

# **The Pattern of Man**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Leviticus 24.

B. Leviticus helps us to see what is possible in the realm of the Spirit.

C. The Tabernacle gives the pattern of man--the Tabernacle was built to be the house of God and we are that dwelling of God.

## II. The functions of the tabernacle.

A. The outer court, which corresponds to the body of man since it puts us in touch with the outer world.

B. The Holy Place, which corresponds to the soul.

1. The golden candlestick, which signifies truth produced by the Holy Spirit.

a. We need truth given to us by the Holy Spirit to live properly.

b. The basis of our operation should be to see things as they really are.

2. The table of showbread.

a. The loaves are a picture of humanity and the fine flour is a picture of redeemed humanity.

b. The people of God need to have fellowship with one another and God in their midst--this is what the showbread points to.

c. The church ought to learn to love each other and listen to each other.

3. The golden altar of incense.

a. Frankincense had to be burned because it yields its fragrance only when it is burned--it is a picture of what is yielded through suffering.

b. This pictures the will and the necessity of the will in the life of God.

c. A broken spirit and a contrite heart is what honors God.

C. The Holy of Holies, which corresponds to the spirit.

## III. Principles.

A. The man who curses God denies himself the basis of his life.

B. God teaches that we should expect to be treated the way we treat others.

**Application questions:**

1. What are some ways that society tends to stray from the truth provided by the Holy Spirit.

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2. What are some ways we can creatively build loving community in the church?

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3. Why does a broken spirit and a contrite heart honor God? Explain.

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