Week #:	63	Text:	(various)	Title:	Secrets of the Holy Place: 4 (A)
Songs:	Drigs: Take Me In – Kent Henry (4:02) Holy Spirit – Jesus Culture – Kim Walker Smith (8:10) Sweet Sweet Spirit (2:20)				
	Pour My Love On You – Philips Craig & Dean (5:36)				
Video:	Perry Stone – Secrets of the Holy Place #4				

Secrets of the Holy Place, by Perry Stone (begin DVD #4 at 00:00:00)

One of the subjects we will get into now deals with very practical Christian living as it relates to the Tabernacle. We discussed the symbolism of the furniture. We know that redemption and Christ are hidden and concealed in so many parts of this sacred tent that God dwelt in with Israel in the wilderness, and also for many hundreds of years when they possessed the Promised Land.

Priestly rituals that believers must follow today:

There were daily routines that the priests did at the Temple, and although these routines were practical for that day, they also have an application for every believer today.

- Brass Altar and how it applies to us today:
 - It was 7 ½ ft x 7 ½ ft on the top
 - o had earth in the bottom in the middle of it
 - wood and a grate was placed on top where the animal was roasted and the burnt offerings were presented before God
 - Ashes build up.
 - Every morning they had to remove the top part of that grate and reach down with shovels and take the out the ashes. They would dump them somewhere in an area outside the camp.
 - The ashes were the residue of what had been left over from yesterday.
 - According to history, there were three fires that eventually were put on the altar (we know this from Solomon's Temple).
 - 1 was used to affect the fire at the altar
 - 2 was lit to light the menorah (which had to be cleaned once a day)
 - 3 was a backup in case one went out
 - In Jewish history we read that no water ever extinguished the fire on the altar of God no rain coming from heaven, no snow, no cold ever extinguished the fire. It supernaturally burned.
 - The first fire that was put on the altar was when the fire of God fell (Leviticus 9:24, II Chronicles 7:1)
 - Israel kept that fire burning.
 - At Solomon's Temple the same thing happened. The fire of God fell on the sacrifices, and when it did, the tradition says that's why they wanted to keep a perpetual fire burning as much as possible.
 - The menorah was to be a perpetual fire burning. They would clean some of the lamps and leave certain lamps burning, and then take the fire from those lamps to light the new lamps, and when the other two needed to be cleaned they would do that as well (Leviticus 24:2).
 - There was this idea of fire being passed on from generation to generation.

- \circ $\;$ At the brass altar the ashes had to be cleaned every morning.
 - This is very practical and it starts like this:
 - Every morning when you get up, the first process that you have to do is remove the ashes which are the clutter of yesterday, and the clutter that is in your mind, in order to have the type of day that you want to have.
 - Those ashes represent sin offerings. It's the ashes of sin offerings that are removed and taken away.
 - The picture is that every morning a believer has to start their day by removing off of the altar of their life the things of the past that have affected them – all the sins that have affected them, whether they're acts of disobedience or whatever has taken place that has affected them.
 - The first process that ever believer has to be aware of is that ashes can build up on the fire of your altar and snuff out the fire, which is the zeal of God that is in your life.
 - The Bible warns us that the care of life, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things can choke the word that is put inside of a person's heart and a person's spirit (Luke 8:14; Luke 21:34).
 - Ashes can represent hurts of the past.
 - It can represent people that have hurt you.
 - It can represent wounds that you have.
 - It can represent the pressures of life and the cares of this life that you might be under.

o <u>RULE #1:</u>

- Every morning, remove the ashes (things of the past) and start fresh fire.
- Every morning, as the high priest took the ashes of yesterday and removed them to make room for the new fire today, we've got to get up, removing everything that's hindered you out of your mind and spirit, praying in a way, and putting a fresh fire for that day in your life.
- The fire has to burn every day in your life! The ashes of cares and the ashes of defeat and hindrances can absolutely disturb and bother your life and snuff out what God wants to do.
- The second process that was done every morning has to do with the menorah.
 - It's a 7 branch lampstand.
 - It was made out of approximately 100 lbs of gold.
 - The menorah used pure olive oil, the first pressing, in order to produce the light.
 - When you collect olives, you have to know that they have little tiny twigs connected to them. All twigs had to be removed before the olive could be crushed. The dirt that was on it had to be removed before they could be crushed.
 - The menorah would run low on oil.
 - On the top of the menorah you could place six eggs worth of oil things were measured differently back in that day. Each lamp on the top were big enough to hold six eggs.
 - When you burn oil it starts running low. Fresh oil had to be put in the menorah every single morning.
 - There's a discrepancy on when they did this. Some say they did it early in the morning, first thing – others say they did it later in the evening (like maybe 3 o'clock in the morning).

- They also had to change the wicks.
 - When the wick gets old it starts turning black and it chars things. You have to exchange the wick on a consistent basis, along with fresh oil, otherwise soot begins to be created in your house, and the smoke, instead of becoming clear, will be very, very dark and that's uncomfortable [to see or breathe].

o <u>RULE #2:</u>

Have fresh oil (anointing) on your life.

- The oil came from the olive tree or evergreen trees.
 - The wild olive trees grow in the Galilee while the natural olive trees grow in Jerusalem
 - In Romans 11 Paul given an analogy of the Gentile's being the wild tree and the Jews being the natural tree.
 - If you cut down an olive tree at the base of the tree, these little shoots come up. They are the ones that strengthen the tree, or reform a brand new olive tree, causing the tree to grow again.
 - It's amazing to see olive trees no matter how old they get, they may not produce the amount of olives they used to, but they still have leaves on them.
 - The olive leaf has a slightly bitter taste to it, and insects don't bite the leaves because they can't handle the bitterness.
 - God made the olive tree to represent the nation of Israel, knowing that no matter how many nations bite at them to take them out and destroy them, they're never going to be able to destroy them.
 - The process is this:
 - The olives are green and then they turn dark.
 - The olives used for the oil are usually the green olives.
 - The tree has to be shaken for the olives to fall to be harvested. Sometimes the branches are beaten. Olives can also be hand selected.
 - The olives are then crushed to produce the oil.
 - The oil and the anointing are very interesting:
 - The olive has to abide on the tree in order to get nourishment from the tree to grow just like a believer (John 15:4-7).
 - The olive has to be shaken and separated from the others to be productive.
 - When Jacob was alone is when he wrestled with God and got his great revelation (Genesis 12:1; 28:10-16).
 - God doesn't always want you around the people all the time. Sometimes He separated you for a season so that God can speak to you.
 - Every man who was alone in the Bible, whether he be a prophet or a patriarch, when he was alone, that's when God spoke to Him.
 - When you're alone, all the voices aren't around you telling you that you have to do it this way or that way, or this is wrong or this is right. When you get alone with God, God will speak to you.
 - The olive must be crushed to produce oil.
 - Most olives were crushed up to four times not a single olive, but a whole group of them together.
 - The greater the crushing, the more oil that can be released in the vessel.
 - Don't despise trials. Many Christians don't want to go through trials and they start despising trials. Trials are what build your character. Trials are what build your faith.

James 1:2

² Regard it all as joy, my brothers, when you face various kinds of *temptations* [Greek: testings];

Romans 5:3-4

³ But not only that, let us also boast in our troubles; because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope; ⁵ and this hope does not let us down, because God's love for us has already been poured out in our hearts through the *Ruach HaKodesh* [Holy Spirit] who has been given to us.

- Count it joy when you fall into testings Why? Because tribulations works patience, and patience works experience.
- You gain your experiences in life by the stuff that you go through.
- Sometimes God lets you go through stuff because we've told other people how to do it, and you haven't done it yet, so God lets you go through it.
 - People that don't have kids tell you how to raise yours until they have their own. Then they find out it's not as easy as they thought.
 - People who are not married try to tell you how to run your marriage...
- The 4 pressings of the oil:
 - 1st: goes to the Temple
 - \circ 2nd goes to the home
 - \circ 3rd for cooking
 - 4th for medical purposes
- 1st: goes to the Temple
 - represents the church
 - \circ $\;$ The church and the body of Christ must carry the anointing.
 - \circ $\;$ The anointing is the unction and the presence of God.
- 2^{nd} goes to the home
 - o represents the spiritual leader
 - You have to have a spiritual leader in the home who hears the voice of God and knows how to direct the family.
 - Not every home has a dad. Some single mothers who love Jesus are raising their children doing the best they can in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and many of them are doing a great job.
 - Think of many of the athletes that had to be raised in the inner city. Look at those athletes
 when they win an award. Many of them will say they want to give glory to God, especially in
 the African American community. Some will go as far as to say they want to thank their Lord
 and Savior Jesus Christ. They aren't just saying that. They had a mother, they may have had
 a father in their family, but they had a mother or a grandmother every time who raised
 them in the things of God.
 - Women can stand in the office of the priest of the family when there is a father that is absent.
 - Joseph was with Jesus at his birth (Luke 2:16). Joseph was with Jesus when He was 12 years of age (Luke 42-51). But when Jesus began His ministry, there is no Joseph from the beginning to the end of Jesus' ministry. Most believe Joseph died he didn't divorce Mary. If Joseph died before the ministry of Jesus began, then Mary was still responsible for Jesus when He was still at home, so Mary could have been classified as a single mother.

- 3rd for cooking
 - represents spiritual food
 - Our pastor feeds us the Word of God. There has to be an anointing on the pulpit, not just the corporate anointing on the people, but there has to be an anointing for the pulpit that manifests.

• 4th – for medical purposes

- represents a healing process
- There is a healing anointing.

Acts 10:38

³⁸ how God anointed Yeshua [Jesus] from Natzeret [Nazareth] with the *Ruach HaKodesh* [Holy Spirit] and with power; how Yeshua [Jesus] went about doing good and healing all the people oppressed by the Adversary, because God was with him.

David said in Psalms 92:10

¹⁰ But you have given me the strength of a wild bull; you anoint me with fresh olive oil.

- Fresh oil in Hebrew is YITSHAR
 - [Strongs #3323] "צְּהֵר [Strongs #3323]
 - It's found 21 times in the scriptures
 - It's usually connected to oil and wine in the prophecies of the Bible.
 - The oil is the anointing.
 - The wine represents the joy of the Lord.
 - You can have joy and not feel an anointing, but you can't have an anointing without having joy!

Ecclesiastes 10:1 says:

¹Just as dead flies make perfumed oil stink, so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

- Dead flies in the oil causes it to stink.
- In church, we have olive oil that we keep in a little bottle at the altar, and when someone is sick and wants prayer we take a little oil and put it on the person's head, and pray.

James 5:14-15 says:

¹⁴ Is someone among you ill? He should call for the elders of the congregation. They will pray for him and rub olive oil on him in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer offered with trust will heal the one who is ill — the Lord will restore his health; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

- In some churches they do not use the oil often enough and it starts to go bad and it stinks.
- Oil that is not used will start to stink.
 - Some people who claim to be anointed are not anointed.
 - Some claim to be prophets and prophetesses that are nothing more than a false prophet and a manipulator.
 - You've got to understand that some people's oil stinks.
- The menorah was to continually burn (Leviticus 24:2)
 - (According to tradition) When they would clean the menorah, they would allow five of the wicks to go out, and they would refill the oil and put new wicks in. They would keep two burning. Then they would use them to relight the others, then they would clean those two with fresh oil and new wicks.
 - Continually there had to be light.

Matthew 5:13-14 says:

¹³ "You are salt for the Land. But if salt becomes tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except being thrown out for people to trample on.

John 9:5 says:

⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

• The only way you can keep your light lit is by having the zeal of the Lord. The only way to have zeal is to carry an anointing.

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I John 2:20 and 27 says:

²⁰ But you have received the Messiah's anointing from HaKadosh [Holy Spirit], and you know all this.

²⁷ As for you, the Messianic anointing you received from the Father remains in you, so that you have no need for anyone to teach you. On the contrary, as his Messianic anointing continues to teach you about all things, and is true, not a counterfeit, so, just as he taught you, remain united with him.

- The anointing teaches you all things this doesn't mean you go and interpret the Word of God yourself. It means that when the anointing comes into you, you won't have to question what the Word of God says, you'll be able to read it and know what it means.
- As you tap into the illumination at the menorah, God begins to open the eyes of your understanding.
 - When people are fighting with each other over doctrine, the moment they are baptized in the Holy Spirit, it doesn't matter what denomination they are, and they start praying in the Holy Ghost, the whole fight over doctrine quits and they start seeing what the Bible says.
 - This is what it means when it says the anointing teaches you all things.
 - This is why we love to see people baptized in the Holy Spirit. It doesn't matter how they
 were raised or what they were taught or what doctrine they came up with, the moment
 they begin to pray in the spirit and walk in the spirit, it is the most amazing thing you don't
 have to convince them what's right or wrong, they automatically start getting revelation.
- o The menorah tells us that we have to maintain a daily anointing. We should pray daily in the spirit

I Corinthians 14:18-19 says:

¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you, ¹⁹ but in a congregation meeting I would rather say five words with my mind in order to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue!

- Paul was saying that in a church he preaches with his understand, but in his private devotion he prays extensively, more than the whole church, in the Holy Spirit or the prayer language of the Spirit.
- If you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, one way of keeping the anointing of the spirit in you is by praying in the Holy Ghost.