**1. PRESSING ON INTO THE HOLIES OF HOLIES**

“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holy of Holies by the blood of Jesus ...let us draw near with a true heart of faith” -Hebrews 10:19 & 22

\* The New Testament teaches us that we can go on with God into higher levels of Spiritual experience that are shown to us in more detail in the Old Testament

2. Moses built a tabernacle as a dwelling place for God. Learning about this tabernacle teaches us spiritual truths about how we can draw nearer to God.

3. Moses’ Tabernacle had 3 Parts: 1) The Outer Court 2) The Holy Place 3) The Holy of Holies

\* These 3 sections teach us spiritual truths on how we can develop our own relationship w God: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” 1 Cor.3:16

4. As we learn how to spiritually enter into the Holy Place and then the Holy of Holies, we will step by step draw nearer to God & experience more of His mercy, glory, and power!

5. The Outer Court was the large outer section of the Tabernacle

6. All of God’s people were invited to enter the Outer Court and offer sacrifices to God.

7. The Holy Place was the second section of the Tabernacle. Only the Priests were allowed to enter it, where they performed their ministries.

8. If fully dedicate our lives to Christ, we can be like the priests that entered the Holy Place to perform 3 ministries:

9. # 1. The Table of Showbread- Every day fresh bread was placed on this table in the Holy Place. This symbolizes how the servants of God should study the Bible every day and have “fresh bread”

10. # 2. The Golden Lampstand: This speaks of the anointings of the Holy Spirit, Rev.4:5, Is.11:2

11. # 3. The Altar of Incense: Incense speaks of our prayers, Ps.141:2

12. One day in every year, the way was open for only one man – the High Priest – to enter into the Holy of Holies

13. Once a year the High Priest went in with incense to sprinkle the blood on the Mercy Seat

14. This brought forgiveness of sins for all of God’s people, Lev.16:29-34

15. Each Section of the Tabernacle Brings us Deeper into God’s Workings (SEE CHART)

16. How can we draw nearer to God and experience His great Glory and Power?

17. How can we be invited into the Holy of Holies?

18. A. We Must Be Hidden in Christ, our High Priest

* + - Only the High Priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies!
		- Christ is our New Testament great High Priest, Heb.9:11-12
		- We can be hidden with Christ in God, Col.3:2-3, Gal.2:20
		- Our life must no longer be our own, no longer living out of selfish motivations or carnal desires- our life must fully belong to Christ!

19. B. Three things were needed to enter the Holy of Holies:
 # 1) Incense (prayer & worship)
 # 2) The Blood (of Jesus) to place on the Mercy Seat

20. # 3 The High Priest could only enter on the Day of Atonement, the day of mercy & cleansing for all of God’s people!

21. The Day of Atonement was near the end of the year, which prophetically means for us, that this will be fulfilled near the end of the Church Age (the first Jewish feast, Passover, was at the beginning of the year, and it began in the Church Age with the cross at the very beginning of the Church, 1 Cor. 5:7)

22. As the world grows more spiritually dark and sinful, God’s people need to press into the Holy Of Holies to enter and reveal the glory of God, Isaiah 60:1-3

\* (The world is quickly growing more sinful, & problems in the world are increasing

23. God is inviting us to press into the Holy of Holies- this is a season for prayer and worship; for mercy and cleansing! “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holy of Holies by the
blood of Jesus ...let us draw near with a true heart of faith” -Heb 10:19 & 22

24. The closer we approach God- into the Holy Place and then into the Holy of Holies- the more power, glory, and revival will be released!

25. Queen Esther, in prophetic foreshadow, entered the Holy of Holies (The King’s Throne room) to the Mercy Seat (to touch the King’s scepter) & obtain deliverance for all of God’s people!

26. Evan Roberts was a man who entered the Holy of Holies in 1904, and brought a mighty revival to his nation

27. John Knox pressed in to the Mercy Seat- and changed his nation!

 - His lifelong prayer was “Lord, give me Scotland or I die!”

28. HOW MUCH WILL WE PRESS IN? Will we be content in the Outer Court, where the blood will cleanse our sin and our families?

\* Some Christians don’t really pray much or seek God unless they have a personal emergency, or their family has an emergency- then they are content again!

29. HOW MUCH WILL WE PRESS IN? Do we desire to have the Fresh Word of the Lord, and the anointings of the Holy Spirit in the Holy Place? “Turn at My reproof, surely I will pour My Spirit on you, I will make My words known to you” –Prov.1:23

30. How much will we press in? “God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” –Heb.11:6

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31. In these Last Days we are now being invited into the Holy of Holies!