

# Wall of Prayer



January 27, 2011

Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

What a privilege it is to come into God's presence daily. Even as He walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening, He desires to have a very special time with us every day. Once Adam sinned, God began to set in motion His plan to mend man's severed relationship with Him through the sacrifice of an innocent animal.

In the wilderness as God led the Israelites out of bondage, He made a way for His sinful people to come into His Holy presence through the work of the priesthood. His very specific plans for construction of the tabernacle pointed to the Trinity with every detail. The sacrificial activity that took place there was the silhouette into which Jesus would step years later. Just inside the tent of meeting on the altar of sacrifice, the sin of each person was transferred to an innocent animal and put to death. Jesus became the perfect sacrifice, taking away our every sin so that we can boldly approach God's presence. Next, the shining bronze laver gave a reflection of the priest reaching into it and offered water for the cleansing of sin revealed there. Jesus washed His disciples' feet in the same way to show us the need for daily cleansing of the sin that so easily entangles us. There was no need for a full bath - Christ did that when we accepted his sacrifice for the atonement of our sin.

Once the forgiveness of sin had taken place, the promise of the splendor of the Holy Place, the tabernacle (though unsightly on the outside with its covering of rough animal skins), wooed the priest into God's very presence. Here a seven-branched lampstand burned continually with the clear oil taken from pressed olives being added daily. The brilliance of this lampstand illumined the gold covered walls and the colorful fabric cherubim woven into the white linen ceiling. The wings of the cherubim symbolized God's wings of shelter and protection (Ps 91:4); the gold symbolized His Deity and Glory. Matthew 5:14-16 tells us that we are the heavenly lampstand God uses to show Jesus to a dark world. Christ, who came bearing light, was the olive tree pressed to make available the pure oil of the Holy Spirit to fuel our lamps continually. He also is the breath of God that fans our flame. The enemy would deceive us and tell us our quiet time with God is as insignificant as a pile of animal skins. Let's never let this lie and the activities of our day keep us from the privilege of coming into the presence of Almighty God, our Sovereign Lord, our Prince of Peace, and The Lord of Hosts. God has so filled me as I've explored the tabernacle using the Bible study entitled, *A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place*, by Beth Moore.

As we purify our hearts and let God's Spirit fill us full, not only are we becoming more like Christ, but we are acting as the royal priesthood we are called to be in 1 Peter 2:9. We must continue to plead to the One who can change the lives of our adopted students for all of eternity; and, when we have exhausted our prayers we know that the Spirit makes intercession with groanings which cannot be uttered. May God hover over you as you dwell in His presence and persevere in this life-changing sacred work.

In Him,

Susan Admire

*"Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee." 2 Chr. 14:11*