

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Studies in the Old Testament Tabernacle - #02

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THE COURT OF THE TABERNACLE

INTRODUCTION What God gave Moses on Mount Sinai, were plans to build what was perhaps the most costly building for its size ever erected. However its significance to the believer of any age is most important. So as we examine this structure, we shall do so by looking at every element of its existence. We begin by studying the outer court and its magnificent doorway on the eastern side. Look with me now at . . .

I. The Dimensions of the Tabernacle Court

- A) The Layout – *“A courtyard big enough for worship and service”*
- B) The Lesson – *“The fence was a divide that kept sinners out”*

II. The Decision at the Door of the Tabernacle

- A) Its Description – *“A Magnificent gate awaited the repentant”*
- B) Its Dimensions – *“Wide enough to accommodate all who enter”*
- C) Its Demands – *“Established the only way of access to God”*

CONCLUSION: Remember the Tabernacle was among other object lessons, a clear presentation to the Israelites, how they were to respond to meeting with God. No unrepentant sinner could come into the presence of God nor His abode without entering through the doorway and having an adequate sacrifice. The perimeter of the court kept fallen man out, but the doorway was wide enough to accommodate every sinner who would enter with his sacrifice on his behalf. This of course pictured the future, once for all, perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ for - *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”* – (Acts 4:12) Have you entered God’s tabernacle by accepting Christ as your sacrifice, and have you surrendered your heart to Him as His rightful possession? If not, do so today for “now is the day of salvation, now is the accepted time.”

TEXT FOR MESSAGE

*The New International Version and
the New Living Translation*

Exo 27:9-19 (NLT) *“Then make a courtyard for the Tabernacle, enclosed with curtains made from fine linen. On the south side the curtains will stretch for 150 feet. 10 They will be held up by twenty bronze posts that fit into twenty bronze bases. The curtains will be held up with silver hooks attached to the silver rods that are attached to the posts. 11 It will be the same on the north side of the courtyard--150 feet of curtains held up by twenty posts fitted into bronze bases, with silver hooks and rods. 12 The curtains on the west end of the courtyard will be 75 feet long, supported by ten posts set into ten bases. 13 The east end will also be 75 feet long. 14 The courtyard entrance will be on the east end, flanked by two curtains. The curtain on the right side will be 22 1/2 feet long, supported by three posts set into three bases. 15 The curtain on the left side will also be 22 1/2 feet long, supported by three posts set into three bases. 16 "For the entrance to the courtyard, make a curtain that is 30 feet long. Fashion it from fine linen, and decorate it with beautiful embroidery in blue, purple, and scarlet yarn. It will be attached to four posts that fit into four bases. 17 All the posts around the courtyard must be connected by silver rods, using silver hooks. The posts are to be set in solid bronze bases. 18 So the entire courtyard will be 150 feet long and 75 feet wide, with curtain walls 7 1/2 feet high, made from fine linen. The bases supporting its walls will be made of bronze. 19 "All the articles used in the work of the Tabernacle, including all the tent pegs used to support the Tabernacle and the courtyard curtains, must be made of bronze.”*

Exo 36:1-3 (NIV) *"So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded." 2 Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. 3 They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary..."*