

Worship

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A Journey to God

Deuteronomy 12:5, 6 *“But you shall seek the **place** that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There **you shall go**, and there **you shall bring** your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.”*

QARAB to approach, to draw near by means of a sacrifice

NAGASH to draw near, to approach

Psalms 42: 1,2 *“As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and **appear before God?**”*
see also Psalm 43: 3,4

Psalm 84: 1-7 in verse 5, NIV *“...whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.”*

Psalm 132: 7 *“Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!”*

Psalms 120-134 are “The Psalms of Ascent”, going on a pilgrimage up to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Five Barriers the Israelites faced to offer sacrifice.

1) The Barrier of the Covenant.

Exodus 19:5, 6 *“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my **covenant**, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and **you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**”*

Exodus 24: 7 *“Then he took the **Book of the Covenant** and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”*

Ephesians 2: 12, 13 *“...remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to **the covenants of promise**, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ.”*

Question Are you in covenant relationship with God?

2) The Barrier of Intention.

To go to the tabernacle required going through the priests and Levites. You only went that way intentionally. You went with the right attitude

Psalm 4:5 *“Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.”*

Question Are you intentionally trying to draw near to God? (“as the deer pants”)

3. The Barrier of Preparation.

The Israelite had to be ceremonially clean to come to the Tabernacle/Temple. Much of it had to do with physical things. For us, it is being spiritually clean.

Question Are you spiritually prepared to draw near to God? How do I do that?

I Corinthians 11:28 *“Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”*

4. The Barrier of the Priesthood.

Only priests could enter into the Tabernacle itself.

Exodus 29:4 *“You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and **wash them** with water.”*

see diagram of priest’s garb, taken from Exodus 28: 4-42

I Peter 2: 4, 5 *“As you **come to him**, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a **spiritual house**, to be a **holy priesthood**, to offer **spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

Numbers 16 The rebellion of Korah and 250.

vs. 40 *...“to be a reminder to the people of Israel, so that **no outsider**, who is not of the descendants of Aaron, should **draw near** to burn incense before the LORD, lest he become like Korah and his company—as the LORD said to him through Moses.”*

Question Have you been consecrated as a priest by being immersed and clothed with Christ?

Paul alludes to that: Galatians 3:27 *“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”* Romans 13:14 *“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires.”* Is being clothed a one-time occurrence or ongoing?

5. The Barrier of Atonement.

Leviticus 16, on the Day of Atonement only the High Priest could come into the Holy of Holies, vs. 17.

vs. 24 *“And he shall bathe his body in water...”*

vs. 30 *“For on this day shall atonement be made for you **to cleanse** you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins.”*

Hebrews 10:19 *“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to **enter the holy places** by the blood of Jesus, Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,”* also 4:16

Hebrews 10:22 *“let us **draw near with a true heart** in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”*

Question Have you made Jesus your High Priest and Lord? Do I have that confidence?

No one can prevent us from coming before God, if we meet these requirements.

- note, my quotes are from ESV, bold parts of scripture were done by me for emphasis

The Golden Garments (8th) of the Kohen Gadol Shemot 28:4:42

