

A DEVOTED LIFE

WINTER SERMON SERIES



"Death But Not Ours"

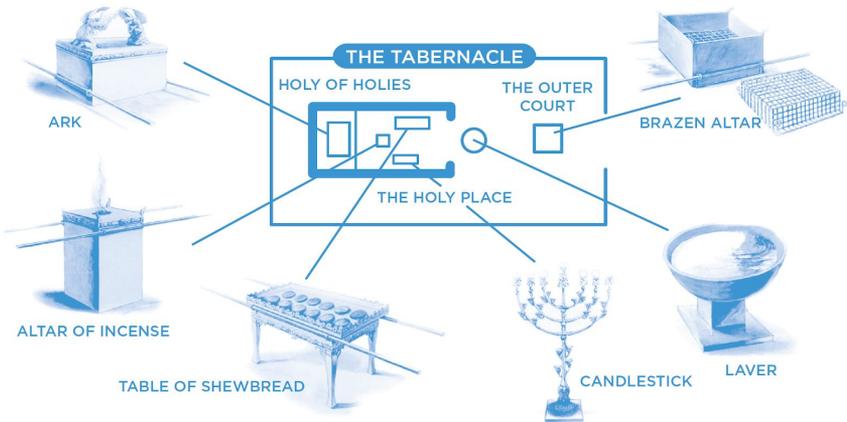
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Text: Psalm 100

Part 2 of "A Devoted Life"

Only sinners are invited to the altar, and
only sinners NEED the altar.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
-Psalm 100:4-5*



1. Review: A Devoted Life

- a. God warns us about living a _____ life.
- b. God invites us to _____ with him.
- c. God guides us into a _____ life.

2. Our Sin (Psalm 51)

- a. Psalm 51:3, "For I _____ my transgressions..."
- b. Psalm 51:4, "Against you, you _____ have I sinned..."
- c. Psalm 51:5, "... so that you may be _____ in your words and _____ in your judgment.

3. His Sacrifice (Romans 10)

- a. Gal. 3:10, "For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse..."
- b. Martin Luther: If the article of justification is lost, the whole gospel is lost.
- c. "Confession without belief is _____. Belief without confession is _____."

4. Five major benefits of the cross...

- a. Salvation.
- b. Healing.
- c. Redemption.
- d. Transformation.
- e. Blessing.

“ _____ and _____ are the enemies of belief and confession.”

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Create your own tabernacle over the weeks ahead. See the diagram above. Research the Tabernacle online and discuss together. Draw a tabernacle or create a model tabernacle out of craft supplies. Legos. Or, create a digital tabernacle in a drawing app or game, like Minecraft.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What would it look like to enter EVERY prayer with praise and thanksgiving (including prayers over meals or in times of crisis)?

How might that change your perspective? How could it improve your relationship with God?

Read Psalm 51. What stands out about David's confession? His attitude, tone, posture towards God and towards his sin?

What is your attitude, tone and posture towards your own sin? When was the last time you confessed *specific* sins to God in prayer?

How might specific confession time in prayer change your perspective? How could it improve your relationship with God?

Why is it so hard to confess sin? How are denial and distraction the enemies of belief and confession?

What does the promise in Romans 10:11 mean to you?

King of Heaven,

You are sovereign, merciful and just. Thank you for providing so generously, even in a year when our attention has been drawn powerfully to the negatives. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge you in the ways that you deserve. Jesus, teach us how to pray and let our prayers reveal to us our desperate dependence on you. Lord, keep us coming back to you in the year ahead, leaning on you in prayer, humility and surrender. Amen.