

# Tabernacle Prayer: A Model from Hebrews 9

## SERMON SUMMARY

Did you know we can structure our prayer life using the Tabernacle as a model? The Tabernacle, a significant structure in the Old Testament, symbolizes stages of prayer and worship, guiding us from thanksgiving and praise to intercession. By understanding the different parts of the Tabernacle—the outer court, the brazen altar, the laver, the candlestick, the table of showbread, the altar of incense, and the Ark of the Covenant—we can deepen our relationship with God and make our prayer time more meaningful. As we pray, we focus on Jesus' sacrifice, which allows us to enter God's presence boldly and intercede for others.

## KEY VERSES

### **Exodus 25:8-9 (NLT)**

8 "Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them. 9 You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the pattern I will show you."

### **Hebrews 9:11-15 (NLT)**

11 "So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. 12 With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. 13 Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. 14 Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. 15 That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant."

**Additional verses: Psalm 100:4; Colossians 1:19-22; Joshua 1:8**

## QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most from today's sermon?
2. How can we incorporate thanksgiving and praise into our daily prayer life?
3. Why is it important to remember Jesus' sacrifice when we pray?
4. What does it mean to be a 'living sacrifice' as mentioned in Romans 12:1?
5. How can we allow the Holy Spirit to produce more fruit in our lives?
6. What role does the Word of God play in your daily life?
7. How can we make our prayers more worshipful and less about our own needs?
8. Who are some people or groups you feel led to intercede for in prayer?

## LIFE APPLICATION

This week, challenge yourself to follow the Tabernacle model in your prayer time. Start with thanksgiving and praise, remember Jesus' sacrifice, cleanse your heart, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance, meditate on God's Word, worship His name, and intercede for others. Write down your experiences and share them with the group next week.