

GARDEN TO GARDEN

Lesson 3

Substitutionary Atonement

I. **The Problem:** God _____ us to be in relationship with Him. But sin _____ us because God is holy, and humanity chose independence.

"Our souls are God-shaped vacuums, and this infinite abyss can only be filled with an infinite eternal object, (i.e. God) explains French Philosopher Blaise Pascal. This desire is God's footprint in the sands of the soul. This discontent with known earthly joy, this longing for an unknown joy more than earth can ever offer, is the most moving thing in our lives because it is really our longing for God, whether we know it or not." - Peter Kreft, The God Who Loves You

"The moment they broke the skin of the fruit, all creation groaned. Lust, shame, fear, guilt, mistrust, blame-shifting, and loneliness rushed into their hearts. As if waking up from a blissful dream, they saw for the first time they were naked. It was humiliating, so they made coverings for themselves out of the fig leaves. For the first time in their lives, they questioned whether being exposed to each other – and to God – was safe. There they stood; uncovered, ashamed, and awakened to sin." – Russ Ramsey

II. **God's Solution:** The Bible Reveals the Continuity of God's Plan to _____ with His People, which unfolded from the Eden to our future Eternal Paradise. Access to His Presence Through Substitutionary _____.

- **A SACRIFICE IN EDEN DIED & COVERED ADAM AND EVE**

"The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them" ([Genesis 3:21](#)).

- **SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT FORESHADOWED WITH ABRAHAM AND ISAAC**

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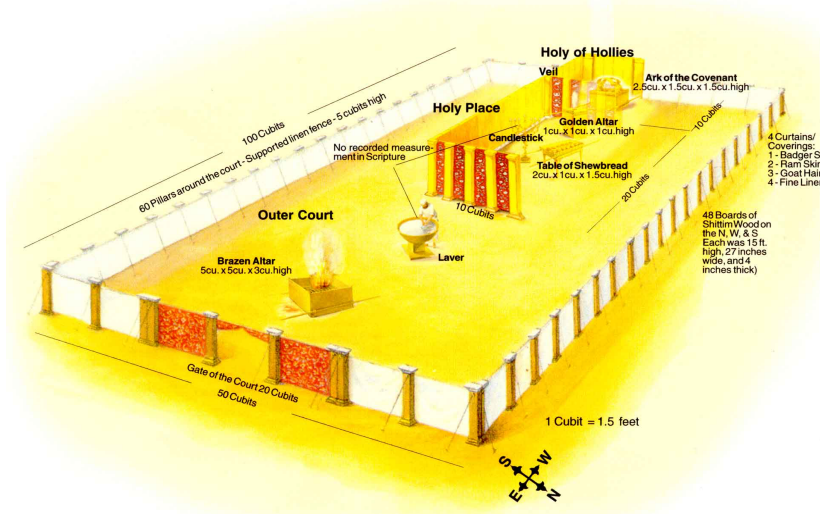
- **A SACRIFICE IN EGYPT SETS GODS PEOPLE FREE AT THE PASSOVER**

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- **SACRIFICES IN THE OT TABERNACLE /TEMPLE MADE ATONEMENT FOR SIN**

"Let them construct a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell among them." Exodus 25:8

The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle

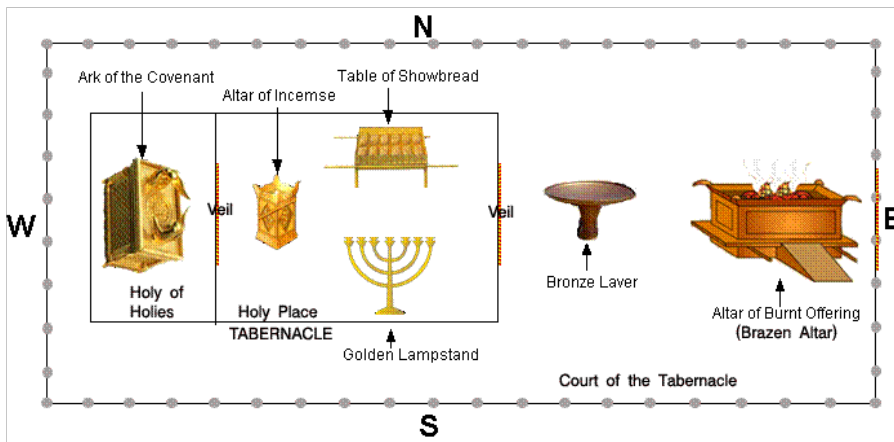


"I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high."

- Leviticus 26:11-13

*The tabernacle, like the garden of Eden, is where God dwells, and various details of the tabernacle suggest it is a **mini-Eden**. These parallels include the east-facing entrance guarded by cherubim, the gold, the tree of life (lampstand), and the tree of knowledge (the law). Thus God's dwelling in the tabernacle was a step toward the restoration of paradise.*

- The Gospel Coalition



"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life." -Leviticus 17:11

"It is by virtue of the atonement that God can maintain His justice and yet demonstrate His mercy." - R. C. Sproul

- JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO "TAKES AWAY" THE SIN OF THE WORLD

John 1:14; 1:29; Hebrews 9:11-18; 2 Corinthians 5:21

"The concept of substitution lies at the heart of both sin and salvation. For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man." - John Stott