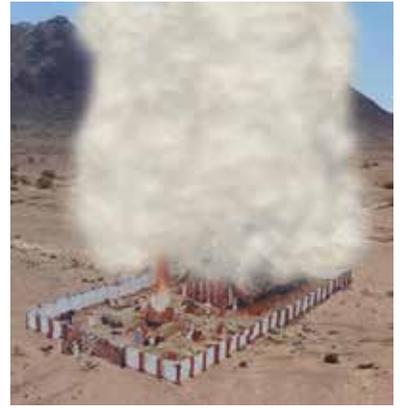


"And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp." Exodus 33:7 KJV



We must "go apart to pray" as Christ did many times in His earthly ministry. He went "without the camp," to spend intimate "alone" time, away from everything and everyone. "And when [Jesus] had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone." Intimate communion with God must exclude all else. No one or nothing could enter the "Holy of Holies" of the Tabernacle, but the High Priest.

Believers must keep their spirit as the "Holy of Holies. Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" Just as the stone tablets, the manna, and Aaron's Rod that budded were kept in the Ark, we must keep the Word, the Wonder, and the Work of God in the "Ark of our covenant," our faith. We must keep them and carry them wherever we go. "For those that worship [the Father] must worship Him in spirit and in Truth." All the plain wood of the Tabernacle was covered by pure "beaten" gold; symbolic of our lives covered by the pure righteousness of Christ through faith and the beating Christ endured for us at Calvary. Naught of the wood could be seen. There is a wealth of knowledge concerning the redemptive Work of Christ contained in the study of the wilderness Tabernacle. We must sever connections to everything when we "go apart to pray." This concept coupled with the command, "Pray without ceasing," gives insight into the intimacy God wishes to have with each of His children. Nothing must interfere with those precious moments alone with God or enter in to pollute the sanctuary. God is always there, so we must be always careful to keep ourselves worthy through meditation to reveal sin and confession to cleanse it. The Sacrifice for our sins is already slain. There only remains the washing with the water of the Word to cleanse us of the dust we gather in our pilgrimage before we enter the "Holy of Holies" to worship.

We must be cleansed before we start,
To worship God we go apart,
His Holy Oil will light the Ark,
In the Temple of our heart. ~CGP

"Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." There is Veil no more between God and His people. The only veil left is the veil of flesh we must carry in our earthly pilgrimage until Heaven. If we are "crucified with Christ, a living sacrifice," our veil of flesh will also be "rent in twain," so others may see the Holiness of God in our "temple." We enter boldly to Heaven's Mercy Seat through the shed Blood of "The Lamb of God!" Nothing separates believers any longer, because they are able to offer sacrifices and minister daily in the "temple. Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Hebrews 13:12-15 KJV