

Furniture for the Road

[The Tabernacle, Part II]

Tabernacle furniture: _____ of spiritual realities

I. Some hermeneutical considerations

Hermeneutics: the science/art of _____

A. Danger of seeing too much--reading into a text

B. Danger of seeing too little—under-reading

Interpreters should aim for both accuracy and fullness

C. Our Lord is the one who encourages us to see

“Beginning with _____ and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.” [Luke 24:27]

D. Symbols and types

1. Symbol--an earthly, visual object that portrays a spiritual reality

2. Type--a symbol that holds _____ for deeper meaning in the future

3. Antitype: the _____ of the type

II. Brief tour of the Tabernacle furnishings

A. Outer Court

1. Bronze altar—in the front of the courtyard where _____ were offered

An altar is a _____ symbol in redemptive history

2. Basin for washing—filled with water and for ceremonial cleansing

Symbol: we must be _____ in order to approach the holy God

B. The Holy Place

1. Lampstand—a common symbol in Scripture

“Let your light shine, that we may be saved” [Psalm 80:3]

a. The heavenly lights; b. The Word of God; c. The _____ of _____

2. The table with the bread of the _____ [Numbers 4:7]

a. Bread is a symbol in of God’s _____ -- manna: *“bread from heaven”* [Ex. 16:4]

b. Bread is a symbol of God’s presence—fellowship and _____

3. Golden altar of incense--a symbol of _____

“Let my prayer be counted as incense before you” [Psalm 141:2]

III. Jesus is the fulfillment of these symbols and types

“All the promises of God find their _____ in Christ” [Second Corinthians 1:20]

A. Jesus is the fulfillment of the sacrifices

“We have been made _____ through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”
[Hebrews 10:10]

B. Jesus provides the cleansing promised in the basin

“The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin” [First John 1:7b]

C. Jesus is the light promise by the lamp—*“I am the light of the world.”* [John 8:12]

D. Jesus fulfills the promise of the altar of incense—our High Priest prays for us

E. Jesus is the fulfillment of the table-- *“I am the _____ of life.”* [John 6:35]

The Lord’s Supper--an ongoing representation of the central reality: the _____

“Let my people go, that they may hold a _____ to me in the wilderness.” [Exodus 5:1]