

Week #:	51	Text:	(various)	Title:	Secrets of the Holy Place: 2 (A)
Songs:	Lord Prepare Me (4:21)				
	Take Me In (9:56)				
	The More I Seek You (4:04)				
Videos:	Perry Stone – Secrets of the Holy Place #2				
	(YouTube) Jonathan Khan – How to Worship God with Authentic Praise Kissing God The Book of Mysteries				

Secrets of the Holy Place, by Perry Stone (begin DVD #2 at 00:00:00)

I Thessalonians 5:23

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- The **Outer Court** represents the **BODY**. When we come to know the Lord, first we come offering ourselves as a sacrifice, and then baptism, represented in the two pieces of furniture within.
- The **Inner Court** represents the **SOUL**. It's there you have to have the doctrine of the Word, where you learn how to worship, and where you learn how to walk in the Spirit, represented in the three pieces of furniture within.
- The **Holy of Holies** represents the **SPIRIT**.
- The Tabernacle is a progression from outer to inner to holy of holies. It is also a message of progression about your spiritual walk with God.
 - **Outer Court: Redemption**
 - The brass altar – where the flesh of the animal was offered as a sacrifice to God.
 - The first thing we have to do when we come to the Lord is we are told to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1).
 - The brass laver – made of brass mirrors, held water and you could see your reflection. Water can represent two things, 1- water baptism; 2- a renewing of the mind.
 - The problem we have in the church is that we have a lot of just, “Sunday go to meeting” people. They stay in this outer court area, always asking for forgiveness, but never growing in maturity.
 - **Inner Court: Maturity**
 - The golden altar – where prayers were offered with incense every morning and every evening. This is where you learn to pray.
 - The menorah – where the oil is. The oil had to be refreshed in the seven lamps every day. It represents the anointing and your walk in the Spirit. You learn how to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
 - The table of showbread – bread that was made and eaten every week. It represents the Word of God, which is food for our spirit.
 - This is where you mature in the things of God. You have to learn how to pray, how to worship, and how to get into the Word.
 - **Holy of Holies: Intimacy**
 - The Ark of the Covenant – the mercy seat (the lid) is where God told Moses He would come and commune with him. This is where men communicate to God to lead others.
 - Intimacy broken down can be – “in to me see”. This is where we can see God.
 - Worship can be performed in any of these three levels, but in the Holy of Holies it's an intimate worship.
 - The Greek word **proskuneo**. **Pros** means **toward** and **kuneo** means **to kiss** – so together it means **to kiss toward**. The imagery is to get close to the emperor to kiss his ring.
 - You have to get close to someone to kiss them.

- Worship is to kiss toward – an affectionate and intimate term.
- There are times we call things worship when it is not worship – things God never says He receives.
- The process for entering God’s presence:
 - Psalms 100:4 says: “I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise.”
 - A lot of times people want to be thrown into the presence of God, but they don’t want process. God doesn’t float you over the Outer and Inner Court and drop you into the Holy of Holies. You cannot pass up the process.
 - When we use the tabernacle as an example of this process, we have to penetrate veils.
 - Hebrews 10:20 – the veil is your flesh. In order to get from one level to the next you have to deal with your flesh, your attitudes, your opinions, your man-made traditions.
- Every section of the Tabernacle had different levels of light
 - Outer Court: sunlight
 - Clouds or rain would affect the light here in this area.
 - Inner Court: menorah
 - Your eyes have to first adjust to the light when you enter from outside.
 - Holy of Holies: no light source
 - This room had no outward light source. It was lit only by the Shekinah glory of God – the illumination of God’s presence.
 - What does this tell us:
 - Outer Court: the natural (flesh) man
 - These people want to know everything before they believe it. They have to see it to believe it.
 - They are only moved by the feeling of natural.
 - If they feel like praising God they will, otherwise they will sit there and shut up, not engaging in the worship service.
 - Everything here is done by sight, but the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:7 that we walk by faith and not by sight.
 - These are carnal Christians. They might throw a little sacrificial money into the plate or get baptized, they don’t go to church all the time – they are walking in their natural sense.
 - They live by the five senses: hearing, seeing, tasting, smelling, touching.
 - Their body might be connected in this area, but not the soul man, and there’s a veil in the way to the next level. There’s a veil between what your body wants and what your brain is telling you. Peeking into the next level presents a problem – your eyes are used to the natural light, not the light of just the candlestick. So you cannot understand what happens in the next level because your eyes can’t comprehend what is happening. Here people tend to say, “It felt different than I was used to. It can’t be of God.”
 - Inner Court: the soulful (intellect) man
 - Here you are fed with the bread of the Word, the light of illumination is giving revelation to the character of God.

- You have to get your flesh to learn how to worship when you enter here. The best way to learn how to worship is to just do it! You have to learn to flow in this area.
- Here is your soul – you have to get your intellect lined up with the Word and the Spirit. You have to get into believing – faith, not sight.
- The problem is, people stop here instead of continuing on to the intimacy level with God. But this level is necessary because your eyes can't go from sunlight into no light without being shocked. You need this mid-level light to help your eyes be able to focus properly.
- Holy of Holies: the spiritual man
 - The veil that you have to cross here is thicker than the other veils you have had to cross. Most won't cross this point.
 - It's dark – there's no window, no menorah, no fire of the altar to light it. You are going into a room of total faith between YOU and GOD.
 - This is where you worship God in truth and in Spirit (John 4:24).
 - The truth is found in the Word – that's the table of showbread in the Inner Court.
 - John 4:24 says that we are to worship God in Spirit and in truth though – the worshipping in Spirit is found in the intimacy of the Holy of Holies.
 - This is the level where you will find yourself at times prostrate before God. The priest would lay down on the floor in here. If he stood up, he would be taller than God, so it's a sign of total submission to lay before God here.
- You have a mental block between your physical body and your intellect, because your intellect will tell you that you look stupid or foolish doing that. You have to bring your mind under subjection.
- Then your spirit is where the anointing of God radiates.
- Outer Court, the light in outward. Inner Court, the light is outward. Holy of Holies, the light in inward.
 - Matthew 5:14 says "You are the light of the world, a city on a hill that cannot be hid."
 - The light in the Holy of Holies has to come from the inside out.
 - (Inner Court): It takes oil for light (from the menorah). Sometimes when we are trying to flow in the things of God, we see God through our own filters – how we were raised, how we are taught, how others have treated us, and how we perceive things to be. You have to pierce the veil and the veil is your flesh. The only way to do it is faith. The only way to do it is to say, "I'm saved, I'm baptized in water, now I will move forward to get illuminated by the Spirit (baptized in the Spirit). I will move forward to learn the Word of God. I will move forward to learn how to pray. And I will enter the intimacy with God."
 - Intimate times are when God speaks to you. It's when He overwhelms you by His presence.

There is nothing like an encounter with God!!

(end DVD #2 at 00:21:45)