

How to deepen your worship

Hebrews 8-9





HOW TO WORSHIP A KING

PREPARE YOUR HEART.
PREPARE YOUR WORLD.
PREPARE THE WAY.

ZACH NEESE

Hebrews 8

Now the main point of what we are saying is this: WE DO have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.



Worship

**A priest points to a
divine deity, a deity
elicits worship**

³ Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. ⁴ If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. ⁵ *They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”*

Hebrews 9

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary.² **A tabernacle was set up.** In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place.³ Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place,⁴ which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.⁵ Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover (“**the mercy seat**”).

Numbers 9

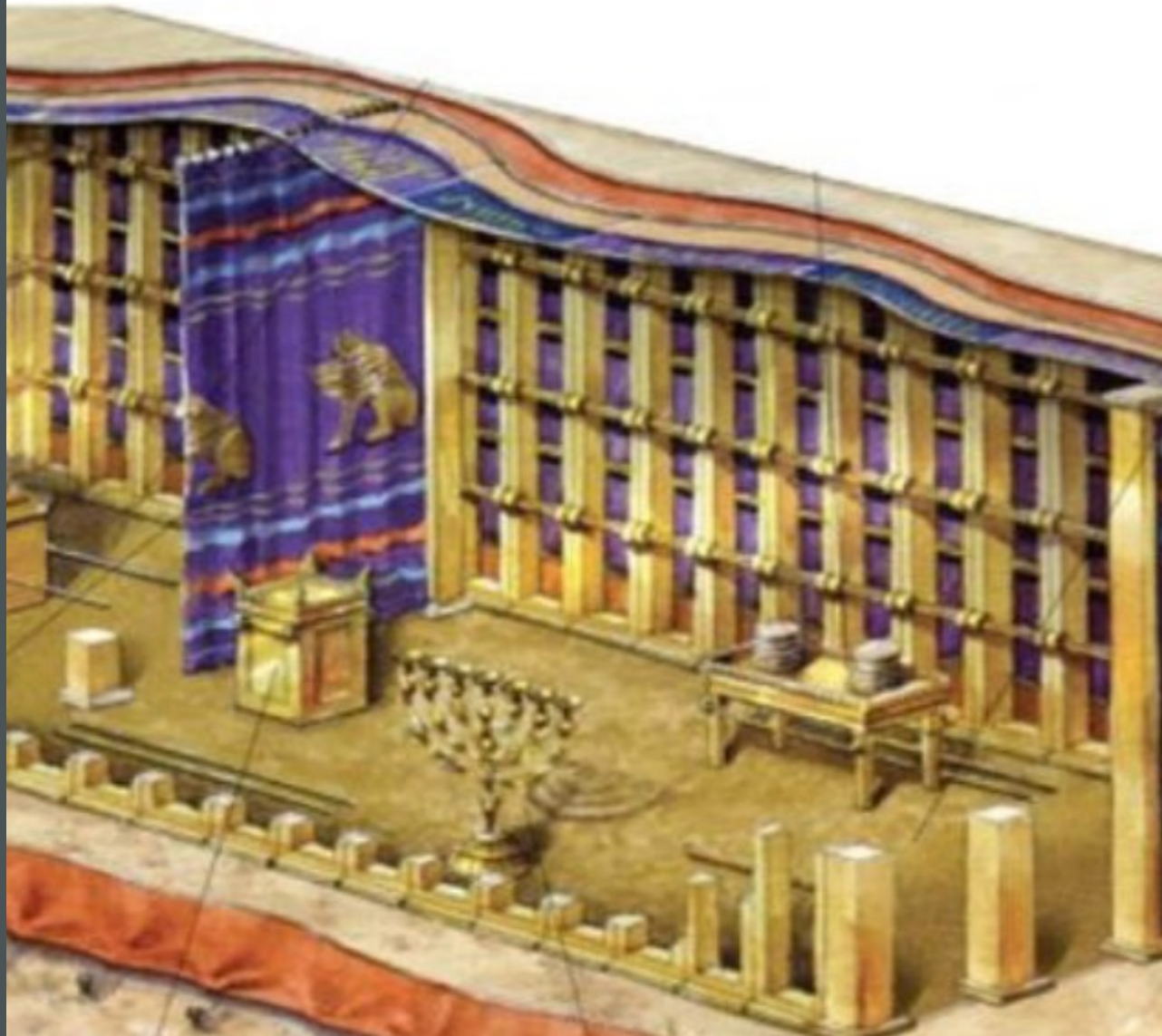
¹⁵ On the day the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant law, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire. ¹⁶ That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it, and at night it looked like fire.



Exodus 26 – *Tabernacle description*

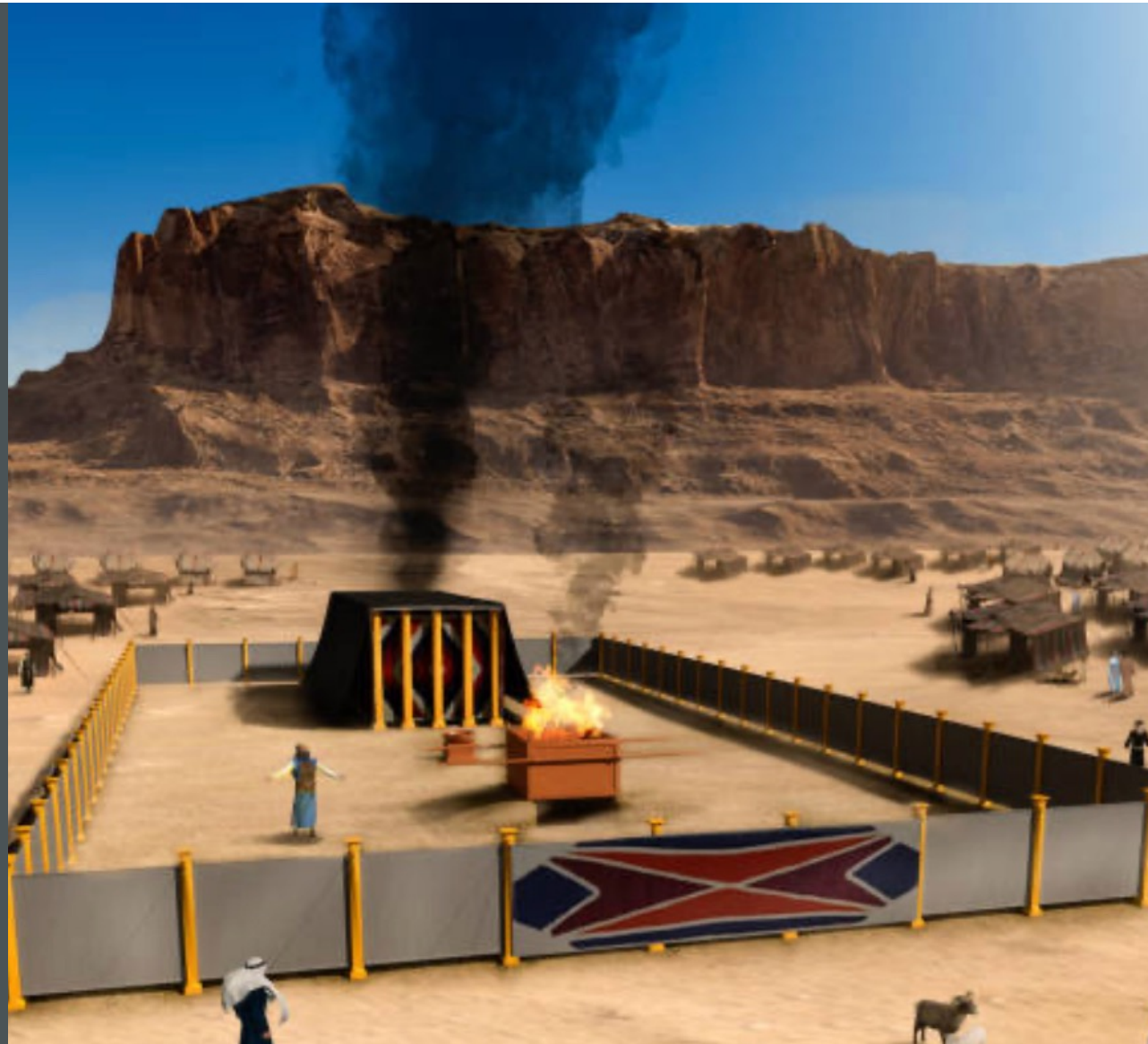
“Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim woven into them by a skilled worker.² All the curtains are to be the same size—twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide. ³ Join five of the curtains together, and do the same with the other five. ⁴ Make loops of blue material along the edge of the end curtain in one set, and do the same with the end curtain in the other set....

30 Set up the tabernacle according to the plan shown you on the mountain.



Exodus 27 - The Courtyard

⁹“Make a courtyard for the tabernacle. The south side shall be a hundred cubits (150 feet) long and is to have curtains of finely twisted linen,¹⁰ with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts.¹¹ The north side shall also be a hundred cubits long and is to have curtains, with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts....



Exodus 30 - The Alter of Sacrifice

30 “Make an altar of acacia wood for burning incense.² It is to be square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two cubits high—its horns of one piece with it.³ Overlay the top and all the sides and...



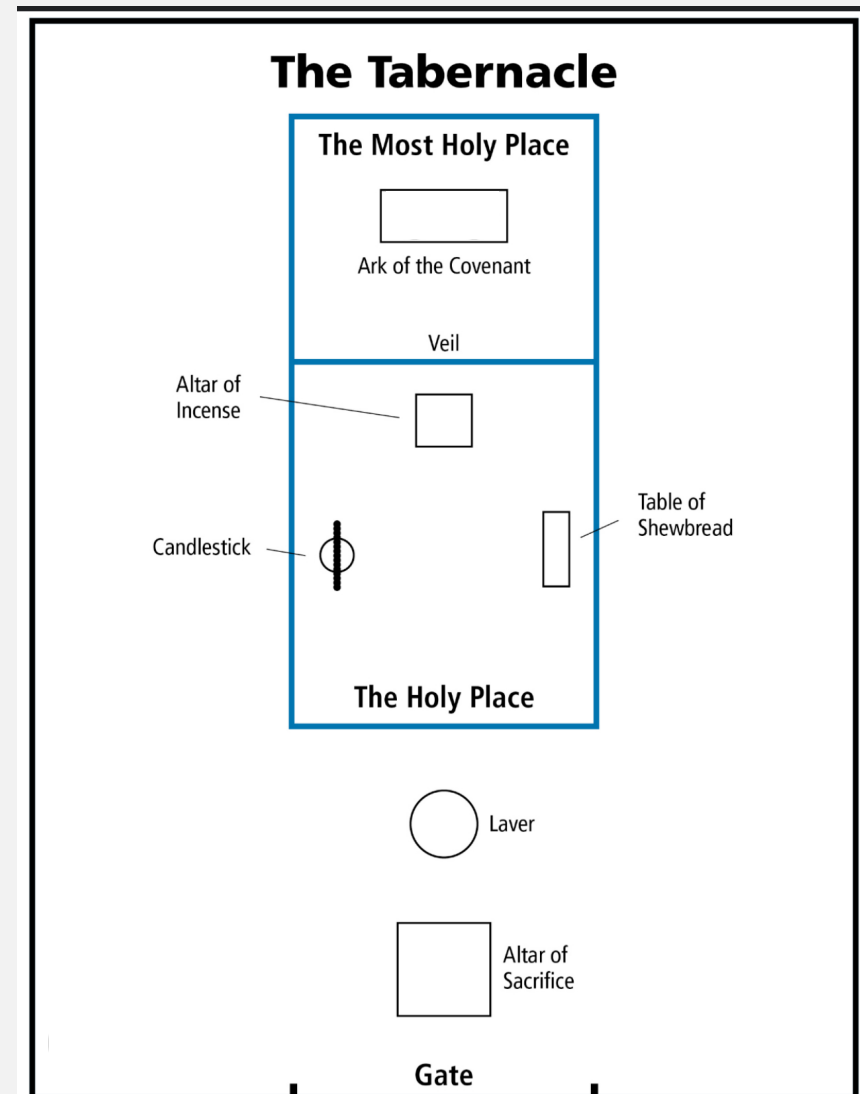
Exodus 30 - The Bronze Basin (The Laver)

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Altar of Sacrifice

- First step of worship
- The cross of Jesus is our altar
- Blood had to be shed for the remission of sin
- Run to the altar when you sin
- Offer ourselves with Christ on the cross - gladly!
- Submission to Jesus

Bronze Basin

- Washed by the Word

Ephesians 5

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

Romans 12:2

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (cleansing your mind and conscience)

Bronze Basin

- Washed by the Word
- Our mirror

James 1:23-24

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Bronze Basin

- Washed by the Word
- Our mirror
- Cleanses our heart – distraction, lust, idolatry, plans, self-sufficiency, worry, sickness

Blessing:

May your first step to worship be the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross

May you run to the cross in repentance every time you sin

May you gaze into the mirror of the Word to see what you look like and how God sees you

May your soul, your thoughts and your conscience be washed by the Word this week

Life Application

What is the main thing that helped you on Sunday?

What is one thing you are going to do differently on Monday morning?

Write down how you changed this week.