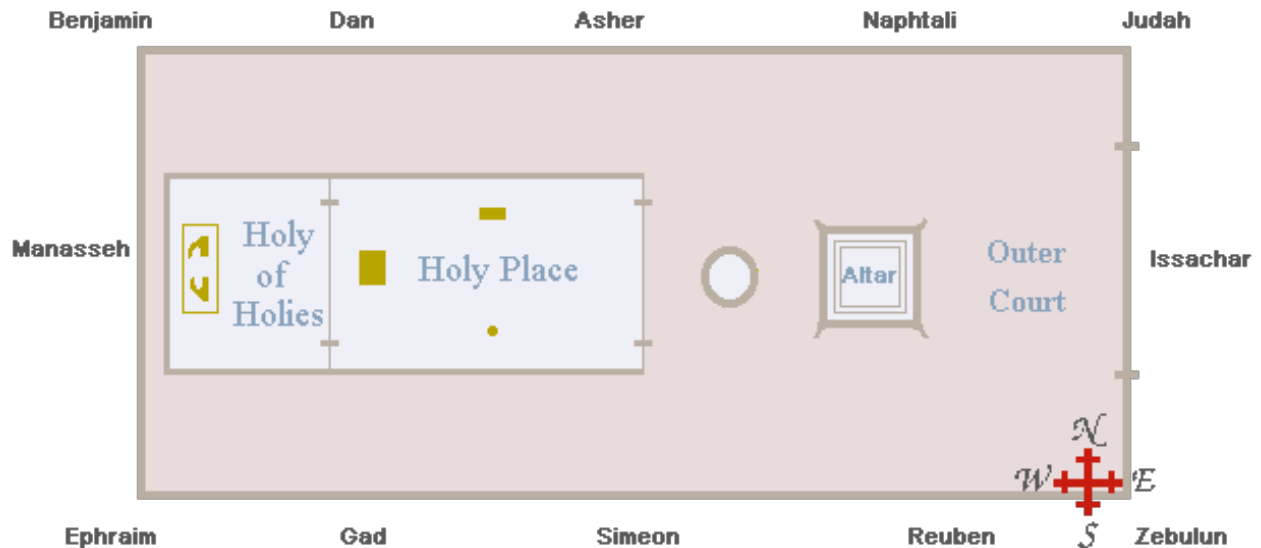


I. When you realize where you are, you will sing a new song in a new way!

The Tabernacle



Leviticus 1:3 "If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.

Leviticus 1:9 And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar, as a burnt offering, a food offering* with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

Heb. 10:19 Therefore, brothers,* since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

Heb. 10:20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

Heb. 10:21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Heb. 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb. 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Heb. 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

Heb. 10:25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



II. We celebrate our access with song!

Psa. 65:4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

III. We amplify our enjoyment with song!

“I had never noticed that all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise unless . . . shyness or the fear of boring others is deliberately brought in to check it. The world rings with praise – lovers praising their mistresses, readers their favourite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favourite game – praise of weather, wines, dishes, actors, motors, horses, colleges, countries, historical personages, children, flowers, mountains, rare stamps, rare beetles, even sometimes politicians or scholars. . . . Except where intolerably adverse circumstances interfere, praise almost seems to be inner health made audible. . . . I had not noticed either that just as men spontaneously praise whatever they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: 'Isn't she lovely? Wasn't it glorious? Don't you think that magnificent?' The Psalmists in telling everyone to praise God are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about. My whole, more general, difficulty about the praise of God depended on my absurdly denying to us, as regards the supremely Valuable, what we delight to do, what indeed we can't help doing, about everything else we value” ~ C.S. Lewis “Problem of Praise in the Psalms”

Neh. 12:40 So both choirs of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I and half of the officials with me;

Neh. 12:41 and the priests Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

Neh. 12:42 and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader.

Neh. 12:43 And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

IV. We engrain God's truth into our hearts/minds with song!

God's character

God's works

Our response

Our resolve