

# A DEVOTED LIFE

WINTER SERMON SERIES



## "Behind the Curtain"

January 31, 2021

Text: Hebrews 9:1-15

Part 6 of "A Devoted Life"

### 1. Review

- a. Courtyard
- b. Altar
- c. Basin
- d. Candlestick
- e. Table of Showbread
- f. Altar of Incense

### 2. Red Light (Heb. 9:6-10)

- a. "By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the \_\_\_\_\_ is not yet \_\_\_\_\_ as long as the first section is still standing." (v. 8)

b. "According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the worshiper..." (v. 9)

### 3. Jesus (Matt. 27:50-54)

a. "And behold, the curtain of the temple was \_\_\_\_\_ in two, from \_\_\_\_\_ . And the earth shook, and the rocks were split." (v. 51)

b. "Truly this was the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_!" (v. 54)

### 4. Green Light (Heb. 9:11-15)

a. "But when Christ \_\_\_\_\_ as a high priest of the good things that have come...

b. ... then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he \_\_\_\_\_ once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood...

c. ... thus \_\_\_\_\_ an eternal redemption."

## ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Consider what you'd do if Jesus came to visit your family. What would you feed him? What games would you want to play? What favorite shows or movies would you want to show him? What toys would your kids want to share?

Talk about what it means that you are invited to talk to God every day, that he promises to hear and answer and what it means to have an actual relationship with Him.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Dig Deeper:** Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon deeper.

Look at the whole tabernacle. Why do you think it was arranged in that order?

How does the court's purpose prepare people for the altar, and how does the altar prepare people for the basin (and so on)?

What parts of this process are already present in your prayers and what might be missing?

When have you felt God's presence in your prayer time?

How's your prayer life these days? What successes are you experiencing? What challenges are you experiencing?

How would you describe in your own words the impact of Jesus' sacrifice? What was symbolized by the curtain being torn?

What are you spending your time on day-to-day? Where could more intentional times of prayer fit into your busy schedule?

*Consider also your family's schedule. Where could you find time to intentionally pray together?*

This week, make a plan in your schedule for dedicated prayer time, where you don't have to rush or multitask but you can focus on each step of approaching God's presence.

*Father, you are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, creator of everything and everyone, and still you have invited me - a sinner - to fellowship with you. Thank you! Forgive me for the things I have put above you in my life. Show me the areas of my life that can be better spent in prayer and give me discipline and perseverance to live truly devoted to you. Amen.*