

## *The Message Notes*

**Message:** *The Priests and the Pattern of Worship*

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**Text:** Exodus 25:8-9, 1 Peter 2:5 (NLT)

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**Objective:** to understand the function of the priest and the pattern of corporate worship in the assembly of God.

**Principle:** The way we **see ourselves in Christ** is the way we follow Christ and **worship** Him.

**Message #2. Holy Assembly:** God is **Holy**, and we're **called to be Holy**, 1 Peter 1:16:

- **God is Holy:** He is otherworldly, and His character traits are **distinct** from creation. God the uncreated creator. He is self-sufficient, sinless, pure, all powerful, all knowing, and omnipresent.
- **Be Holy:** We have been made holy **positionally** by the **means** of Jesus Christ and we're holy in our **conduct practically** by **obeying** God's decrees, 1 Corinthians 1:2.

**Message #3. Worship Assembly-Sanctuary:** A space **set aside** as **sacred** for the **dwelling** of God's **Spirit** and for the **worship** of His people, Ephesians 2:21, Exodus 8:1:

1. **Corporate** Worship – the church **collectively worships God** on **one accord**:

- **Convocation** – “I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord, Psalms 122:1.”
- **Participation** – “Lift your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord, Psalms 134:2.”
- **Anticipation** – “I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word, Psalms 130:5.”

2. **Worship** Songs – inform, conform, and transform

- **Vertical** – songs acknowledging the **awe** of God. It raises our **fear** of God's holiness.
- **Horizontal** – songs acknowledging what God has done for us and will do. It raises our faith in God and our souls are encouraged.
- **Experiential** – you have experienced the words and events of the song. It recalls memories of a time in our relationship with God.

3. **Character** of Worship – you must worship God in **spirit (inspired)** and in **truth** (integrity), John 4:24

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1. **We're Priests** - I Peter 2:5. And you are **living stones** that God is building into his **spiritual temple**. What's more, you are his **holy priests**. Through the **mediation** of Jesus Christ, you offer **spiritual sacrifices** that **please** God.

- Living stones – placed on the cornerstone Christ
- Spiritual temple – uniting with the other living stones
- **Holy priests** - mediation of Jesus Christ
- **Offer spiritual sacrifices** - pleases God

**References:** I Peter 2:9, Hebrews 5:10, Romans 10:4

2. **Purpose** of the tabernacle: **v.8**. “Have the people Israel **build** me a **holy sanctuary** so I can **live among them**. Ephesians 2:21-22

- a) A dwelling place for God – Garden of Eden
- b) A worship place for the people to meet God
- c) A physical place to remind us of God's presence

3. **Pattern** of worship: **v.9**. You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the **pattern** I will show you.”

**Outer Court:**

1. Entrance – one doorway - John 14:6
2. Brazen Altar – **fire/sacrifice** – I John 2:2, Romans 12:1
3. Brazen Laver – **water/cleanses** – I John 1:7-9

**Holy Place:**

1. Golden Lampstand – Holy Spirit – John 8:12, Matthew 5:14
2. Table of Shewbread – God's Word – John 6:35, Matthew 4:4
3. Altar of Incense – Prayers – Hebrews 7:24-25, Revelation 5:8, I Thessalonians 5:17
4. Veil – separation from God

**Holy of Holies**

1. Ark of the Covenant (Commandments/Rod/Manna)
2. Mercy Seat (Throne of God/Blood)
3. Two Cherubims – Angels before the throne

4. **Presence of God:**

**Hebrews 4:16**. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. References: Exodus 40:34, John 14:17