

Study 10: The Godhead & the Most Holy Place

In this study we will look at the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary. Do we find Three Persons involved there?

So far we have seen that there are Three Persons involved in the courtyard and in the holy place. The Bible says that God's way is in the sanctuary (Psl 77:14), therefore if there were only Two Persons, or One, then the sanctuary would have taught that.

There are one piece of furniture in the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary, but yet inside we find **THREE** different things. Isn't it interesting? That there is **One piece, but yet Three distinct and separate things inside!**

Hebrews 9:3, 4 And behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the **ark of the covenant** overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the **golden pot** that had the **manna**, **Aaron's rod** that budded, and the **tablets of the covenant**;

The manna points to Christ, the rod to the Holy Spirit and the law to the Father as we have already seen in our previous study. So once again we find all Three Persons of the Godhead involved in the Most Holy Place. The Ark of the Covenant teaches: **Three in One!!**

The ark was a holy piece of furniture. Only the priests could handle it when it was moved.

- **2 Samuel 6:3** So they set the **ark of God** on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new
- **2 Samuel 6:6, 7** And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his **hand to the ark of God** and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; **and he died** there by the ark of God.

When we look at Israel's experience in the wilderness they were also specifically instructed when it came to their Most Holy Place experience. Israel's Most Holy Place experience was when Jesus spoke the 10 commandments from Mount Sinai:

- **Exodus 19:18** Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, **because the LORD descended upon it** in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

God's presence was on the mountain as it also was in the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary. No one could enter the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary and live except for the High priest on the Day of Atonement. Listen to the instruction God gave Israel when they came to the foot of the mountain:

- **Exodus 19:10-13** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. You shall set **bounds for the people all around**, saying, 'Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. **Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.** 'Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain."

Death was the result of touching the mountain because God's presence was there and the law was given, the same with the Ark of the Covenant. Therefore we can conclude that the Ark was holy, as was the mountain. Now the Ark wasn't special because of the physical box but rather because of what was inside the box.

Inside were the three things that point to each Person of the Godhead, and that is what made it holy.

- The law = the Father
- The manna = the Son
- The rod = the Holy Spirit

After the Mount Sinai experience Israel were tempted by the devil in all three areas of the Holy Place, and these three areas points to the three things in the Ark of the Covenant.

What was the result of their failure in these three areas?

- First temptation = Exodus 32 – the golden calf was a replacement of God's presence
 - In Exodus 17 when Israel went through their candlestick experience Moses said:
 - [Exodus 17:7](#) So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD **among us** or not?"
 - Moses used the rod to bring water from the rock, Christ stood upon the rock and the water coming from the rock represented the Holy Spirit.
 - So their first temptation was at the candlestick and people died because of their transgression
- Second temptation = Numbers 11 – Israel loath the manna
 - It points to the showbread and people died because of their transgression
- Third temptation = Numbers 14
 - Israel were on the borders of Canaan and they chose to go back and choose new leaders.
 - This points to the Alter of incense in front of the Most Holy Place.
 - This time almost all died in the wilderness because of this sin, only the young people, Caleb and Joshua went into the promise land 40 years later.

Once more the result of sinning in each of these ornaments is the same, and that is death. This shows to the fact that all Three Persons in the Godhead, represented by each ornament in the Holy Place and the three things in the Ark, are Holy.

In our next study we will look at the birth of Jesus and the Godhead....

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