



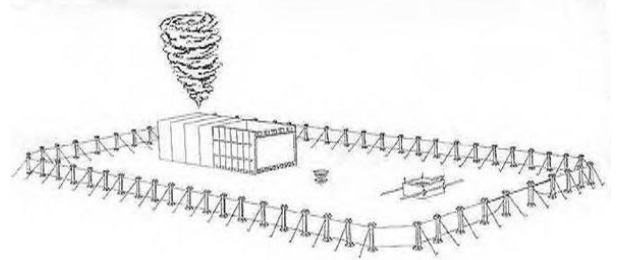
Understanding the Tabernacle Model of Worship

# Worship at Christ Center: Closer Encounters

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## Lessons from the Tabernacle about Closer Personal Encounters with God.

- The Tabernacle was laid out as a journey closer to the presence and glory of God. John 17:22; 1:14
- It was portable, and was moved and placed in the midst of the people for easy access.
- It was a "sacred space" to encounter the God's manifest presence – the cloud and fire.
- The features were designed as teaching tools to reflect a step-by-step journey closer to God.



1. **THE OUTER COURT:** A place to gather, prepare and anticipate our journey closer to God.
  - **Brazen Altar:** We approach only because sin has been atoned for by blood.
  - **Laver:** As we draw near, we are to cleanse ourselves from defilement by the world.
  - **Door:** Jesus is way, the truth and the life. We enter through Jesus.
2. **The HOLY PLACE:** A step away from the world into a place of fellowship with God.
  - **Table of "Presence Bread:"** This is the bread of God's Word, provided for everyone.
  - **Golden Lampstand:** Jesus is our light. His Spirit illuminates the Word of God.
  - **Altar of Incense:** Continuously burning, speaks of prayer as a sweet fragrance to God.
  - **The Veil:** A separator reminding us of God's holiness. The veil is done away in Christ.
3. **THE HOLY OF HOLIES:** A place for the shekinah [Lit. "to dwell"] glory of God's presence.
  - **The Arch of the Covenant and Mercy Seat:** God's gracious terms for relating to us.

*Join the Journey:* At Christ Center, we design our worship services to allow us to enjoy together a journey into a closer, fuller encounter with our glorious God. Here is the plan:

### A Worship Design Drawn from the Tabernacle

Creating Sacred Space for a Deepening Encounter with Our Glorious God

