

How to enter into God's presence

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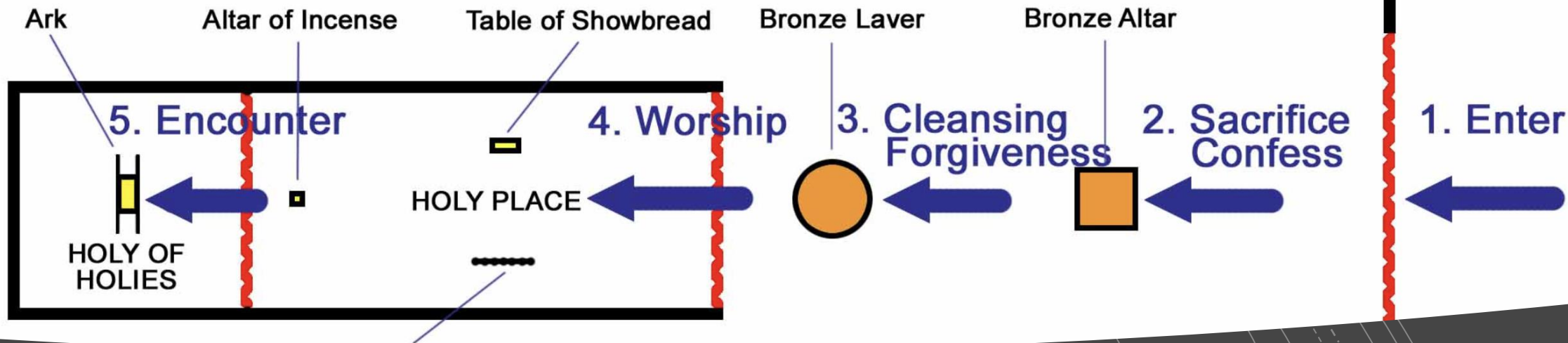


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1. A pattern for approaching God's presence
2. What happens 'there' in the presence of God
3. What is stopping you from more of God?

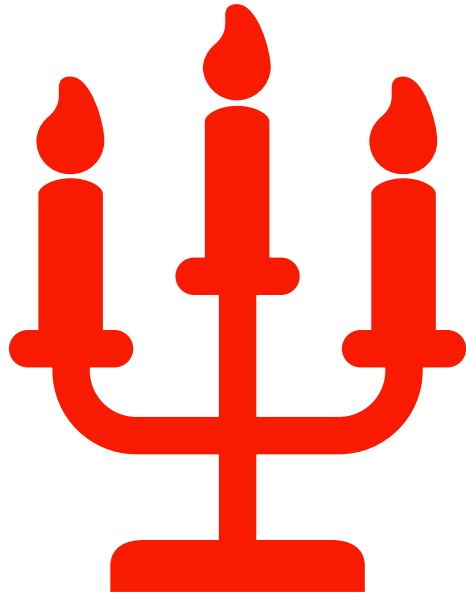
Flow of Worship



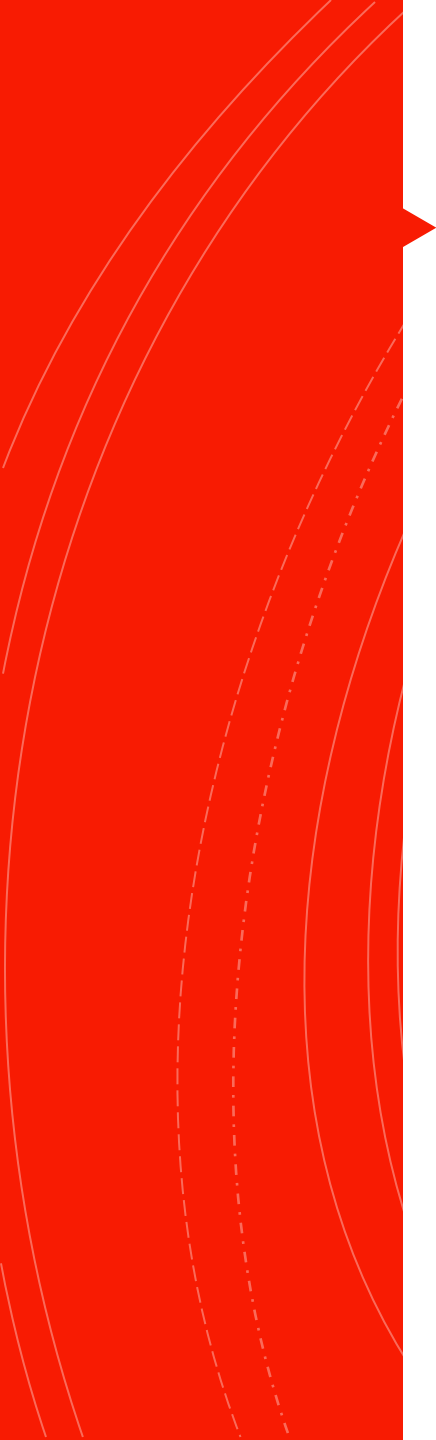
A method to approach God's presence: follow the pattern

- **Exodus 20-31, 35-40**
- **Leviticus 1-17**
- **Numbers 6-10**

How can we enter the presence of God **in practice**?



- Follow the pattern
 - 1. Enter the place to meet God**
 - 2. Confess**
 - 3. Receive forgiveness**
 - 4. Worship the Lord**
 - 5. Encounter the Lord**



I lift up my eyes to the mountains; where does my help come from?
² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot slip; he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD watches over you, the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life;
⁸ The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 122

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight ...

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow...

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me...

¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

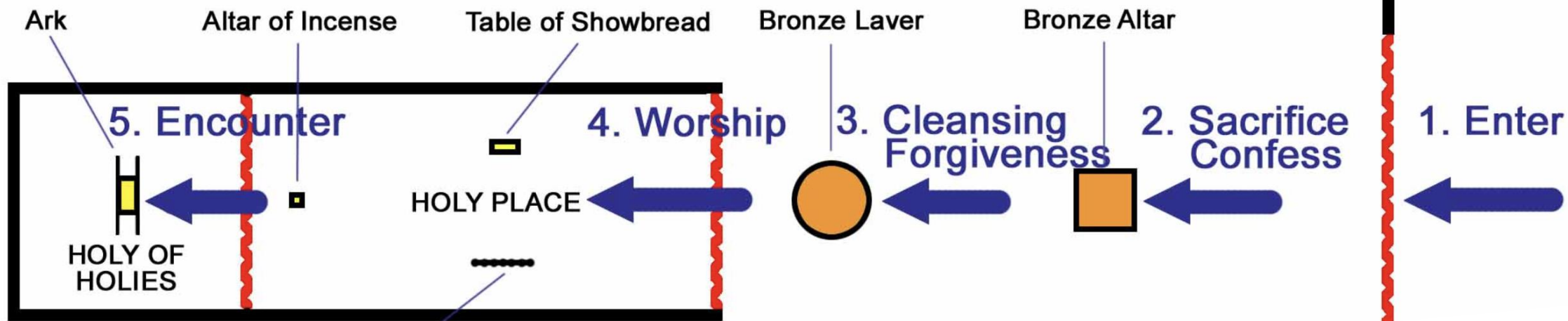
¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise...

Worship

- **Shachah (שָׁחָה):** To bow down, prostrate oneself, or fall flat on the ground.
- **Avad (עָבַד):** To work, labour, or serve.

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What is stopping you from more of God?

- Our idea of a father
- Do not want more: the church of Laodicea. Rev 3:14-22
 - Lost the fire of a burning heart (neither cold nor hot)
 - Lost your values (think you are rich, but you are poor)
 - Lost your sight (cannot see the Lord knocking at the door of your heart)
 - Lost your spiritual garments (shamefully naked)

Let's pray (Inspired by a prayer written by Rebecca Greenwood)

Jesus, I glorify and worship You as the Truth. Thank You that, in knowing You - the Truth, the Way, and the Life -, I am set free.

I humbly come before You, and I repent in all areas where I am neither hot nor cold but lukewarm. I repent where I have lost the burning and fire of a fervent heart.

I repent where I have lost Your values and put more trust in man-made wealth.

I repent for trusting my own strength, the ways of man, and the world and building my own kingdom. I repent for being naked and blind, and in all areas where I have lost spiritual sight and vision.

I repent for not hearing You when You have stood at the door of my heart and life, and I have not opened the door.

Thank You for Your forgiveness. I now open my heart and say yes to You and welcome more of You in my life. Jesus, I say yes to sitting at Your table. Cause me to walk as the victorious overcomer You have positioned me to be.

You are the Victorious King of All, and I glorify You this day and forevermore. In Your name I pray, Amen!