

January Bible Study, 2015
FBC Hale Center
LIVING AS A NATION OF PRIESTS
A PEOPLE OF THE PRESENCE, PROMISE, AND PURITY OF GOD
An outline

Session 1. The Significance of the Old Testament Tabernacle: God's presence and the work place of the Priesthood

1. Passages about the Tabernacle/Temple
 - a. Leviticus
 - b. 1 Kings
 - c. Ezekiel
 - d. Hebrews
 - e. Revelation
2. The purpose of the Tabernacle
 - a. God's presence among his people
 - i. God's glory/light
 - ii. The smoke
 - b. Steps for access to God
3. The Elements of the Tabernacle
 - a. Its location among the people
 - b. Its outer structure/appearance
 - i. Measurements
 - ii. Materials
 1. Material for weaving
 2. Pure gold
 3. Olive oil for lamps
 4. Precious gems
 - c. The rooms
 - i. The Holy Place
 - ii. The Holiest Place
 - d. The fixture of the Tabernacle and their significance
 - i. The Sacrificial Altar: blood for guilt
 - ii. The Bronze laver: water for cleansing, purification of priests
 - iii. The Table of Shew Bread: sustenance for priests who could not leave Holy Place while serving
 - iv. The Menorah/Lampstands: illumination of the Holy Place
 - v. The Altar of Incense: the work station of the priests: interceding on behalf of the people
 - vi. The Veil: separation of the priests from the Glory of God
 - vii. The Ark of the Covenant : the throne of God on earth

4. Application
 - a. Acknowledging the presence of God
 - i. Recognizing sin
 - ii. Recognizing holiness
 - iii. Confessing sin and cleansing
 - iv. Seeing him in the center of our lives
 - b. Access to the throne of God
 - i. The Spirit enlightens
 - ii. The Bread of Life strengthens
 - iii. Prayer before the throne
 - c. What sacrifice do you bring?

Session 2. Sunday AM Sermon

Christ, Our High Priest. Hebrews 9:11-15

1. The eternally beneficial sacrifice: By his own blood
2. A mediator of a New Covenant
3. High Priest of the Heavenly Tabernacle
4. Security of our heavenly inheritance
5. Coming Savior and executor of God's will

Afternoon Reading and Reflection Questions

1. Read 1 Peter 2:11-25
2. Peter calls urgently for his Christian brothers and sisters to live a life worthy of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. See 1 Peter 2:11 where he states, "Friends, I URGE you . . ."
3. What actions do Christians need to take in order to worthy of the calling that Jesus has given us?
4. What actions do you think are easier for you? Which ones are more difficult? Why are these more difficult?
5. What actions of Jesus can encourage us to overcome the struggles and difficulties of this life?
6. Is Jesus asking us to do anything that he has not already done? Has Jesus done anything to empower us to accomplish the calling he has given to us?

Session 3: A Nation of Priests: Following the Example of Jesus

1 Peter 2:1-10

1. Jesus' example
 - a. A humble servant
 - b. A rejected servant

- c. A corner stone
- 2. Our place as priests
 - a. A living House
 - b. A spiritual House
 - c. Offering sacrifices of . . .
 - i. Worship
 - ii. Mercy, self-sacrifice
 - iii. Intercession
 - d. Living a life worthy of the priesthood (1 Peter 2:11-25)