

God Our Intercessor!

Romans 8:26-28



It's Comforting to Know That God Intercedes for Us In Times Like These!

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." Romans 8:26-27

A court was in session once and the Judge entered the courtroom. Everyone stood up.

When everyone was seated, the judge read the charges and then asked the man at the defense table, are you the defendant in this case?

The man replied, "No sir, your honor, I've got a lawyer to do the defending, I'm the guy who done it!"

We've Done It!

Lawyers are often defenders of guilty people.

Jesus Christ is our intercessor, our defender, our lawyer

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate (intercessor) with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 John 2:1-2

Look at this famous prophecy about Christ in Isaiah 53:12

“Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”



We Need an Intercessor!

“He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.”

Psalms 103:10-14

Intercession is so important to God! He knows our make-up! Physically we aren't made to last, Psalms 90:10

Morally, we can't go into God's Holy court for a conversation without Jesus (we're as filthy rags) Isaiah 64:6

There Are Examples of Intercessors Throughout the Scriptures

Question: When God decided to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, who interceded for those evil cities?

Answer: Abraham, Genesis 18:23-32. God includes this story in the Bible so that we can see what intercession looks like. Abraham interceded on behalf of his nephew's family. Will God protect your children because of you?

Question: When God told Moses that the nation of Israel had sinned so terribly that he intended to destroy them, who interceded for those unrighteous people?

Answer: Moses, Exodus 32:30-33, The story of Moses' appeal to God is in the Bible so that we could see what intercession looks like. "Take me rather than them!"

Notice: These Intercessions Were Done For People Who Did Not Deserve To Be Spared! Romans 5:6-8

Notice This:

**When God Intercedes for
People With His Son's
Blood, They Never
Deserve It!**

"By grace are ye saved" Eph.2:8,9



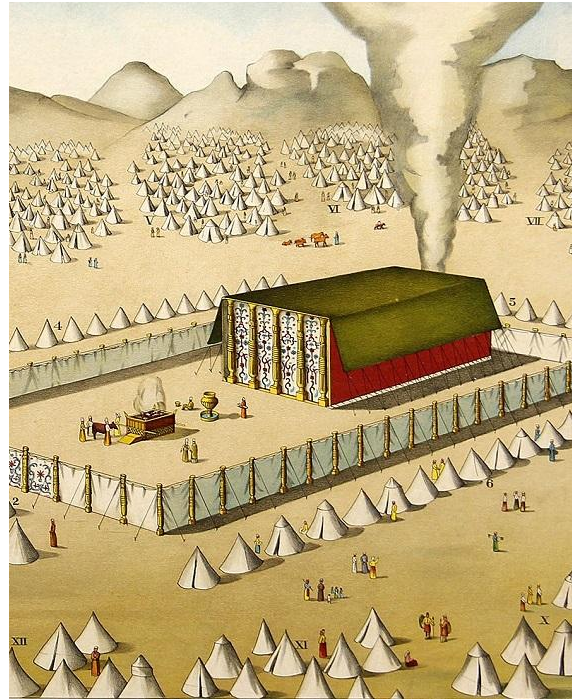
Because of Jesus We Pray With Confidence

“Therefore brothers and sisters since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus by a new and living way opened for us, through the curtain, that is his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”

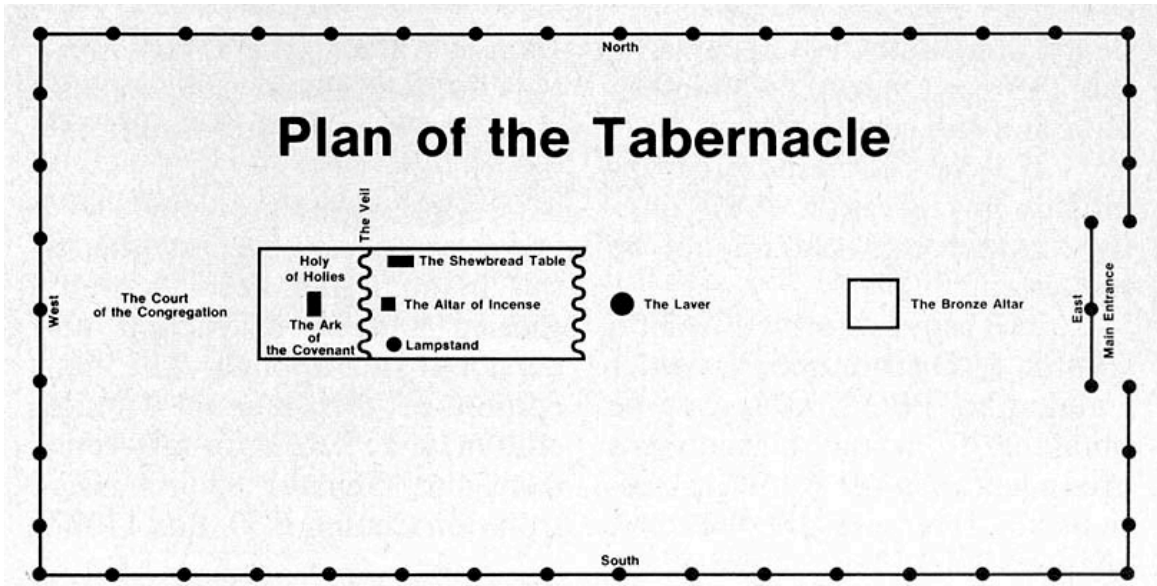
Hebrews 10:19-22

What he’s talking about needs historical clarification

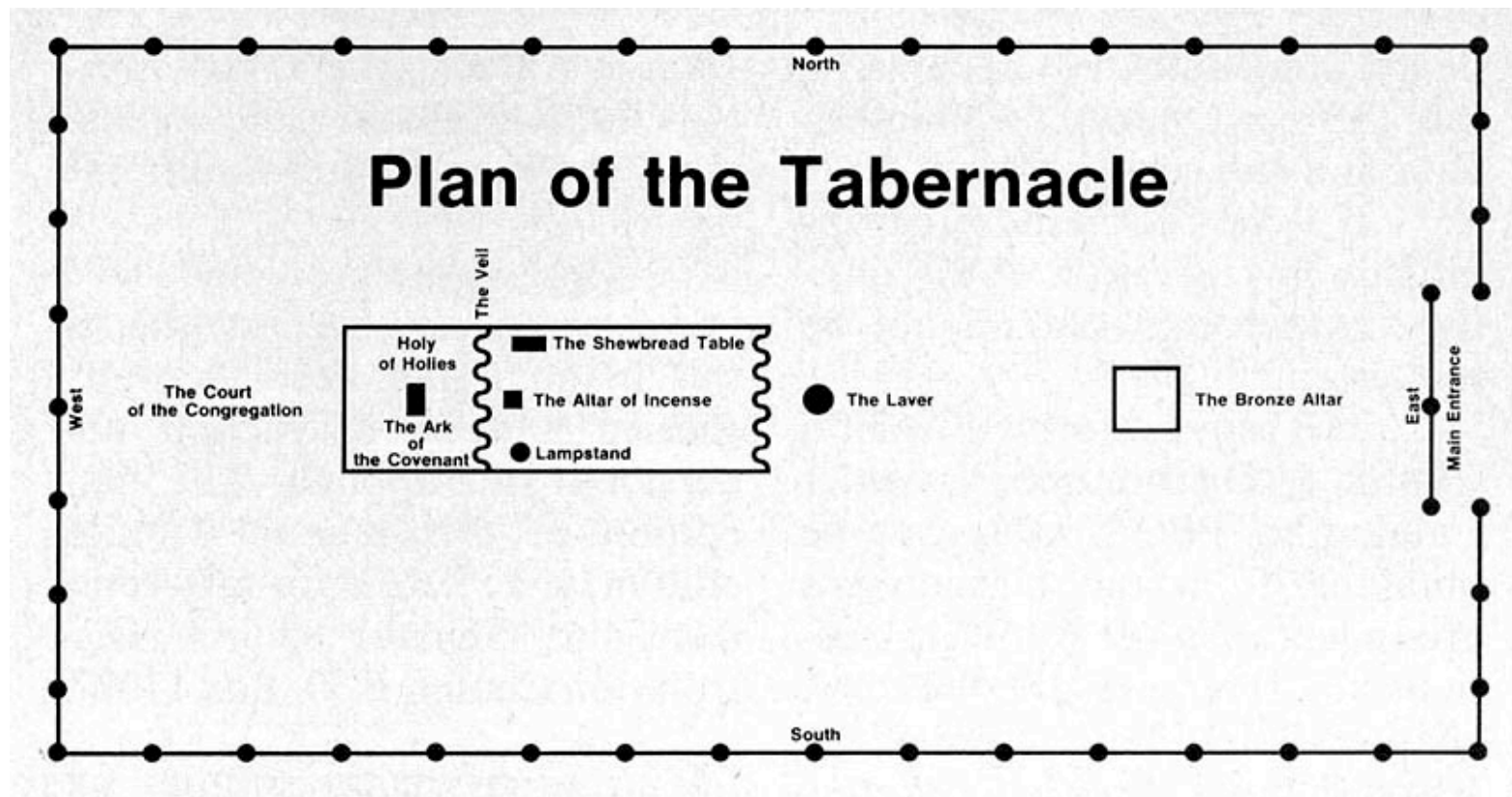




The
Tabernacle
Was Where
God Dwelled
Among the
People



With Their Sinful Nature, God's People Could Only Go So Far

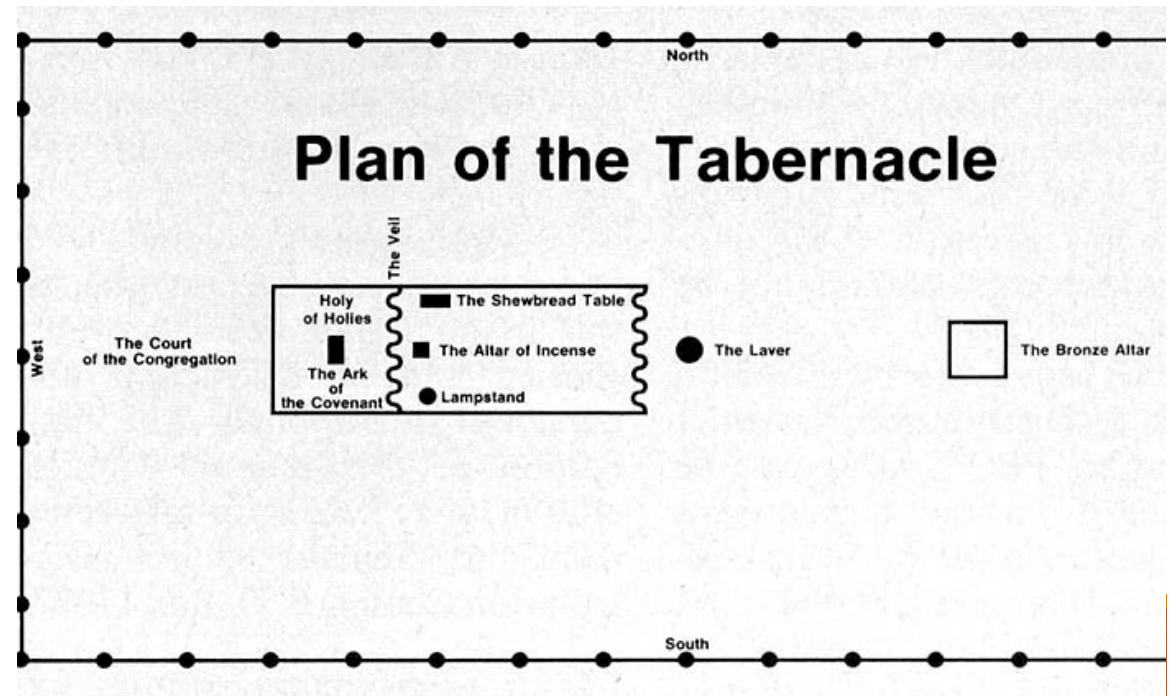


When Jesus Died the Curtain Was Torn From Top to Bottom

“And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”

Matthew 27:50

Now as Priests we have access to the Holy Throne 1 Peter 2:9



Remember Your Prayer Line is a Hot Line to God's Throne!

**In Our Society We Have Dedicated Phone
Lines (24 hrs. a day)**

- 1) Suicide Prevention Hotlines**
- 2) Mental Health Hot Lines**
- 3) Call 911 (Dedicated emergency line)**
- 4) Domestic Violence Hot Lines**

**When We Use Our Prayer Line, We Know That
Somebody is There!**

God Takes All of His Calls Personally!



When We Are Weak in Our Prayers the Holy Spirit Intercedes for Us

“...the Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” Romans 8:26

Have you ever tried to pray when you were disappointed?

Have you ever tried to pray when you were sorrowful?

Have you ever tried to pray when you were down emotionally (when you tasted defeat), in pain

That's When you need an INTERCESSOR TO MAKE SENSE OF YOUR GROANS (Not His)!

“All Things Work Together For Good To Them That Love God and Are Called According to His Purpose”

Paul doesn't say here that everything we experience is from God

Paul also doesn't say that everything that happens to us is good.

But What He Does Say Is That It Doesn't Matter!

If You Love God and Are Called to His Purpose, God Will Take What Is Wrong In Your Life and Make Everything Work Together For Good (John 14:15, If ye love me keep my commands)



The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38

