



**THE SANCTUARY PRAYER FRAMEWORK
A STEP BY STEP GUIDE THROUGH
THE HEBREW TABERNACLE
AS A STRUCTURE FOR DAILY PRAYER**

Each part of this takes us through a part of the ancient Hebrew tabernacle central to the life of the nation of Israel. It was how God met with his chosen people on a regular basis.

For details on how to pray through this structure go to TheStoryIsEnding.com and look for the series, "The Story of Prayer."

OUTER COURTYARD

Begin Your Time of Prayer With Thanks, Gratitude and Praise

Modern science confirms how positive it is to live from a place of gratitude and thankfulness. What we are taught in the bible from ancient times helps us today: give praise to God, tell him what you are grateful and thankful for and begin your time with him not from need, but acknowledging how much he has done for you.

Bible Verse: Psalm 100:4

Confess Your Sins, Cast Your Burdens, Restore the Union

Having a clear conscience in the presence of the holy God is a must for effective prayer and meaningful interaction. This is where we place our hands on the Lamb (this can be done in the imagination) and confess whatever it is separating you from God. This includes known sin. We wait for God to reveal to us what is coming in between he and us. We want to have nothing separating us from him.

Bible Verses: John 1:29 and 1 John 1:7-9

THE HOLY PLACE

Be the Light and Receive the Holy Spirit

In the Holy Place and on our left is the candle stick. In order to shine it needs fuel, which is oil. The 7 sticks represent the completeness of the Holy Spirit we both receive and give away as we reflect God's light to the world.

Bible verses: Matthew 5:14-16; 25:1-13

Alter of Incense: Pray for Others

This is where we spend time praying, both for our own needs and the needs of others. We intercede on behalf of those we love, know or hear about in some way.

Bible verses: Revelation 8:3-4

The Table of Showbread (or Bread of the Presence): Receive the Bread of Life

During this time of our prayer we ask God to nourish us spiritually as we partake in the Bread of Life – the Bible and Jesus himself for us to gain spiritual strength and give back to the world what God has given us so abundantly.

Bible verses: Matthew 26:26; John 6:35; Luke 4:4

MOST HOLY PLACE

We get to approach the actual throne of God! We come to the Father himself at the Great White Throne of the universe and talk to the Almighty. We've been doing it all along, but this part of the Most Holy Place is God's Mercy Seat. His throne. We are privileged to talk to God as we talk to a friend. All because of Jesus' ministry on our behalf. It completes our time of prayer and we can confidently believe we have been heard.

Bible verse: Hebrews 4:16