forward to it so much!"

"I am glad, Aaron, that you enjoy being in My presence," the Lord said. "There are not too many people who want Me. But I am always ready to come to the heart that desires to be with Me." He paused for a little while and then continued, "Aaron, what do you think the third dimension of baptism could be?"

Aaron thought for a moment and then shook his head. "I don't know, Lord," he admited. "Could You please tell me?"

The Lord smiled at him. "I will tell you gladly, My son," He said, "and I want you to tell others who desire to know it, too.

"The third dimension always means fullness, as you already know. If the first dimension is natural and the second spiritual, then the third is the absolute fulfillment of both natural and spiritual. If you understand the water baptism, then you can easily understand what the fullness of baptism will be. When you are baptized in water, you are fully covered with water. In the baptism into Christ, you are immersed into Christ by the Holy Spirit. It means that you are fully covered over with Christ. The scripture for this is found in I Corinthians 12:13, *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...*"

"Lord," Aaron said quietly, "I understand that I will be fully covered with Christ. I also understand that it is not man nor You baptizing but Your Holy Spirit. But what does it actually mean to be baptized into Christ?"

"It is not that difficult to figure out, My young friend," was the Lord's reply. "Do you know what *Christ* means?"

"Well, Christ is a perfect man with Jesus as the head and the people who are like Him as the Body," Aaron replied thoughtfully.

"That is exactly right. People who are like Jesus form the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit baptizes you into the nature of Christ. When you enter from the Outer Court to the Holy Place, you enter into the nature of Christ. Thus you are baptized in Christ. The Christ nature must cover and supersede your own nature, and Christ must be the predominant factor in your being."

"Lord," Aaron asked, "does it mean that when the Holy Spirit baptizes me into Christ, my will will be as Your will, my emotions will be as Your emotions, my desires will be as Your desires, and my mind will be as Your mind?"

"Very good, Aaron, you understand it well," the Lord commended him. "But you have to understand that in comparison with the baptism in water and the baptism in the Holy Spirit it is not a one minute experience. It takes time and it is a process for the Holy Spirit to baptize you into Christ. This process is not fully completed in you until you fulfill your duty at the fifth piece of furniture - the Golden Altar, which I will talk to you about later. And you have to submit to the Holy Spirit so that He can do it for you."

"When can I then enter into the Holy Place?" Aaron asked.

"Once the Holy Spirit starts working on baptizing you, you can go through the door. Are you ready for it, Aaron?"

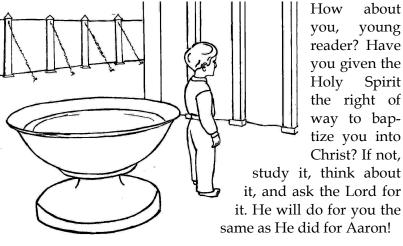
"Yes, Lord!" Aaron said excitedly. "I want to be like You

so that no ugly things will come out of me any more, neither in word nor in deed." Then a thought came to him, "Is it going to be hard to be changed?"

The Lord nodded His head. "It is going to be very hard," He said, "because you will have to die to all that is *you*. But without it you cannot continue your way through the Tabernacle and come to the destination in the Holy of Holies."

"Well, Lord, then I want to die," Aaron replied. "It seems that our whole walk and our whole life is about dying. But You have to help me, Lord, because I don't think I can do it myself. Would You please?"

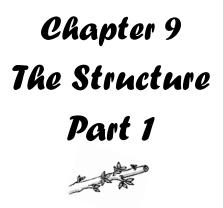
"I surely will help you, Aaron. You are right, life is about bearing your cross and dying. It says in Matthew 16:24, *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me*. But I will be with you in every situation and circumstance and will give you strength to overcome your sinful nature. Just look to Me at all times and trust Me and I will bring you to the end. Remember what the Bible says in I John 5:4, For whatsoever is *born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.* So believe Me and you will overcome." With these words the Lord departed, but before He did, He made sure the Holy Spirit began to baptize Aaron into Christ...



The Brazen Laver, Part 3

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What is the third dimension of baptism?
- 2. Who baptizes into Christ?
- 3. What does it mean to be baptized into Christ?
- 4. How long does it take to be baptized into Christ?
- 5. When can you enter into the Holy Place?



aron has been thinking of his experiences in the Tabernacle. He has already gone through the gate and died to sin at the Brazen Altar. Then he went on to the Brazen Laver and died to self by being baptized in water. Further on, Jesus baptized him in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit began to baptize him into Christ. Aaron was ready to leave the Outer Court and enter through the door into the Holy Place. However, before he did, the Lord had something to show him...

"Aaron, I want you to stay in the Outer Court."

Aaron leaped with joy when he heard the well-known Voice, but was disappointed by what he heard. He was hoping to enter into the Holy Place and now, the Lord was holding back!

"Lord, I was hoping..."

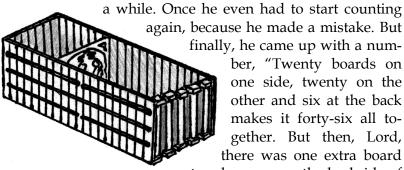
"Be patient, Aaron," the Lord interrupted him. "I will

take you through the door as I promised. But first, I want to show you the structure of the tent that covers both the Holy Place as well as the Holy of Holies."

Aaron was excited. He was wondering what the tent consisted of. It looked more like a building rather than a tent. It was covered with different colored cloths and animal skins hanging down on either side and over the top of it. There was also the glint of glittering gold to be seen on the sides. The construction had only one entrance at the east side, and this was made of curtains.

"Aaron, peek under the covers and count the wooden boards," the Lord commanded him.

"It is all so exciting!" Aaron thought. He didn't hesitate a minute and began counting. "One, two, three..." It took him



again, because he made a mistake. But finally, he came up with a num-

> ber, "Twenty boards on one side, twenty on the other and six at the back makes it forty-six all together. But then, Lord, there was one extra board

at each corner on the backside of

the tent. Should I count those, too?"

The Lord was very pleased with how well Aaron noticed things. "Yes, Aaron, you have to count them," He replied. "They are there for reinforcement."

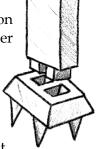
"Then, we have forty-eight boards in the whole Tabernacle," Aaron said.

"Very good, Aaron," the Lord responded. "Now, take the measuring stick and measure the width of one board."

Aaron obeyed the Voice that he loved so much. He was done very quickly with the task that was given to him. Each board was one and a half cubits long. He measured several of them to make sure they were of the same width. They really were! He noticed that all the boards were covered by gold and set in silver sockets.

"Lord, what do these things mean?" Aaron wanted to know. The Lord was quick to answer and so Aaron learned the following:

Each board represents one individual in the Body of Christ. The number one and a half **(**the width of one board) doesn't mean anything in God. It is only half of the divine fullness, as the fullness is three. This signifies that



no one man is going to come up to this fullness all by himself. He needs the others to make a tabernacle. *Till we all come... unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ* (Ephesians 4:13).

No wooden board was visible inside the Tabernacle, Aaron was told. It is one of the types of flesh, and there is no place for flesh in God's business. The gold is a type of the nature of the Almighty God. All flesh and all that is of man must be completely and permanently hidden in Christ. The only outward manifestation to the eye is the gold, which signifies the <u>nature of God - love</u>.

The Lord also told Aaron that the boards were ten cubits tall (it was too high for Aaron to measure). He learned that this is the symbol of government - divine order.

Aaron noticed that each of the boards had two tongues at the bottom and these tongues were set in a socket.

"Lord," Aaron wanted to know, "why do each of those boards have tongues and stand in a socket? Could You please explain it to me?"

The Lord was so happy! He enjoyed talking to somebody who was interested in the heavenly things. He was ready to reply to Aaron's question immediately.

"One of the tongues represents the Holy Spirit and the other one the Word. If you have these two, you can be set in the socket. The socket then holds the board upright on each side so that it will not move from its place. As you have noticed, Aaron, the sockets are made of silver. Do you still remember what silver means?" "Yes, Lord," Aaron exclaimed, "it means redemption!"

"Very good, Aaron," the Lord said. "Redemption is that which keeps the people in their places with God in the Body of Christ. It keeps them standing in Christ. But that which keeps them from leaning each in their own way are... Let's talk about these some other time."

With these words the Lord departed. Aaron was left with his mind full of thoughts about the structure of the Tabernacle. His main question was: What is it that keeps the boards from leaning each in their own way?

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. How many boards form the Tabernacle?
- 2. How wide are the boards? What is the meaning of the width?
- 3. What are the boards made out of and what are they covered with? Why?
- 4. How tall are the boards? What does the height mean?
- 5. What do the tongues on the boards represent?
- 6. What are the sockets made out of and what does it mean? Why are the boards set in the sockets?

Chapter 10 The Structure Part 2

aron could not stop thinking about the boards. What is it that keeps the boards from leaning each in their own way? The Lord gave him a promise that He would come again and tell him. And when the Lord promises something, you can count on it, for He will fulfill it! Aaron could not wait to find out.

So the Lord came back to Aaron, waking him from his sleep.

"Aaron, it is time to go back to the Tabernacle," the Lord said. "Today I will answer your question."

"Oh, Lord," Aaron exclaimed. "I am so glad You are here! I could hardly wait to see You again and learn what keeps those boards from leaning different ways. I have been thinking about it since You last left me!"

The Lord smiled. He was pleased with this young soul that so much desired to learn about His Kingdom. He was ready to share His secrets with Aaron again.

You know, young reader, it is not everybody that the Lord shares His secrets with. You have to love Him and obey Him so that He will come down to you and talk to you about things that are hidden to many others. But He sure delighted in Aaron and was happy that He could pass the treasures of His heart to a human soul.

"Aaron, look at these bars on the side of the Tabernacle," the Lord commanded. "How many are there?"

"One, two, three, four, five," Aaron counted.

"Exactly! There are five bars holding the boards. Now, Aaron, what do you think would happen if one of the boards decided to lean forward?" The Lord knew Aaron would be able to figure it out.

"Well, Lord, I guess it would be hard to do so, as the bars are preventing the boards from doing it," Aaron answered.

"Very good, Aaron. And what do you think would happen if, for example, another board wanted to lean backwards?"

"It would be the same case," Aaron responded thoughtfully.

"So then..."

"I've got it, Lord!" Aaron shouted with joy. "The bars are there to keep us straight in the Body of Christ so that we would not be doing our own thing and walking our own way."

"Yes, they are. That is exactly how it is, Aaron," the Lord said. "Now, Aaron, do you know who these bars are?"

Aaron had to admit, "I don't know, Lord. Would You please tell me?"

There was nothing the Lord would hold back from Aaron at this time and so He told him that the bars represent people, the *five* types of human agents God has ordained on earth to keep the saints straight and together. He also showed him that these are specifically mentioned in Ephesians 4:11-12, *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some,* evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. The Lord also explained to Aaron that the word pastors is not the right translation of the Greek word poimen, but it is supposed to be translated *shepherds*. You see, the Bible was translated into English from Greek.

"Let me tell you about these ministries, Aaron," the Lord said. "These bars are made out of wood and covered with gold so they look like long bars of gold. It shows that they represent people (wood) walking in My nature (gold). They are set in three rows as you can see. Because they are set like this, it shows that they are in divine order. The ministries are sent of Me from place to place and they carry out My will. Can you see, Aaron, how the bars are hooked to the boards?"

"Yes, Lord, I can see them being pushed through the golden rings, which seem to be part of the boards," Aaron replied quickly.

"That is exactly right. The golden rings on the boards hold the bars and that speaks of a marriage. Although the bars hold the boards straight, it is the rings on the boards that hold the bars in place. This signifies that the ministries cannot own the church, but the church should hold them in place and desire them to be there."

Aaron could not figure out why four of the bars were shorter, reaching only from the side to the middle of the Tabernacle, but one was long, going straight through from the first board to the last. The Lord explained to him the following:

"The long bar is 30 cubits long, which is the number of the matured son. It represents the <u>apostle</u>. I give the apostle My vision that others follow. The people of God cannot grow without a vision of what they are, where they are and where they are going. It is the business of the true apostle to bring divine order into the church by the power of My message in him.

"The first shorter bar, which is 15 cubits long, represents the <u>prophet</u>. The function of the prophet is to help keep the Body of Christ together by the revelation of the Spirit of God. He can get his revelation by visions or dreams, by a direct Word from God, or by any other means I choose. He speaks the Word with power and authority.

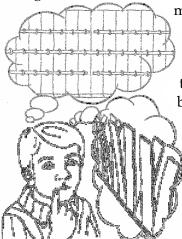
"The second shorter bar is the <u>evangelist</u>. He takes the Word that has been revealed by the apostle and the prophet to the church so that others, too, might know it and understand it. He shows people the way to salvation and also through the rest of the Tabernacle. He must be equipped not only with the power of the Holy Spirit, but also with the gifts of the Spirit in order to do his work well.

"The left lower bar is called the <u>shepherd</u>. A shepherd's ministry is the spiritual ability to seek out and care for My sheep, My people. He is responsible for caring for the sheep that have been given to him by Me, the *Chief Shepherd*.

"The last bar represents the <u>teacher</u>. He is like a teacher at school but teaches the Word of God. I tell him what to tell My people and how to tell it so that they might understand.

"I have given the people of God these gifts, these ministries, so that you all would learn to minister. Once you know it, there will be no need for the ministries any more."

Aaron found this all very interesting. He was deep in thought and knew that he would have to think about it even



more after he was left alone. At this point, the Lord was ready to depart but thought it important to remind Aaron of one more thing yet again, "Aaron, remember, it is the Body that holds the ministry and not the ministry holding the congregation. You will have to learn to hold on to these ministries if you want to be in the Body of Christ."

There was much left for Aaron to ponder on...

The Structure, Part 2

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What is preventing the boards from leaning each in their own way?
- 2. How many bars can you see on the side of the Tabernacle?
- 3. How are the bars hooked to the boards? What does it represent?
- 4. Who do the individual bars represent? What is the function of these people in the church?

P.S. If you want to read about the bars in the Old Testament, turn to Exodus 26:26-30.

Chapter 11 The Structure Part 3

"A aron, I know you really want to go through the door into the Tabernacle," said the Lord the next time He visited our young friend, "but there is still something that I need to show you on the outside of the tent."

This time, Aaron was not disappointed. He had learned that the Lord had a reason for everything and that, in the time of waiting, he would find something new and exciting outside. That much he knew for sure. He began to understand his Master a little bit. He remembered how much he had wanted to go to the Holy Place that he almost missed the fun of counting the boards of the Tabernacle and measuring them. But he was glad he was able to do that. He also remembered how the last time the Lord showed him five bars that held the boards straight in their places. He smiled when he thought about how he found out that those bars actually represented men who were given to the church as gifts for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ. It means that if he, Aaron, holds on to the teaching of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd and teacher, he will come (together with the other saints) into that perfect man the Word of God talks about. That's what the boards do by holding on to the rods by the golden rings, don't they?

So this time, when the Lord said that it was still time to explore something outside, he was gladly willing to do so, even though he really really wanted to go in...

"Aaron," the young boy heard the familiar Voice again, "let Me show you what the Tabernacle is covered with so that it is protected from the outside influences."

Aaron had noticed even when he was counting the boards that he had to climb under at least four covers to be able to see the boards. The Lord, being able to read his thoughts said, "You are right, My friend, there are four covers over the boards and covering the top. Let Me show you what they are made out of and what they represent."

With these words, the Lord unfolded the individual layers of the Tabernacle for Aaron to be able to see them. The <u>first layer</u> (closest to the boards) was <u>embroidery and consist-</u> <u>ed of ten curtains of blue, purple, scarlet and white, fine</u> <u>twined linen</u>. How beautiful!

"Aaron, let Me give you the key so that you might understand what this all means," the Lord said. "This embroidery was made by women. *Woman* in My Word always represents the church. These women were working very diligently on the embroidery. It shows the work and labor of love of the church."

Aaron noticed that in between all the hand-woven colors was a woven picture of cherubim. He learned that cherubim represent Spirit fellowship. It means that when we move in the Spirit of God, the heavenly host joins us and this becomes a covering. It is not people covering people, but the Spirit in the Body covering us just like the flesh covers the bones. Without this covering we are nothing but a *valley of dry bones*. Aaron was told to remember that wherever cherubim occur in scripture, they always show a covering of some sort.

As Aaron already shared with you, young reader, he saw these curtains made out of four colors. He learned that this work of the church directed by the Holy Spirit had four dimensions, which were represented by the four types and colors of thread used in its construction. Let us look at them together with Aaron:

1. <u>Blue</u> - means sanctification. This is the process by which the nature of the Spirit of God is burned into our flesh. It is the same as when the cattleman uses his branding iron to mark his cattle so that everybody would know they belong to him. When God has finished His work with us, we will not only bear the mark of Christ, but we will be all His. This covering is also called the <u>Holy Spirit covering</u>.

2. <u>Purple</u> - represents the King. When we are clothed with purple, it means that we are not naked, but covered by the presence and power of our King. This is also called <u>Christ covering</u>.

3. <u>Scarlet</u> - is the <u>Blood covering</u>. It means sacrifice instead of self-preservation.

4. <u>White</u> - means purity, holiness. It is the <u>angelic cover-ing</u>.

And so, these colored threads represent the work of the church, which forms a covering over the believer.

"Aaron, look at the <u>second layer</u> of the Tabernacle covering," the Lord said. "What does it remind you of?"

"Hmm," Aaron thought out loud. "It looks like the hair of our neighbor's goat. But could that be in the Tabernacle?"

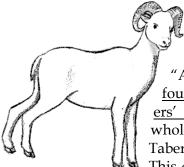
"Yes, Aaron," the Lord responded to him, "it is <u>goats' hair</u>. The goat was the animal used in sacrifices. Here it means that other saints had to sacrifice their lives so that the Tabernacle, the Body of Christ, might be covered."



Aaron thought it sad that somebody had to suffer in order for him to have this covering. But on the other hand, he was grateful for this provision.

"There is another cover here, Aaron," the Lord continued, "the <u>third layer</u>. Can you see it?"

Aaron saw that it was a skin cover, but was not able to determine what skin it was made out of. The Lord came to his rescue, "These are <u>rams' skins</u>, Aaron. Can you see how red they are? They were dyed. The color red, more than any other color, shows a *death to self message*. Self has absolutely no place in My Tabernacle. Those who are in Christ are all



dead to self and the world and alive unto Me. The greater the deadness, the more glorious the anointing or covering.

"And now, there is the last, the <u>fourth layer</u>. It is made out of <u>badg-ers' skins</u>. Remember, Aaron, the whole message of the covering of the Tabernacle is a message of sacrifice. This covering or anointing (the badg-

ers' skins) covers all the covers. Badgers have tougher skin than the other animals used for building the Tabernacle so the Israelites were able to make from them the final cover on the top of the Tabernacle. This covering faces the sun, the wind, the rain, the heat and the cold, and remains intact. Do you know what this layer means?"

Aaron really thought hard, but he could not figure it out. "No, I don't, Lord," he finally said. "Would You please tell me?"

The Lord did tell him. "I am raising an army of people," He said, "who will not be beaten, but who are the <u>overcom-</u> <u>ers</u>. They will overcome all things and manifest Christ to the Earth. They represent the badgers' skins - the last covering of My Tabernacle."

Aaron was very blessed to learn all these new things, but even more to know their meaning for the people of this day. He had received so much today that he thought his lesson was over, yet the Lord had something more to show him.

"Aaron," the young boy heard the Lord say gently, "stand before the door of the Tabernacle."



Aaron's heart leaped with joy. Is it possible? Could this be the time to go through the door? He could hardly breathe as he followed the order.

"I want you to remember, Aaron, that this is the <u>door of</u> <u>the Tabernacle</u> through which only *dead men enter*: men and women who have died to *self* in the Outer Court and now are being resurrected in Christ. Do you think you are ready to enter in?"

Great sadness suddenly covered Aaron's face. He knew he was not perfect and did not know if the Lord would allow him to enter in. But he so much wanted to!

"You know me, Lord," he finally said, "You know if I am ready and if You can take me in."

"Yes, I do know you, My young friend," the Lord smiled at Aaron. "You died to sin and the world at the Brazen Altar; you died to self at the Brazen Laver; you were baptized in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit began to baptize you into Christ. The work of both, the Brazen Altar and the Brazen Laver, will continue to work its death in you. If you continue to walk with Me, I will deal with your soul so that one day you will be, together with other saints, absolutely perfect in Me. Now it is time for you to enter through the door. The next time I come to you, I will lead you in..."

Aaron was so excited! Finally, he will be granted what he has dreamt of all these weeks - to see how the Tabernacle looks inside!

The Structure, Part 3

Answer the following questions to see how well you understood this chapter:

- 1. How many layers of covering does the Tabernacle have?
- 2. What are the layers made out of?
- 3. What do the individual covers represent?
- 4. What do the colors in the first layer mean?
- 5. Who can enter through the door of the Tabernacle?

P.S. If you want to read about the covering of the Tabernacle in the Bible, turn to Exodus 26:1-14.

Chapter 12 The Golden Lampstand



"Finally! I can enter into the Tabernacle!" Aaron thought excitedly. He had been waiting for this moment for a long time. Standing in front of the door with the Lord by his side, his mind was still full of thoughts about the covering of the tent. Aaron had not stopped thinking about all the people covering the Body of Christ since he learned about them. However, no thought was now greater in his little mind than the thought of finally entering in...

"Aaron," the young boy heard the well-known Voice say, "follow Me." With these words, the Lord took Aaron through the door with its five pillars. (Seeing the pillars Aaron remembered that number five in the Bible represents the ministry God established in the earth.) As they entered into a place that looked like a room, Aaron's joy began to dissipate. Was this what he had been looking forward to seeing for such a long time? He could hardly see anything! It was so dark in there! He could discern only a small light on his left. Was this supposed to light the whole place? A great disappointment entered his little soul. The Lord smiled quietly. He knew Aaron's thoughts well, but He also knew there was no need for disappointment.

"Aaron, welcome to the Holy Place," He said with a joy in His heart. "What do you see in here?"

"Well, Lord, it is hard to see, but if I really focus hard, I can see a lampstand with a dim light on the left, a table on the right and an altar standing in front of something like a veil," he answered with a disappointed voice. "But Lord," he continued, "I thought this place was glorious, yet it is so dim!"

"You see, Aaron," the Lord explained patiently, "the priest comes to the Holy Place every morning. Because the light burns the whole night without anybody attending to it, it grows dim by the morning. In order for the priest to be able to do anything in this place, he first has to work on the light. Let Me show you what he does."



With these words, the Lord came to the Lampstand and began to trim the light. Very soon the whole Holy Place was full of light. Aaron's heart leaped with joy at the sight. All disappointment immediately left him. What a glory! He noticed that the Lampstand was made out of pure gold, thus signifying the pure nature of God. It had no joints (that is, it was made from one piece of metal), and it was carved with buds and flowers under each branch

of it. It stood on a square base on the floor of the Tabernacle and had six branches. Its seven lamps were leveled across the top. He learned that the Lampstand represented <u>oneness</u> <u>with the Holy Spirit</u>.

Aaron kept looking at the branches. It seemed to him that the whole Lampstand was somehow divided. Three branches were on the one side and three on the other. The Lord, being able to read his thoughts, entered into his thinking. "You are right, Aaron," He said, "the branches are divided. Three and three is six, isn't it? Do you know what number six means?"

"Six is the number of man," Aaron responded quickly.

"Very well, My young friend," the Lord was pleased with Aaron's answer. "But the seventh Lampstand, which is in the center, divides in two that which would be the number of man, making it three and three. Three is My divine order and three given twice shows that the church has the witness of God's divine order within herself. When man (number 6) cooperates with Me (number 1), he produces light. You can see then that perfection only comes in Me, for I am the center Lampstand."

Aaron very much wanted to be perfect. He, therefore, was curious to know what the Lampstand was all about. He learned that it was to bring forth the glory of the light. There were three things necessary in the Lampstand:

1. The gold, which represents the <u>pure nature of God</u>. This was covered with fruits and flowers, which shows the bringing forth of godliness. Aaron learned that fruitfulness is the nature of God and the flowers depict truth, which has been engraved deep within the structure. This speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians - deep marks of beauty sharply engraved in the skin of our consciousness and imprinted upon our souls.

2. The <u>oil</u> was pure olive oil. This oil was not manufactured but was obtained by beating the olive berries from the palm olive tree. The same way, Jesus' life was pressed and thus brought the Holy Spirit to us. <u>The oil is a type of the Holy Spirit</u>. The work of the Holy Spirit is in the soul, but He lives in the spirit of man.

3. The <u>wick</u> signifies <u>humanity</u>. The oil, which is the Holy Spirit, preserves it from being burned, yet it gives light.

Aaron was deeply in thought, "Hmm, it is very interesting. It seems that *in order to create light you actually need the coordination of three things: the gold, the oil and the wick. Three working together produce the fourth.*" The Lord was very pleased with Aaron. He liked to see somebody who focused his mind on the things above. He was ready to share one more secret with Aaron.

"Aaron," He asked, "when you look at the human being, his body, soul and spirit, which part do you think the oil represents? Where do you have the Holy Spirit running?"

Aaron first thought it was his soul. However, then he remembered that his soul was not yet perfect, but the Lampstand was made out of gold - the pure nature of God.

"Well, Lord, if it cannot be my soul and it definitely is not my body, then it must be my spirit."

"Very good, Aaron," the Lord replied, "the Holy Spirit lives in man's spirit, but it works in his soul so that the soul would become perfect, too."

With these words, the Lord handed Aaron a big Bible. He asked him to open the New Testament in the gospel of Matthew chapter 25. Aaron sat down under the lampstand and read the parable about the five wise and five foolish virgins. He learned that the wise virgins had oil in their lamps and also in their vessels. The foolish, however, did not have oil in their vessels with



their lamps and therefore, at midnight, when the bridegroom came, they were not ready to meet him.

"Aaron," the Lord asked, "do you know what these things mean?"

"No, I don't, Lord," Aaron responded honestly.

"The oil in the vessel is a type of Christ in the soul of man changing the nature of the believer. Even though the foolish virgins had the Holy Spirit in their spirit, their nature was not changed and that is why the bridegroom told them, 'I know you not.' You have to make sure, My friend, that you allow My Holy Spirit to make you holy so that you would be as those wise virgins."

Aaron really wanted to be wise and promised the Lord that he would love Him and obey Him so that He might be like Him. The Lord reminded him of one more thing:

"Remember, Aaron, My Word says in Matthew 5:14-16, Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. The lamp in the Tabernacle cannot work without the wick. But the wick cannot work without the oil and the lamp. Even though you are only the wick, yet you (and other believers) are My light in the earth. So go and shine!"

Oh, how much Aaron wanted to light the dark world! He thanked the Lord for showing him all these things. The Lord promised to come back again and teach him more about the Holy Place of the Tabernacle...

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. Why was the Holy Place dim when Aaron entered in?
- 2. What is the Lampstand made out of and how does it look?
- 3. What does the Lampstand represent?
- 4. What are the three things necessary in the Lampstand? What do they represent?
- 5. Where does the Holy Spirit live and where does He work in a believer?
- 6. Why weren't the foolish virgins ready to meet the bridegroom?
- 7. What does Matthew 5:14-16 say?

P.S. If you want to read about the Lampstand in the Old Testament, turn to Exodus 25:31-40.

Chapter 13 The Table of Shewbread Part 1

The Lord and Aaron went back to the Holy Place, this time to the piece of furniture placed to the right of the Tabernacle. It is called the *Table of Shewbread*.

Aaron was sitting on the ground next to the table with a big Bible in his hands. The Lord told him to read in Exodus 25:23-25, Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

Each time Aaron read a verse, he looked up to see whether the table he was seeing looked the same as it was written. "Moses really made it exactly as God commanded him," he thought to himself. When he finished reading, he was ready to listen to what the Lord had to say about this piece of furniture. "Aaron," the Lord spoke to the young boy, "let Me tell you what the <u>measure-</u> <u>ments</u> of the Table of Shewbread mean: two cubits long and one cubit wide is a square of two, which signi-

fies the <u>witness of the Spirit and the Word</u>. You cannot have the Word without the Spirit for it is the Spirit that enlightens the Word to you. *One and a half cubits high still shows the lack in the fullness of God*. This experience of eating at the Table of Shewbread is not intended to bring the church to the full stature of Jesus Christ, but it is another experience on the way."

"Lord, does it mean that if people don't eat of this table, they cannot enter into the Holy of Holies later on?" Aaron asked.

"This is exactly right, Aaron," was the reply. "You cannot enter into the Holy of Holies unless you have a vital experience at all the pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle, which also means at the Table of Shewbread."

"How can I then eat at this table?" Aaron wanted to know, because he really wanted to go all the way.

"I will share it with you soon, My young friend," the Lord answered, "but before I do, let Me tell you one more special thing about this table - the crown."

Aaron had already noticed before that there was one crown on the edge of the table turned up and then there was the breadth of a man's hand as a border. Then, there was another crown turned down. By now he knew that everything in the Tabernacle had a specific meaning. The Lord continued, "The crowns show you that it is a king's table, but at the same time a place of kingship through suffering and tribulation. The crown turned up is a sign of an exalted position; turned down, it is a sign of humility."

Aaron thought about other times when the Lord spoke

to him about His people being kings and priests. He suddenly realized that in order to be one of them, he had to learn humility. "I still have a long way to go!" he thought. But he knew that with God walking this journey of life by his side, all things were possible.

Aaron then learned that except for the table being made out of wood (representing humanity), everything else on the table was made out of gold: the vessels, the spoons, the bowls, as well as the covers. It showed that the service at this point of God's dealing with man or with His church is purely of the Spirit, though man is used. The table itself was also overlaid with gold so that no flesh was seen.

"This is how you eat of the table, Aaron," the Lord explained. "Can you see those twelve loaves of bread set on it? The priests would come in every day and eat it. The bread represents Christ. You must feast on Christ."

With these words the Lord opened the big Bible to the gospel of John 6:48-51 and handed it to Aaron to read, *I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*

"You see, Aaron," the Lord said when Aaron finished reading, "this does not merely represent man feasting on the Word of God from the pages of the Bible, <u>but</u> it represents man feasting on the living <u>Christ</u> Himself. This is what the Table of Shewbread is all about - <u>feeding on Christ</u>." Then the Lord continued by explaining that we feed on Christ in three dimensions:

1. <u>The Christ within</u>: Christ is in the Holy Spirit. When we receive the Holy Spirit in our spirit, He immediately begins to energize the soul so that the Christ might enter. We have to nurture and obey the still small voice within our soul; and the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth (see John 16:13). 2. <u>The Christ in the body of believers</u>: Christ comes into the midst of any company of people who are gathered together in His name. He said in Matthew 18:20, *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.* And He always keeps His Word. So when we gather together with other believers and we all have Him as our King, He comes and feeds us - He speaks to us in songs and hymns, in prayers, prophecies, visions and words; He uses people to feed one another.

3. <u>The Christ in a third dimension in His presence and person</u>: This means that He walks about our houses, in our bedrooms, dining rooms, living rooms, and in our churches. He is not there as a visitor to whom we show kindness, but as Lord and King. If this is so, than we will feed on Him night and day, sleeping or waking.

"With all this said, Aaron," the Lord kept on, "you have to remember that one thing is to eat, but another thing is to eat the right way. I have spoken in My Word about clean and unclean animals and thus have given you an example of what you are to be like when you come to the Table of Shewbread. I will tell you more about these animals as well as why

there are twelve loaves of bread set on the table. But for that you will have to wait until I come the next time..."

Oh, Aaron was so excited! He liked animals and wanted to know which ones were clean and which ones were unclean and what they represented. Yet, he knew he first had to *digest* what he learned to-day...

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<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What does the Table of Shewbread represent?
- 2. What does the Table of Shewbread look like?
- 3. What are the measurements of the Table of Shewbread and what do they mean?
- 4. What do the crowns on the Table of Shewbread represent?
- 5. What are the Table of Shewbread and its vessels made out off?
- 6. What are the three dimensions of feeding on Christ?

Chapter 14 The Table of Shewbread Part 2

"A aron," the young boy heard the familiar Voice that had become his favorite voice in the whole world, "which animals do you like the best?"

Aaron didn't have to think much. He really, really liked horses. He also liked lions, dolphins, and eagles, but horses were his absolute favorite. He enjoyed talking about animals and knew the Lord came to him this time to talk about them.

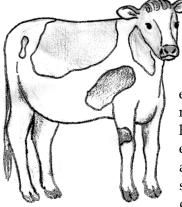
"Well, let Me tell you, My friend, how I view the animals. I separate them into two categories: clean and unclean. I taught the children of Israel to eat only the clean animals so that they, as well as you, might learn a spiritual principle. Remember, first the natural, then the spiritual, and finally, the fullness, which is both natural and spiritual together."

"Lord," Aaron asked, "which animals then are the clean ones?"

"Here you are, Aaron," the Lord said, "read it for your-

self." With these words the Lord handed Aaron the big Bible that Aaron had already held in his hands before. He began to read where the Lord opened it for him - in Leviticus 11:1, And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

Aaron remembered the science lesson he had recently had in school in which he learned about animals that have several stomachs and therefore they chew the cud really well (they even bring the food back from their bellies into their



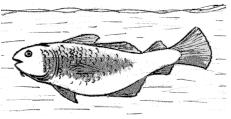
mouth and rechew).

"Lord, does it mean that a cow is a clean animal?" Aaron wanted to know.

"Yes, Aaron, it is, but a camel, even though it chews the cud, is not clean, because it does not have a divided hoof," the Lord explained. "Another example of an unclean animal would be the swine: it has a divided hoof but doesn't chew the cud."

Aaron never thought about the animals this way and found it very interesting. The Lord continued to explain to him that on the spiritual level, the animals who <u>chew the cud</u> represent Christians who hear the Word and meditate on it in their mind until the Word becomes part of them and their nature is changed by it. Those who <u>part the hoof</u> are those who walk in the word they preach. One part of the hoof shows the Spirit and the other one the Word. It means that these Christians walk by the Spirit but have the written Word balancing them, as this is how God has ordained it.

Then the Lord continued by telling Aaron about <u>fish</u>. Aaron learned that the clean fish has scales and fins. The scales shield the fish from the water, so the fish is not a part of the water. Such a fish is a dry fish in a wet environment. A clean fish thus represents the Christian who is in the world (the water) but is not of



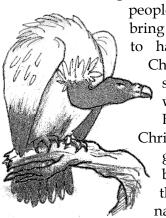
the world. Also, a clean fish beats the water with its fins to propel itself. It signifies the Christian overcoming the world, unlike the unclean fish which goes with the flow of the water (the world), coiling and uncoiling like a serpent, to propel itself onward.

Finally, the Lord explained to Aaron what He taught the children of Israel about <u>birds and flying creeping things</u>.

"You see, Aaron," He said, "there are four types of <u>unclean birds and flying creeping things</u> that I don't want you to eat. They are spiritual and not earthbound because they overcome the laws of gravity and fly above the ground (the natural). They are the following:

1. <u>The predators</u>: These birds snatch live creatures from the air. They are a type of spiritual men who preach the gospel, not because they are doing the will of the Father, but because they have other ambitions. For example, they keep the people in darkness so that they can manipulate them and take their money. Don't eat the bread they offer you!

2. The scavengers: These birds feed on dead things. The

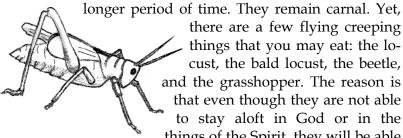


Pres: These birds feed on dead things. The people who feed on dead things cannot bring forth life and therefore, we are not to have any fellowship with them. Churches are divided in many instances because of the dead word which is preached among them. But, when you begin to feed on Christ, you will automatically come together under one head (God) and become one. The living food is such that it changes your nature to the nature of Christ so that your mind is

changed to the mind of Christ, your emotions to the emotions of Christ, your will to the will of Christ, and your desires to the desires of Christ.

3. The birds of night: These birds can see well at night but not during the day. They represent people who are able to operate with great vision in the things of carnality and evil spirits, but are not able to see the smallest things in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, God is light and the sons of God are able to see in the light.

4. Flying creeping things (they are not necessarily birds but they can fly): They represent Christians who should be spiritual but are not. They should fly as other birds but cannot defy the law of gravity and rise above the earth for a



there are a few flying creeping things that you may eat: the locust, the bald locust, the beetle, and the grasshopper. The reason is that even though they are not able to stay aloft in God or in the things of the Spirit, they will be able

to survive spiritually when they are absorbed into the Body of Christ, when they are surrounded by other believers.

"Aaron," the Lord continued very seriously, "you have to remember that you become one with that which you eat. The food you eat, whether natural or spiritual, becomes part of you so you have to be very careful in what you eat that you would not get sick. When you eat the right spiritual food at the Table of Shewbread, you will have the energy to do My will. Otherwise, you will be weak, tired and apathetic. Remember it says in Luke 4:4, ...man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

With these words, the Lord departed. Aaron was deep in thought. He knew he had to read all of Leviticus 11 again and think about what the Lord shared with him so that he would understand it well. Also, he remembered there was one more thing the Lord promised to share with him about

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the Table of Shewbread - why there are twelve loaves of bread laid on the table. He was sure the Lord would come back soon to tell him. By now he had learned that whatever the Lord says, He will do.

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What type of beasts are clean animals?
- 2. What does *chew the cud* and *part the hoof* represent?
- 3. How do you recognize clean fish and what do they represent?
- 4. Which four groups of unclean birds and flying creeping things does the Bible talk about?
- 5. Can you tell the meaning of all four groups of the unclean birds and flying creeping things?
- 6. Why do we have to eat the right spiritual food?

Chapter 15 The Table of Shewbread Part 3

aron was anxious to go to bed tonight. He was sure the Lord was going to visit him again. There was yet another lesson he had to learn at the Table of Shewbread. And sure enough...

"Aaron," the familiar Voice asked the young boy, "are you ready to learn some more about eating in the Tabernacle?"

Aaron jumped up when he heard his favorite Friend talking to him again. "Yes, I am, Lord," he responded quickly. "I have chewed on the Word You shared with me last time and am ready to eat again!"

The Lord smiled. He could see Aaron learned his lesson well. "Well, let us then go back to the Table of Shewbread," He said. With these words, He led Aaron back into the Holy Place.

"How many loaves of bread can you see on the table,

Aaron?" the Lord asked.

Aaron knew there were twelve of them, but counted them just to make sure. Sure enough - there were twelve of them.

"Remember, Aaron, twelve is the number of <u>completion</u>. It also signifies <u>perfection</u>. Now, if the bread signifies Christ as the Word of God, what then would the twelve loaves mean?"

Aaron thought for just a short bit, "Well, I think the twelve loaves of bread would mean the perfection of the feeding on the Word."

"This is exactly right, Aaron," the Lord answered. "Now, look in Revelation 22:2 and read it out loud."

Aaron took the big Bible that he was beginning to know well and started reading:

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

"Can you see, Aaron," the Lord continued, "that here again there is a reference to Spirit food? However, this time it is not referred to as bread, but as fruit. It means that the sons of God will bring forth God's nature, even as a tree brings forth fruit and gives life to others." The Lord paused for a little bit and then He asked Aaron a question, "Aaron, do you remember how many tribes Israel has?"

Aaron didn't have to think long, "Twelve, Lord." He knew it well because he himself was from one of them, the Levites.

"That's right. Now, within these twelve tribes I put <u>twelve basic natures</u> through which I manifest My life to humanity. Their names will show you which natures they are. Let Me take you through them one by one:

1. <u>Reuben</u> means to <u>see</u>. The first nature therefore is <u>vi</u><u>sion</u>. Every child of God has to have the spirit quality of seeing or discerning.

2. <u>Simeon</u> means to <u>hear</u>. You have to be able to hear the

Word that comes from My throne. It says in Romans 10:17, *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

3. <u>Levi</u> means to <u>cleave</u> or <u>attached</u>. You have to cleave to Me in order to come to perfection.

4. <u>Judah</u> means <u>praise</u>. When man praises God, he joins in a heavenly chorus with the invisible beings. Praising Me is feeding the soul so that it would have all the energy needed to do My will.

5. <u>Zebulun</u> means <u>dweller</u>. It says in John 15:4, *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.* You have to dwell in Me in order to bear this nature.

6. <u>Issachar</u> means <u>he will bring a reward</u>. This shows that those who will overcome will be given a just reward as priests and kings unto Me.

7. <u>Dan</u> means to <u>minister judgment</u> or to <u>strive lawfully</u>. This nature which I work into My children is the only one which does not find any place in the final fulfillment of all things. It is completely abolished in the end and gives way to another, even to the name <u>Manasseh</u>, which means <u>causing to</u> <u>forget</u>. Manasseh was the first son of Joseph, which is of the fruitful vine. Dan, the man of judgment, is very unfruitful. Yet, this nature was necessary for a period of time. However, when man attains Christ, all striving ceases.

8. <u>Gad</u> means the <u>troop</u>. This nature signifies willingness and ability to be part of an army. I am recruiting an army and those who are in this army are choosing to function under one Head as one.

9. <u>Asher</u> means <u>happy</u>. You have to know that My joy is your strength as it says in Nehemiah 8:10.

10. <u>Naphtali</u> means <u>wrestling, struggle</u>. You must learn to wrestle in righteousness, not in the flesh. The overcomer company mentioned in Revelation will continue to wrestle until they overcome all things - sin, sickness and finally death.

11. Joseph means the <u>fruitful vine</u>, <u>obedience</u>. Obedience and fruit bearing go hand in hand. If you are not obedient,



you cannot bear fruit. Again, the verse in John 15:4, which I have already mentioned, may give you more understanding.

12. Benjamin means son of the right hand,

or <u>son of strength</u>. Even as it was said in symbolic language that Jesus Christ is at the right hand of the Father, so shall it be said of the sons who will come forth in the nature of Christ in the near future.

While Aaron was deep in thought, trying to imagine the final man with all the qualities that he had just heard about, the Lord continued, "Now, Aaron, I want you to remember that the twelve loaves of bread in the Tabernacle are a type of My complete nature being absorbed into a man, which must bring forth my <u>glory</u>. The bread is a type of energy. I am the bread. When you become like Me, you become the bread. Thus Israel, who was a type of the great people of the end-time, was also a type of the bread, which was broken for the world. You, therefore, have to eat this bread until you become the bread broken for a dying world."

With these words the Lord departed, leaving Aaron still in a deep thought. "How do I gain all these natures into my soul so that I might be His son?" he wondered. Immediately, the answer came into his mind: <u>by obedience</u> and <u>submitting</u> to Him in every circumstance of your life.

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

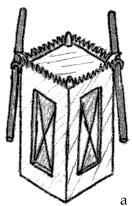
- 1. How many loaves of bread are on the Table of Shewbread? What does the number signify?
- 2. Where else in the Bible can we find reference to Spirit food (something other than bread)?
- 3. What did God put within the twelve tribes of Israel?

- 4. Can you remember all the names of the tribes of Israel and their meaning?
- 5. What does God want us to do with the loaves of bread in the Tabernacle?

Chapter 16 The Golden Altar of Incense

aron had been thinking about feeding on Christ at the Table of Shewbread so much that by now he had become quite a *chewer of the cud*. There had not been a day these days that he had not been looking into the Bible and finding the things the Lord had been teaching him. He remembered the twelve loaves of bread representing perfection of the feeding on the Word. He also remembered the tree of life in the book of Revelation, which bare twelve manner of fruits, representing the sons of God bringing forth God's nature. The thing that caught most of his interest though, were the twelve tribes of Israel carrying twelve basic natures of God, through which God manifests life to humanity.

Aaron's desire since the last conversation he had with the Lord had been about becoming the bread, which is broken for a dying world. Jesus said that when Aaron becomes like Him, he would become the bread. Therefore, he knew



that he had to eat the bread at the Table of Shewbread in order to become the bread. And so Aaron had been eating.

This time the Lord has taken Aaron to the next step in the Tabernacle - the *Golden Altar of Incense*. Aaron found himself in the Holy Place standing in front of the altar, which was all made out of gold. He had seen it before but this time it seemed as if he was looking at it from a new perspective. "I see," he thought to

himself, "it's because the Lord is giving me a new revelation."

"Aaron," the Lord commanded, "go and measure the Altar of Incense."

Aaron was excited to do so. He noticed that it had very different measurements than the Brazen Altar in the Outer Court. He wondered what the measurements were and what they all meant. He took a measuring stick and walked around the altar. He found the altar to be one cubit wide and one cubit broad. He realized that it makes a square of the number one and learned that it represents God. Then, two cubits in height showed the witnesses of God, the Spirit and the Word.

"Aaron," the Lord said, "you can see the altar is made out of gold, can't you?"

"Yes, Lord," Aaron responded.

"It looks golden but it is actually made out of wood and only covered with gold. Do you still remember what wood and gold represent?"

"Oh, yes," was Aaron's quick answer. "Wood shows humanity and gold is the pure nature of God. Gold here then covers humanity. I would say that it is the same with the Altar of Incense as with the boards of the Tabernacle - no flesh can be seen, only God."

The Lord smiled. He was very pleased with His young friend and how well he had been learning.

"But Lord," Aaron continued, "why is there only one

crown here? There were two crowns on the Table of Shewbread."

"Well, Aaron, I will let you figure it out yourself. What did the crowns on the Table of Shewbread represent?"

"The one up meant that it was a place of kingship and the one down meant suffering and tribulation. Does it mean that the crown on the Altar of Incense is a symbol of victory and there is no suffering with it?"

"Yes, it is, Aaron," the Lord replied. "It is a victory of the believer coming into kingship. In this instance, the tribulation is past and the pure essence of the soul is about to be offered to God. This step brings people into becoming kings and priests of God."

Aaron understood this very well. He really wanted to be king and priest as it was promised to those who walk with Jesus.

The Lord had yet more to say, "There is another thing you can see at this altar, Aaron, and that is the two golden rings. They symbolize that the believer has reached the stage of being married (that is why they look like rings) and becoming one with both the Spirit and the Word."

Aaron also wanted to know what the four horns of the altar were for. The Lord explained to him that they signify force and compulsion. This shows that before one can enter into the Holy of Holies, there is one last compulsory act, complete submission to the will of the heavenly Father. The horns signify the absolute necessity of the soul being offered.

"Lord," Aaron asked, "what does it actually mean to offer my soul at the Altar of Incense?"

The Lord was ready to answer Aaron's question. He also knew how to explain it so that Aaron would understand.

"You see, Aaron," He said, "when the incense is burned on the altar, the man's soul nature is being consumed to bring the highest glory to Me. When you first offered yourself to Me at the Brazen Altar, you had nothing presentable. It was only dung, skin, bowels, etc., like the animals in the old times. Now the nature of your soul has been partly changed and the four wild beasts of your soul (eagle, lion, ox, and man) have been partially tamed. On the other hand, My nature has begun to manifest itself within you. At this point, you are asked to surrender all your soul's goodness to Me. All soulishness must die. This is the place where you give up all you are and all you have—even those things that I have given to you, for example the gifts."

Aaron wondered whether it meant that he wouldn't use the gifts any more but immediately the understanding came that it was not the case. Just that everything must be used only to the glory of God.

"There is one thing I want you to remember, Aaron," the Lord continued. "After all you have gone through in the whole Tabernacle, the Altar of Incense will show how serious your walk was. You see, if your walk with Me is only halfhearted, it will be seen at the Golden Altar. The Golden Altar will verify the genuiness of your walk. It is written, *By their fruits ye shall know them* (Matthew 7:16, 20)."

Aaron was in deep thought as the Lord went on, "You have to understand, My dear friend, people can be born again, they can get immersed in water, from time to time bring a vision during the church meeting or speak in tongues, they can always have their Bible with them and occasionally help others, too. Yet if their soul is not being changed and, for example, they still have anger in them and their mind, their desires, their emotions, and their will are not becoming My mind, My desires, My emotions, and My will, then it is not possible for them to enter in to the Holy of Holies. It is not sufficient just to get to the Golden Altar. It is like going to a wedding, yet you don't have the right clothes on, and so you will be thrown out as it happened to the man in Matthew 22:11-14."

Aaron remembered the story very well. He had just read it in the Bible a couple of days ago. The Lord was about to tell him another story.

"Aaron, do you remember the story in the Bible about Nadab and Abihu from the Old Testament?" He asked. When Aaron responded positively, the Lord continued, "They decided to take their own fire before Me, didn't they? I said to the children of Israel that there should be no other fire used in the Tabernacle but the one from the Outer Court altar of sacrifice which I Myself lighted. Nadab and Abihu took their own fire, went through the Outer Court, lighted the lamps on the lampstand in the Holy Place, changed bread on the Table of Shewbread and thought, 'Wonderful, it works. No problem.' All was okay until they came to the Golden Altar. Their entire offering blew up against them and they died. They didn't sanctify Me as I said they should have. It says in Leviticus 10:3, *I will be sanctified in <u>them that come nigh me</u>, and before all the people I will be glorified."*

Aaron thought that the place of the Golden Altar was really a fearful place but he knew that if he loved the Lord with his whole heart, the Lord would see to it that his sacrifice was accepted.

"Aaron," the Lord urged His young friend, "tell My people that the place of the Altar of Incense is the place where the church prepares to enter into the Holy of Holies and taste of the abundance of union with Me. Here carnality suffers a mortal blow. In the time of Moses, the high priest had to burn the incense on the altar every morning and every evening.

Then, he would take it in to the Holy of Holies once a year and burn incense before the Ark of the Covenant to fill the Holy of Holies with smoke. You see, when he entered into the Outer Court, he died to sin. When he entered into the Holy Place, he died to self. Now he is about to enter into the Holy of Holies and he has to die to his soul. He has to give up everything. The man is no more. Only Christ is seen in the Holy of Holies."

Aaron was ready to chew this



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cud well. He wanted to go and tell the people all the Lord had shown him, but he also wanted to make sure he learned his lesson well.

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What is the Altar of Incense made out of? Can you remember what the materials mean?
- 2. What are the measurements of the Altar of Incense and what do the numbers represent?
- 3. What is the crown on the Altar of Incense a symbol of?
- 4. What do the horns and rings represent?
- 5. Why did Nadab and Abihu die at the Altar of Incense?
- 6. What is the purpose of the Altar of Incense in the life of a believer as well as the church?

P. S. If you want to read about the Golden Altar of Incense in the Bible, turn to Exodus 30:1-10.

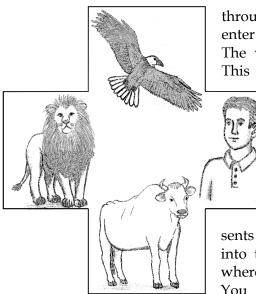
Chapter 17 The Third Veil



"What is this?" a question formed in Aaron's mind. He found himself standing at the Altar of Incense ready to carry it into the Holy of Holies. Suddenly it dawned on him, "The Lord wants me to go through the veil! It is time!" His heart leaped with joy. Finally, he would be granted the greatest desire of his heart - to enter into the secret place of the Most High. The Lord was there with him as usual and began to explain to him:

"Aaron, before you go through the veil, I have to tell you something about this third veil in the Tabernacle. In the Old Testament times, on the Day of Atonement, once every year, the high priest went into the Holy of Holies. This veil, which is a woven cloth of blue, purple, scarlet, and linen, with cherubim woven all over it, forms a division of the Tabernacle, separating the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. Can you see the four pillars that mark the entrance?"

When Aaron nodded his head the Lord continued, "These four pillars are made out of wood and overlaid with gold. As you remember, four speaks of the tribulation



through which you must enter this heavenly realm. The veil represents <u>flesh</u>. This flesh however, is

> marked and e n g r a v e d with My engravings. The removing or the <u>breaking</u> <u>through the</u> veil repre-

sents the re-entry of man into the Garden of Eden, where the tree of life is. You see, man is man's

own enemy and his chief barrier to entering into life in Me."

Aaron was so taken by the beauty of the veil! He began to wonder how it is that he could break through it.

The Lord spoke again, "Aaron, you are wondering how to break through the veil, aren't you? Well, let Me explain it to you. The breaking through the veil speaks of man breaking through his own flesh nature: the eagle in his mind, which makes him soar in his thoughts away from Me; the lion in his emotions, which is like a beast thriving upon the death of others; the ox in his will being very stubborn; and the man in his desires wanting heaven and hell at the same time."

With these words the Lord handed Aaron the old big Bible. "Read Hebrews 10:20," He commanded him. Aaron didn't hesitate a minute. He took the Bible and began to read aloud, "By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." He paused as if he got hold of the understanding. Now he knew what it meant: Jesus prepared the way for humanity by breaking through His own flesh. Thus he established the how of it, so that others might also break through and be overcomers.

"Aaron," the Lord continued, "read one more scripture,

Acts 14:22."

Aaron looked again through the pages of the old Bible and began to read, "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." He understood that this was what the Apostle Paul taught the early church.

"You see, Aaron," the Lord added, "the nature of man needs to be purged by harassment and tribulations of all types so that he might have My nature within himself."

Aaron thought it interesting that the only way he could be like Jesus was through tribulation. He had been thinking about it many times, but he understood that the nature of man is such that without tribulation man would have no desire to be like Jesus. Yet, it is the best thing he can ever get! And so, in His mercy, God is willing to suffer with man through the tribulation in order to give him the best he can ever have. "What love God has for us people!" Aaron thought.

"Aaron," the Lord said, "there is one more thing I want to share with you today. Do you know how the priest entered in to the Holy of Holies?"

Aaron had an idea but was not sure about it and so he asked, "Lord, would You please tell me?"

The Lord then continued, "Armed with the basin of blood from the Outer Court, the fire on the Altar of Incense from the Holy Place, and the Altar of Incense with the censer hanging by his side, the priest took both the essence of the Outer Court and the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies through the veil of the cherubim. The veil is the last barrier between man and immortality. It is time for you, as well as for the church, to break through the veil of your flesh. I want you to meditate upon it and if you are ready, when I come next time I will take you through the veil..."

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<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What is the third veil made out of?
- 2. What does the veil separate?
- 3. How many pillars is the veil hanging on?
- 4. What are the pillars made out of? What do they represent?
- 5. What does *breaking through the veil* mean? How do we break through it?
- 6. How did the priest go into the Holy of Holies?

Chapter 18 The Mercy Seat



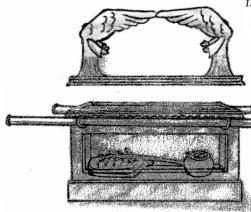
aron found himself standing at the Altar of Incense again. Last time he thought it was his time to enter into the Holy of Holies, but the Lord still had more to teach him in the Holy Place. But He promised him that if he were ready next time He comes to him, He would take him through the veil...

Aaron, holding his breath, stood before the veil with the Golden Altar in his hands. He knew that the *Mercy Seat* he was about to see on the other side of the veil is the point of contact between God and man. Therefore, he had to be careful that he did everything according to the rules, lest the great power of God's radiance hurt his flesh. The Lord had instructed him in this very precisely. Armed with the basin of blood from the Outer Court, the fire on the Altar of Incense from the Holy Place, and the Altar of Incense with the censer hanging by his side, Aaron made his way through the veil.

What a glory! He had never seen anything like that in his whole life! The presence of God filled the whole place. It was very different from what he had experienced so far. The Lord had always been by his side, speaking to him, teaching him. But now, He revealed His glory! Aaron's heart almost stopped beating. Godly fear came upon him. Will he be able to stand such glory?

As thoughts were quickly running through Aaron's mind, he heard the well-known Voice speak again, "Aaron, don't be afraid of My presence. You have found grace in my sight and I want to reveal to you the things of the Holy of Holies. You see, this is the place where I reveal Myself to man."

Aaron felt much better now. Yet, the glory was so powerful! Suddenly, he saw the Bible that had been with him through most of his Tabernacle experience and heard the Lord say, "Aaron, read the Word." He found it open to Exodus 25 and began to read the highlighted verses 17-22, And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and



in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give

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thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

"See, Aaron," the Lord continued to instruct His young friend, "the Mercy Seat is the only piece of furniture in the Tabernacle made of pure gold without any other substance as a complement. This gold signifies that it is My pure nature which will now bring forth the last and final act of perfection within man. The Mercy Seat represents the overshadowing of My Spirit over a believer as well as the Church."

The Lord mentioned to Aaron several times that the Mercy Seat signified His overshadowing. Aaron understood that it was a very important piece of information, yet he was not sure he understood it correctly. The Lord, knowing his thoughts, began to explain it further to him.

"Aaron, do you remember what you learned in your history lesson about people going through much tribulation and suffering?"

Aaron knew exactly what the Lord was asking. "Yes, Lord," was his quick response. His countenance changed. He became very sad as he remembered World War II which is what he had just been learning about. So many people died in those battles! He also remembered Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the cities where the first atom bombs fell and killed so many lives. However, he heard a few testimonies about those who were miraculously protected in the midst of destruction.

"Even more difficult times and greater tribulation will come upon this earth, Aaron," the Lord said. "You can read about it in Matthew 24. It won't be long and all the verses of this chapter will be fulfilled. But as you consider these things, remember what Psalm 91:1 says, *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty*. I always keep My people in the midst of trouble. This is what the Mercy Seat speaks about. This is what My overshadowing means. When you see destruction on every side, hide in Me. Verse 7 says, *A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee*. Do not turn to the left nor to the right, but walk with Me and hide under My shadow so that you will be hidden in My se-

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cret place in the troubled days to come."

"Oh, Lord," Aaron thought in his heart, "hide me from the evil that is coming!" He was determined to walk in the straight path of the Lord so that he would be found under the shadow of His wings.

How about you, young reader? Have you ever thought about where are you going to be found when the trouble comes on this earth?

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What does the Mercy Seat look like?
- 2. What is the Mercy Seat made out of? What does it symbolize?
- 3. Why do we have to be overshadowed by the Holy Spirit?
- 4. Which Psalm speaks about hiding in God's secret place?

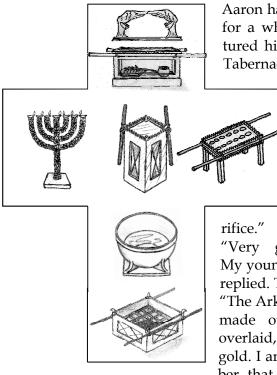
Chapter 19 The Ark of the Covenant Part 1

Once again, Aaron woke up with the sound of a familiar voice calling him in his sleep. He knew the Lord had something interesting and important to show him. He jumped up and said, "Yes, Lord, Your servant hears." He learned this from Samuel in the Bible who also used to listen to the Lord in the night.

"Aaron," the Voice said, "I have come today to take you back to the Holy of Holies."

Aaron was excited. He really liked that place. There was so much glory of God in there that he wished he could just live there all the time.

The Lord kept talking to him while He was taking him through the whole Tabernacle to the Holy of Holies. "Aaron," He said, "have you noticed that the seven pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle form a cross, with the Ark of the Covenant at the head?"



Aaron had to think about it for a while, but as he pictured his way through the Tabernacle, he realized it

was true.

"This is exciting, Lord!" he exclaimed. "It means that the whole Tabernacle shows the life of sac-

"Very good observation, My young friend," the Lord replied. Then He continued, "The Ark of the Covenant is made out of wood and overlaid, or sealed, with gold. I am sure you remember that it symbolizes hu-

manity covered with My nature."

Aaron nodded his head. He did remember.

"Before we arrive at the full symbolic meaning of this Ark, though," the Lord said, "you must first understand the meaning of the word *ark*. Let Me take you into the history of arks from the beginning.

"There are three arks that you can read about in the Bible:

1. Noah's ark,

2. Moses' ark,

3. The Ark of the Covenant.

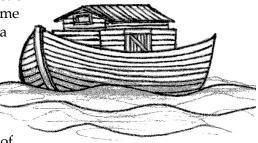
All these were constructed to save my elect."

Aaron was excited. He loved Noah's ark. He had read about it in the Bible many times by now. He also liked to draw this big boat with Noah and all the animals. He could not wait to hear what the Lord had to say next. "Aaron, you might remember that the first ark was constructed to save Noah and his family. These eight persons constituted the whole world of those who were not against God. These were the remnant of a righteous generation. Others were destroyed by violent men and by the action of sin."

Aaron further learned that *this ark had three stories*. *The bottom story represented God the Father*. The seal, with pitch and tar, was the main feature of its salvation quality. The ark had to have a special time for the pitching and tarring. If it had taken him 120 years or just 20 years to build, he would have been forced to put on the tar at a specific time, near the time when the ark would float. Otherwise, the exposure to wind and sun would spoil it. The pitch and the tar, therefore, represent the *seal of the living God*. This seal saved the ark and all that were in it, therefore, it is very important. So we see that God is our salvation.

The second story represented Jesus Christ the Son, because it had the door, and Jesus is the door of entering into God (John 10:9). The most significant thing about the door of the ark was that it was closed by God before the rain started falling, when God shut Noah and his family and the animals in. This shows that after this seal of the living God is applied to the church and the destruction

begins on earth, some people will be in a place of safety and others will not. According to God's promise, some will escape the destructive force of



the tribulation. All that the tribulation will do to them is purify them and make them ready to meet Jesus at His coming and at His personal appearance.

The third story typifies the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit for us is a window looking up into Heaven.

Even though Aaron had known about Noah's ark, He

had never thought of the things he was just hearing. But this was all so exciting!

"Aaron," the Lord continued, "let Me now show you *Moses' ark.*" With these words, the Lord showed Aaron a basket with a baby boy in it. He further told him that it was made of leaves and twigs from the river. It was made by women, Moses' sister and mother, who are a type of the church. It did not have stories like Noah's ark, but in place of the stories was a manchild - Moses. This meant that if the hull of the ark represented God the Father with the seal, then

Moses represented the Son and the Spirit. The Son and the Spirit are God's two witnesses on earth. Moses was God's witness in Egypt, both to the Israelites and to the Egyptians. He manifested God magnificently, not carnally, but by Spirit action. The papyrus leaves and twigs from the river represented *flesh* and *hu*-

manity, just as the wood of the ark represented flesh and humanity. God uses humanity as the negative through which He manifests His positive nature.

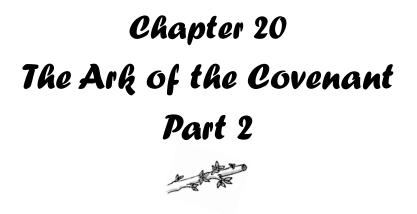
"Aaron, there is still much to tell you about the arks," the Lord said. "But our time is running out. I will come again soon, though, and tell you all about the Ark of the Covenant."

Aaron was sad. He didn't want the Lord to leave him now. He really wanted to hear about the Ark of the Covenant and its purpose in the life of a believer. However, the Lord was already gone. And so he has to wait a little longer.

The Ark of the Covenant, Part 1

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What do the seven pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle form?
- 2. What are the three arks mentioned in the Bible and what were they constructed for?
- 3. What did the first story in Noah's ark represent?
- 4. What did the second story in Noah's ark represent?
- 5. What did the third story in Noah's ark represent?
- 6. Can you describe Moses' ark, what it was made out of and what it represented?



"What a beauty!" thought Aaron, looking at the Ark of the Covenant. He still had the lesson he had learned the last time while in the Holy of Holies fresh in his memory - *three arks*. Now, he was standing in front of the *Ark of the Covenant*. It was made out of wood and covered with gold. He knew that wood represented humanity and here it was covered with God's nature. He admired the beauty of this Ark. The Lord was there to show him the secrets of this last piece of furniture in the Tabernacle.

"Aaron," the familiar Voice asked the young boy, "can you see how the Ark of the Covenant is sealed as both Noah's and Moses' arks were?"

Aaron looked all around but could not find anything that would be similar to the sealing of the previous two arks. He said, "No, Lord, I don't think it is sealed."

The Lord smiled. He knew He had asked a tricky ques-



tion. "Actually, Aaron, it is sealed," He said. "But its seal is different from that of the other arks. It is not sealed by pitch and tar, which were designed to withstand water, but by gold, which is designed to withstand fire. When Noah came out of the ark, God

showed him the sign of the rainbow. It meant that the earth would no more be destroyed by water, but by fire; and gold is not destroyed by fire, only purified by it."

The Lord then continued, "There is no man that was ever able to look inside of the Ark of the Covenant and live. Therefore, I can't show you what is in it, but I will tell you all about it."

Aaron was happy. He knew that if the Lord said it was best not to look then it must have been the best. He was listening attentively so that he would not miss any small detail of the inside of the Ark.

"Tell Me, Aaron," the Lord asked, "if the Mercy Seat represents the covering of My people, what does the Ark of the Covenant represent?"

Aaron thought for a minute, "Well, Lord, if it is us who are to be covered under the shadow of Your wings then the Ark must represent us."

"Very good, Aaron. You are absolutely right. The Ark of the Covenant represents My people, My sons, who have three things within them, just as <u>the Ark has three things in-</u> <u>side of it</u>.

"The first thing," the Lord continued, "is the <u>testimony</u>, which I have given to Moses. These are the <u>Ten Commandments written on</u> <u>two slabs of stone</u>. This represents My divine order, which I am planting in the hearts of My people.

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"Further, you can find two living miracles in the Ark. The first one is the <u>pot of manna</u>, which never grew stale, as a sample of the food that I fed the children of Israel with in the wilderness for forty years. When it first appeared, Moses commanded Aaron to preserve some of it in a golden pot. Let's read about it in Exodus 16:33."

With these words, the Lord handed Aaron the big Bible and let him read out loud, "And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations."

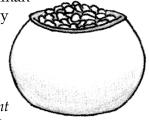
"You see, Aaron," the Lord continued, "this manna represents the Christ-life, energy food, which My people will receive in the Spirit to bring forth the works of power that are needed on earth. Psalm 78:25 calls it *angel's food*. Revelation

2:17b calls it *hidden manna*. The human realm is being robbed of all the energy to bring forth life and you need to receive this Spirit energy.

"The second living miracle, and the third thing in the Ark, is *Aaron's rod, which budded overnight and brought forth fruit.* You can read about it in Num-

bers 17:5-8. The budding of this rod was conclusive proof of the man whom I chose to be the *chief*. The budding shows supernatural fruit-bearing and life-giving quality, while the rod shows authority, rulership, and government. Have you noticed, Aaron, that the rod is the only thing in the Holy of Holies that is not pure gold, neither is it covered with gold or engraved? It shows that I am well pleased with My people only when they bear fruit."

Aaron was deep in thought after he was left alone again. Basically, the Lord was telling him that in order to be among His elect people, among His sons, he has to have within himself God's divine order, God's energy, and he has to bear fruit. He knew there was much that he would have to think about in the days ahead.



How about you, young reader? What are you going to be thinking about in the days to come? Will you choose to set your mind on the things of God and serve Him so that He can place within you the same things that are found in the Ark of the Covenant?

<u>Answer the following questions to see how well you un-</u> <u>derstood this chapter</u>:

- 1. What is the Ark of the Covenant sealed with? Why?
- 2. What does the Ark of the Covenant represent?
- 3. What is the first thing hidden in the Ark of the Covenant? What does it represent?
- 4. What is the second thing hidden in the Ark of the Covenant? What does it represent?
- 5. What is the third thing hidden in the Ark of the Covenant? What does it represent?
- 6. What do you have to have within yourself in order to be among the sons of God?

Chapter 21 Keep Your Mind on Me

Still fresh in Aaron's memory were the three things that were hidden in the Ark of the Covenant. He was anxious to go to bed tonight. He was hoping the Lord would come to him again and teach him some more about the Tabernacle. And the Lord came...

"Aaron," He called his name. Aaron's heart leaped with joy. He was always so excited in the Lord's presence. "I have already visited you many times, haven't I?" the Lord said. "I have shown you the whole Tabernacle and taught you what it represents in the life of a believer. You said you wanted to be a son of God, didn't you? You have to remember: there is nothing, *nothing* that can stop you from becoming one, no sin, no weakness, no devil, nothing <u>except</u> if your mind remains on a low plain. This is where we are when we continually think about the things in this earth (food, drink, yourself, how your friends don't like you, etc.) and don't think about Me and don't obey Me. Today I have come to share with you how to continually keep your mind on Me and on the things from above. That is the only way by which you will be transformed into My image and not conformed to this world. Philippians 4:8 says, *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.* So today I am going to teach you how to do that."

Aaron had heard from other people that it is impossible to keep your mind in the heavenlies all the time, because we are just natural people. He had to admit he kind of agreed with those people. Yet, if the Lord said it was possible, then it must be. It sounded very adventurous and Aaron could hardly wait to learn the lesson.

"Aaron," the Lord continued, "let us go over your day today. What was the first thing you did in the morning when you woke up?"

"Well, Lord," Aaron answered, "I got out of bed and the first thing I saw was the reminder on the wall that I placed there that You are the light of the world and You want me to shine. Then, I opened my Bible and found the verses about what Your Word says about the light. After that I knelt down and prayed that You would make me Your vessel so that I would shine throughout the day."

"Very well, Aaron," the Lord was pleased with His young friend. "So you kept your mind on Me when you woke up, didn't you?"

"Yes, I did, and it was not even that difficult," Aaron admitted.

"What happened next?" the Lord asked.

"Then I got washed and dressed and went down to the kitchen and then..."

"Yes, then you got upset with your sister, because she took your cup, didn't you?"

"Yes, I did. She always does it to me!" Aaron complained.

The Lord continued sadly, "Doesn't it say in Ephesians 4:32, And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one

another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you? Do you think that being upset over a cup is a part of My character? Where do you suppose your mind was when this incident happened?"

"I am afraid it was very carnal," said Aaron humbly. "I suppose I could have just let her have my cup and enjoy it."

"Yes, you could have, and you would have received My joy instead. Every time you keep your mind on Me, I pour out a part of Me into you and your heart overflows with peace and gladness."

Aaron thought he needed to remember this.

"Then after breakfast you started your school, didn't you?" the Lord asked.

Aaron remembered how in science he was studying about the Universe and the greatness and awesomeness of God and how his heart rejoiced just to think about the Maker. Also, in math he looked at the numbers he was calculating and they reminded him of the verses in the Bible where it says that one shall put a thousand to flight and two shall put ten thousand to flight (Deuteronomy 32:30). That made him think about the Body of Christ, because the preacher preached on it on Sunday - not me and me alone any more, but the Body, and the enemy is fleeing by thousands. As Aaron thought about the Body of Christ, he remembered that Miss Jervis in the nursing home was not feeling well, so he prayed for her.

"Lord, was this all pleasing to You? Was I being transformed into Your image when I thought that way?"

"Yes, Aaron," the Lord replied. "This is how it works - keeping Me in mind in all you do."

"Then, Lord, why did I not stay with You all the time? I got so much into building my fort after lunch that I forgot everything in the world and even disobeyed my mom when she called me home."

"You have to remember, Aaron, that everything around you wants to divert you from becoming like Me. You have to *practice* keeping your mind on Me. The more you practice, the better you get at it. Tell me, when you learned to ride a bicycle, did you know it right away?"

"Oh, no, Lord," Aaron laughed. He thought of how many times he fell off his bike and how long it took him to be able to go in a straight line while riding.

"You see, it is the same with your mind," the Lord said, "you have to practice." Then the Lord continued, "I was pleased that you repented of your shortcoming with your mom and made it right, though. When you did, My Blood washed you all white. That is why you were able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit later on when He told you to go and see your neighbor."

"Was it Your Spirit speaking to me, Lord?" Aaron asked. "I thought I just got an idea to go and see him! I didn't know he needed help. It was so easy to talk to him about You, Lord, while we were working."

"You see, Aaron," the Lord smiled at Aaron's puzzled face, "every time you do righteousness, it is Me prompting you to do so. Man within himself cannot do anything good, but when he is submitted to Me, I work through him to bring forth My Kingdom in this earth. Did you know that your neighbor could not get the words you spoke to him out of his mind? He even knelt down by his bed in the evening and gave his life to Me!"

"Oh, Lord," Aaron shouted, "it is so exciting to keep my mind on You! It is so adventurous!"

"Well, Aaron, what do you think would happen if your mind would have stayed on Me even until the evening?"

"I don't know, Lord," Aaron said sadly, "I guess I would have paid attention to my mom being tired and would have helped her instead of reading my book."

"You said it right, Aaron. You would have cared for somebody else other than you. Your mom was really very tired tonight and needed help even without having to ask for it."

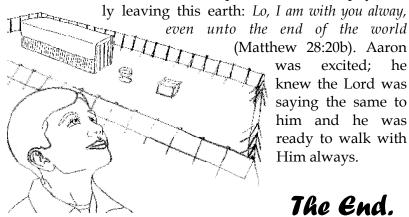
"Lord, will You please forgive me?" Aaron asked. "I want to keep my mind on You at all times so that I would

become Your son indeed."

"I forgive you, My young friend," the Lord responded. "It is My desire for you to become My mature son more than you can imagine. My Spirit will always be with you to guide you and lead you into all truth.

"Aaron," the Lord continued. "This is the last time I will come to you in this form and manner. From now on, I want you to seek Me in everything you do. I will speak to you during your day and you will know that it is Me speaking to you. Just remember: don't think on the things of the earth, but on the things from above, for that is the only way that you will be transformed into My image and become My son. Tomorrow is another day when you can practice. Remember the Tabernacle and continue to live it out. Also, go and share with others what I have shared with you."

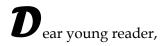
With these words the Lord departed. Aaron wanted to be sad because he knew the Lord would not come again like this. However, even though He was gone, He was still there. Aaron could feel His presence so close! He even asked Him a question about his siblings' salvation and immediately heard the answer in his heart. Is it possible that the Lord was going to be with him always and at all times so that he could always talk to Him and always hear from Him? He remembered what Jesus said to His disciples when He was physical-



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The Lord has taught Aaron many truths from the Tabernacle of Moses and we were able to be part of it. However, there is never an end to studying the depth of God's Word as well as many details mentioned in the Tabernacle. I trust this book helped you to understand the plan of God for us to become His sons. I pray that your heart would love Him and desire Him so much that He could lead you, together with His church, from the Outer Court through the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies and crown you with His glory.

Yours in His service,

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