

Part 2 - The Tabernacle Set Up and Blessed by God

[Anointing: Finalizing the Tabernacle for use]

Exodus 40

9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy.

11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.

Now that we've seen how the Tabernacle was set up, and the importance of what it teaches us (how to draw near to God through Jesus Christ) we're told of another important part of finalizing the Tabernacle for use: *anointing*. Note that the Tabernacle was not considered 'holy' until it was anointed. To anoint simply means *to rub with oil* (#4886). We know from our previous studies that olive oil and all the spices used in this 'holy anointing oil' were quite cleansing in the physical aspect. They were antifungal, antibiotic and antiviral. This oil kept the items in the Tabernacle cleansed and protected from disease. In the physical realm, this oil was powerfully cleansing. And, as important as that was, it's what they *represent* that matters the most, for all of our flesh bodies will die (Heb 9:27), but our soul does *can* have eternal life IF we are anointed with the correct 'anointing oil' [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Exodus/226].

In fact, Eccl 12:7 tells us that no matter if we are 'bad or good' in this life, when we die *the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it*. But what happens to our spirit (and soul) after we go back to God in the heavenly dimension is what's important. Jesus explained what happens to our spirit (and soul) after death from the flesh body, in a parable found in Luke 16:19-31. There, Jesus explained how a rich man who didn't care about anyone but himself died and then a poor beggar (Lazarus) who did care about God and others, died. Lazarus was carried by the angels into what Jesus called 'Abraham's bosom' (vs 22) but the rich man was sent to 'hell' (vs 23). The rich man was tormented *spiritually* when he realized where he had to spend his remaining days until the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 20). This internal pain was worsened when he saw that poor beggar, Lazarus, enjoying being in 'Abraham's bosom', which simply means that Lazarus was on the 'good side' of the Heavenly dimension (which most call 'heaven') and the rich man was on the 'bad side' of the Heavenly dimension (which most people call 'hell'). But where many get off track is they think of the torment as a physical thing. *Physical torment dies with our flesh body*. When we go back to the spiritual realm (heavenly dimension) we go into a *spiritual* body, even if we were evil. **But**, after we get to the heavenly dimension (which is instantaneous after our spirit departs from the flesh body) we are then *separated* into different 'holding places' until it's time for the Great White Throne Judgement. Even during the Millennium there will be separation but thankfully, the souls of those who are in hell will still get taught the truth *without* any Satanic influence. Hopefully, many of them will repent and choose to follow Jesus Christ at that time but Rev 20 tells us that

all who do not will have to be spiritually killed at the end of the Millennium at the Great White Throne Judgement.

God truly doesn't want us to die (Ez 18, 33, 2 Pt 3:9). And there is no reason for us to die, so long as we choose *life*, which IS believing in Jesus Christ and allowing Him to clean us, through His Word and His Holy Spirit. And He does this (changes our heart and mind) through His Holy Word (the Holy anointing oil) and His Holy Spirit (the Holy anointing perfume/incense). And that brings us back again to the point for our study here, in application with anointing: **the spiritual anointing by Jesus Christ is what the physical anointing symbolizes. And that spiritual anointing is ever so important because *it's what cleans us spiritually*.** Without this anointing, your soul will not die when you leave this flesh body. **But** you'll be stuck in what many call 'hell', being spiritually tormented in your soul and spirit because *you failed to take the opportunity that Jesus Christ gives us in this life*. If you don't take the opportunity to change your works during the Millennium, then even your soul and spirit will be put to death in the lake of fire (Rev 20). So, we must understand that, while this flesh life is not the end of our existence, if you don't accept Jesus Christ, then you'll be stuck in an incredibly terrible condition (*extreme* internal anguish/torment) when you go back to the heavenly dimension that we all came from [learn more: **Spiritual and Material Dimensions** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>]. Luke 16:26 also tells us that there is a great gulf fixed between 'heaven' and 'hell' in the spiritual dimension (that we cannot see while in a flesh body). Abraham said: *between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. That gulf cannot be passed.*

Those in 'hell' are stuck to wallow in their sins without any relief from the intense spiritual (internal) pain you will feel for your sins. You see, at that time you won't be able to fool yourself. You'll have to face who and what you really are. And, without Jesus Christ's blood of forgiveness upon us, *we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags* (Isa 64:6). The only good thing in us IS Jesus Christ (His Word and His Holy Spirit). But, if you don't have Jesus Christ in you, (if your sins are not covered by His blood because you refused Him), *then you'll be stuck wallowing in intense spiritual torment with no relief*. Contrary to what some think, hell is not a party. And even though they won't be physically 'burning' in fire, they well be spiritually burning in their soul. If you think this doesn't sound that bad, then think back to a time when you have ever been really embarrassed or ridiculed or angered deeply. Or, have you ever felt intense internal pain from failure? You'll feel all those negative emotions (and more), due to your own sins, when you are there. Hell is likened to fire because of the *spiritual heat* you'll feel inside. If this all seems new to you then consider studying more on it with the following special studies that help explain what's been said above, but in much more detail and with much more Biblical documentation ...

- Sinners Are Not Tormented Forever <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/330>
- Where Are All of the People That Have Died <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/323>
- Where Did the People Go <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/340>
- 3 World Ages <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/190?single>

- Spiritual and Material Dimensions <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>
- What Were We Like In the Beginning <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/322>

So, the anointing we're learning about in the Tabernacle is incredibly important because it shows us that, the only way we can obtain eternal life, is through the anointing that comes *through Jesus Christ*. But, as we learned in part 1 of this chapter, that's only IF we draw near to Him. And now we're learning what happens when we do: *He anoints us*. Why? To *clean us spiritually* and *to protect us* from falling to sin again. This fact is manifested by the point that Jesus is called 'THE Christ'. Do you know what Christ means? The word 'Christ' in the Greek is *Christos* (pronounced as: khris-tos') and it means *anointed* (#5547). **Jesus Christ was anointed by God Himself** (Lk 3:22, 4:16-21) and therefore He (through His Word and Holy Spirit) anoints us *to spiritually clean us and protect us*, just as the physical anointing did for the Tabernacle. Further, 'Jesus' is a Greek word (#2424) that comes from the Hebrew word #3091 *Yehowshuwa'* (pronounced as: yeh-ho-shoo'-ah); or *Yehowshu'* a (pronounced as yeh-ho-shoo'-ah). It means: **Jehovah-saved**. It comes from #3068, which is God's Holy name *Yehovah* (pronounced as yeh-ho-vaw'), which means: *(the) self-Existent* or *Eternal*. God's name is often shortened to its etymology - YHVH - in these studies, but it is the same name [learn more about God's sacred Name: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>].

So, put together, the name Jesus Christ means: ***He who YHVH has anointed to save***. As the famous verse in John 3:16 reminds us, God chose to send His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) to save us from our sins. And, as Romans 6 explains, we're spiritually (mentally) enslaved to Satan when we sin; and the only way to be freed from that is *through belief in Jesus Christ*. Many people claim that 'all roads' (religions) lead to Heaven. While everyone goes to that 'heavenly' dimension after we die, it's only through belief in Jesus Christ that we can have eternal life. So, NO other religion leads to eternal life (which many think of as 'heaven'). But why? Never forget we are in a spiritual war and there's only two sides: God (YHVH) or Satan. All religions line up with one or the other and Jesus has expressly told us He is the only way to our Heavenly Father (John 14:6). So, there's only one religion that lines up with God Almighty and that 'religion' (which is truly *reality*) is *only* through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Those in the Old Testament who followed the one true God believed that the Messiah *would* come. This is evidenced in Abraham by the fact that he was willing to sacrifice his only son of Sarah (Isaac), whom God had given him great promise to be fulfilled through that child. Yet, Abraham was willing to kill him. Why? Because he believed that God would raise him up again, meaning he believed God would bring Isaac back from the dead. Why? Heb 11 says of Abraham:

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Heb 11:17-19

Abraham believed God would raise Isaac from the dead but why? Because God had told Adam and Eve about the redemption the future Messiah would bring to the world and how it would be accomplished. This is why sacrificing animals was a ritual that all who believed in the coming of the Messiah did: from Abel, to Noah, to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and then the Israelites the blood sacrifices were an outward sign that one believed the Messiah would come. We learned in earlier studies that Moses too believed in the coming of the Messiah for Hebrews 11 also writes of him...

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Heb 11:24-27

How could Moses have esteemed being reproached for Christ better than the riches of Egypt if he didn't believe in the coming Messiah? He knew because His God fearing parents told him about it. Remember, Moses' parents had the faith to cast their baby boy into the Nile River, where crocodiles and many other threats were. These people knew God's promise of the Messiah and they also knew of the laws that God had given Adam and Eve orally, which was handed down through the years. Because Moses was nursed by his own mother, he learned of these truths and never forgot them. He may have been raised and educated in the 'ways of the world' but his heart did not depart from God Almighty. That, along with Moses' humility, is why God chose him to lead Israel out of Egypt.

So, we should understand (and remember) that the knowledge of the coming Messiah (Jesus Christ) was knowledge passed down from Adam and Eve and they received this knowledge from God Himself, who not only explained why He was kicking them out of the Garden but what His plans for redemption were. Though this is not specifically written, the Word of God testifies to this in many other Scriptures, such as what we've covered already about Abel, Noah, Abraham and Moses' faith in Jesus Christ. They could not have had faith in something they did not know about. But we're also given further proof of the fact that God told Adam and Eve about the coming Messiah in Gen 3:15 for truly, that verse explains the promise of the coming Messiah who will crush the head of the Serpent, who is Satan. *It's the first written record of the promise of the Messiah.* The point for our study, is to remember that: there is no other way to eternal life but through the means that our Heavenly Father has said. And He has said (from the beginning in Genesis 3:15) that **only through Jesus Christ we can be saved spiritually** (Deut 18:15-19, Mth 17:5, John 14:6). True Christianity (not the 'traditions' that is said to be Christianity today) is *distinct from all other religions* because the Creator of our soul, body, heaven and earth came to **sacrifice Himself for us** just to give us the opportunity to repent and turn back to Him. And

through His Sacrifice (which the blood sacrifices of animals looked forward to), Jesus teaches us how to truly clean our heart and mind. That's *only* possible through Jesus Christ. No amount of 'meditating' can clean your heart and mind. In fact, you may well be opening yourself up to evil spirits if you don't have the anointing of Jesus Christ upon you. The truth is: most 'roads' (i.e., religions) lead to Satan; only *one* road leads to God (YHVH) and that is *through Jesus Christ*, who is the Word of God (the Bible). Jesus taught us to beware of those who call themselves Christian for many are false shepherds (Mth 24, Mk 13, Lk 21). Study God's Word yourself to see if what they are saying is true and that goes even for these studies you are reading right now. **Think for yourself**; *don't outsource your thinking or you'll never truly understand the Word of God*. It's not bad to study with others (that's why we share these studies) but you *must* study God's Word also *for yourself* to learn how to understand it. A good teacher will teach you how to learn to rightly divide God's Word (2 Tim 2:15) and show you the tools to do so (such as the Companion Bible and the Strong's Concordance). But that does not take the responsibility from each individual to study God's Word and develop a personal (intimate) relationship with Him for themselves. Nothing can replace that. You don't need a mediator between you and God; that's what Jesus Christ is for! (Heb 8:6)

So, while many other religions claim they teach you how to be spiritually clean and 'think higher', true spiritual cleansing (and 'higher thought', which God's word calls being 'perfect' – it simply means to be spiritually *mature*) can only come when we truly believe in the Word of God, who IS Jesus Christ, for Jesus is the Living Word (Eph 6:17). Jesus' entire life was a living manifestation of God's Word and His Will. When we will sincerely work to kick out the sins that keep us in bondage (Rom 6), we do so *by studying God's Word* and taking it into our heart and mind. God's Holy Spirit then comes to literally dwell inside our soul *to help us change inside*. So remember: Christianity is the *only* religion where God sacrifices Himself for us (incarnated as Jesus Christ) to die for our sins; and this teaches us how to cleanse our heart by killing the animal within us (the carnal mind). Any Church that calls itself Christian, but does not teach people what sin is and how to get rid of it (through Jesus Christ), is **not** truly a servant of Jesus Christ but *a servant of the world*. All too many Pastors are wolves disguised as 'holy men' and they teach people how to sin instead of how to stop sinning. *This is an abomination to God* (Ezek 13, 34, Jer 23, Mth 15, Mk 7, etc.).

Further on the topic of anointing: the precious Gift of the Holy Spirit (which is what anoints us) is truly a 'treasure' to us because His Holy Spirit helps us with this cleansing process. The Holy Spirit also protects us spiritually by keeping evil spirits out of our soul, so long as we don't *willingly* entertain them (keep the negative and lustful thoughts out!) or turn our back on Jesus Christ totally renouncing Him. Prov 14:27 tells us that *the fear of the LORD* [revering God's Word] *is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death*. Proverbs also calls Satan (and his evil tactics to deceive us into sinning) a 'strange woman' whose *house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life* (Prov 2:18-19). This Proverb speaks of the same 'woman' that Revelations 17 does. It's a 'beast' governing system (some call it a 'machine', we can see it working in our world today) that Satan uses to deceive people into sinning and keeping them in bondage to him so he can use,

abuse and eventually kill us all. [**Evil Devices** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/68>]. Rev 18:2 also calls ‘her’ (the strange woman) *Babylon* and Rev 18:4 calls us to ‘come out’ of this spiritual deception. Babylon in the Greek (#897) is derived from a Hebrew word that means *confusion* (#894).

It’s hard (not impossible but nearly so) to get out of the deathtrap of deception once you let yourself go back to sin (*willingly*), so **stay firmly committed to Jesus Christ** because, *if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning* (2 Peter 2:2). This is why it’s so important to have the anointing from the Holy Spirit and to keep it on by *sincerely* studying His Word *each and every day* and striving to obey it from your heart and mind. It only take getting ‘off track’ a little bit each day to eventually get very far from the one true God Almighty (YHVH). This is why we’re warned not to *turn aside to the right hand or to the left* of God’s Word (Deut 17:11, 20, 28:14, Joshua 1:7, 23:6, 2 Kings 22:2, 2 Chron 34:2, Prov 4:27, Isa 30:21) but to ‘walk’ straight along the path God has given us for Jesus is THE WAY (John 14:6) That’s why Jesus Christ is called our ‘anchor’ in Heb 6:19. *Jesus Christ (the Word of God – the Bible) is what keeps our heart and mind drifting away from God.* It’s like a boat: if you do not anchor a boat to a dock, what happens to it? It drifts away. The drifting is slowly but eventually it get so far away from the dock, it takes a long time to come back, especially if you have to use manual paddles. So, remember, the Scriptures clearly tell us that the spiritual anointing comes from God and only *through Jesus Christ...*

21 Now **he which** stablisheth us with you *in Christ*, and **hath anointed us, is God**;
22 Who *hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*
2 Cor 1:21-22

25 And *this is the promise* that he hath promised us, *even eternal life.*
26 These things have I written unto you *concerning them that seduce you.*
27 But **the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you**, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as **the same anointing teacheth you of all things**, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.
28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.
29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.
1 John 2:25-29

Again, while it’s good to study with teachers who actually teach the Word of God as it’s written, only help from the Holy Spirit of God can open your mind and heart to actually understand what’s written. Some Scripture you’ve read that does not make any sense at all will really open up after you learn a few other things. For example, it’s hard to understand how God could say He hated Esau before he was even born (Mal 1:2-3, Rom 9:13). Yet, when you learn about the first earth age (Gen 1:2, Jer 4:23-27, 2 Pt 3) you realize that God knew Esau very well. It was because

of Esau's attitude and actions in the first earth age that God hated Esau. Yet, God is still fair and allowed Esau to be born first, giving him the opportunity to inherit the promise of Abraham and Isaac. Yet, Esau didn't care about God or the blessings He promised his fathers. He had so little respect for them that he sold his birthright to his brother Jacob for a mere bowl of soup. Later, after Jacob had been blessed by Isaac (even though it was through deceptive means) Esau cried and cried but only because he wanted *physical* blessings from his father (Gen 25); he cared little for the promises for children (future generations) nor the spiritual blessings (Heb 12:16-17). This one example helps us to understand how, if we don't know the basics in the Bible (and most so-called Churches do NOT teach the basics anymore) then we cannot possibly understand truly *how* Jesus Christ saves us.

Thus, it's easy for many new Christians to fall away from Christ simply because they are not truly taught the basics (thanks to crappy Churches who only teach to line their own pockets). Many fail to understand who Jesus Christ really is, why He came and what that really, truly means for us. It's like trying to understand calculus if you don't even understand that $1+1=2$. Sadly, many Churches don't even teach the basics ($1+1=2$, $2 \times 2=4$, etc.) so that's why it's hard for those who remain in those Churches to grow up, i.e. to spiritually mature (be 'perfect' – Deut 18:13, 2 Sam 22:33, 1 Kings 8:61, Ps 37:37, Mth 5:48, Lk 6:40, James 1:4, 1 Pt 5:10, etc.). They remain babes in Christ and many get ensnared by the Devil due to *not growing up* and learning how to fight the spiritual battle we're all in. We can't stay with $1+1=2$... we must keep growing. Once you learn of Jesus Christ, *start digging into His Word* and **continue** studying it your entire life. You'll never outgrow it. Once you've studied it once, go back and study it again and you'll learn even more the second time around, or the third, or the fourth, etc. [Check out Bible basics here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1070>].

Now, we also should understand that physical anointing is still appropriate for Christians to do at times. Consider what James told us...

*14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, **anointing him with oil** in the name of the Lord:*

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:14-15

But notice what heals: it's not the physical anointing, although *we are supposed to do that*. It's our prayer *of faith in Jesus Christ* that heals both spiritually *and* physically. And it is far more important to be healed (cleansed) spiritually than physically. Many times, our own sickness is due to our own actions (like what we eat and drink or smoke) but there are times we all get sick just because 'the crud' is going around. And because our food, air and water sources are nearly all poisoned in today's 'modern' world, things like cancer and other terrible diseases prevail as well. But, never forget that God loves you despite your physical health. While He does want us to be healthy physically, He also knows the world we live in. *For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust* (Ps 103:14). So, if you are suffering from a health issue, remember

that *now* is a great time to dig even deeper into God's Word and work hard to cleanse your heart and mind. If God sees fit to heal you physically then great; you'll have your heart right with God and a healthy body you can better serve Jesus Christ with. But if not, then perhaps God wants to use you *despite* your sickness in order to witness to others what Jesus Christ can do for your *soul*, despite your physical condition. It makes a powerful witness indeed when a person can spiritually 'rise above' their physical ailment and still love and adore Jesus Christ even when their physical body is sick or handicapped. Further, if it should be your time to die, you can be assured that, with a clean heart through Jesus Christ, you'll be accepted into 'Abraham's bosom', just like the poor man was (Lk 16:22-23).

So, while physical anointing is important, the most important anointing is *spiritual*. Our flesh body won't last forever, no matter how good we take care of it; but our soul *can* last forever **if** we truly believe in Jesus Christ and *draw nigh* to Him through studying His Word sincerely and trying hard to kick out (and keep out) our sins. Physical anointing can also be done at times you want protection for your home, or if you feel you are struggling with evil spirits, or even to dedicate yourself to Jesus Christ, such as is in baptism. In fact, doing so is actually being obedient to our Heavenly Father, as the anointing the Tabernacle reveals. Jesus was even anointed for burial (Mth 26:12). Therefore, anointing with olive oil is still to be done today; you can anoint your body or someone else, as well as your home; just make sure you do so with pure olive oil and in the name of (and faith in) Jesus Christ. You don't have to be a Pastor to anoint someone or something (like your home). Any Christian can anoint another person, so as long as they believe in Jesus Christ. But always remember that 'going through the motions' of physical anointing does no good *without* sincere faith in Jesus Christ; so, if you are weak in faith try to find someone who is strong in faith and ask them to anoint you and pray for you. But, if you can't find anyone, remember that God knows your heart and will help you **if** you stick with it. God hears our prayers *when they are sincere* and He knows when we are truly *trying* to get rid of our sins, even if we are struggling with them. Keep asking Him for help and keep working to get rid of them – *never give up!* It is the Holy Spirit who does the true anointing and therefore, His Holy Spirit can (and will) help you if you are sincere and don't give up trying to kick your sins out. It's tough when you first start but it gets easier as you grow spiritually stronger through understanding more of God's Word. **Anointing physically shows that you believe what He can and will do spiritually.** When you anoint physically you are showing Him you believe He can, and will, anoint (cleanse, heal and protect) you, your family and your home. This is why faith in Jesus Christ is **so** important and why we should study God's Word so we can truly learn of Him (Mth 11:29) and how to obey Him, which is where all blessings truly come from.

Exodus 40

12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

After the Tabernacle was anointed, it was time to get Aaron and the other priests ready to serve God and the first step was washing them with water. As we've learned during the course of studying Exodus, physical washing is symbolic of *spiritually washing*. And that washing is done

only through studying God's Word and allowing His Holy Spirit to help you understand it and to change (clean) you inside. If you learn to think for yourself and concentrate (focus) on what you are reading in God's Word, the Holy Spirit *will help you understand*. You don't have to try and wait for some 'spiritual experience'. The Holy Spirit *isn't an emotion or a feeling*. While you can certainly be comforted spiritually by the Holy Spirit, it's important not to be seeking feelings or emotions but *truth*. The Holy Spirit helps you to understand with clarity. It gives you understanding and strength inside your soul (courage even) to kick your sins out and do what's right, regardless of how you 'feel' or how you are treated.

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
Heb 10:22-23

Hebrews makes clear that the Holy Spirit cleanses our conscience; the part of us that feels guilty for our sins. When we sincerely repent for the sins we see, we *must* have the faith that, through our belief in Jesus Christ, God forgives us - *then* the Holy Spirit will remove our guilt. If you don't have the guilt removed then you are missing something. You're either lacking faith or understanding of your sin. In either case you need to study God's Word focusing intently on what you are reading. You would not think of doing brain surgery without first studying to understand how to do that, right? Nor would you try to do any job without first understanding how to do it. That's how it is with God's Word. How can you expect to get your conscience clean unless you first learn what sin is and what you are doing that is sin? Understanding *what your sins are* is paramount to truly believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins (otherwise you don't see that you truly need Him) and, when you sincerely repent to God for them, He removes your sin...

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

*26 That he might sanctify and **cleanse it with the washing of water by the word**,*

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Eph 5:25-27

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

1 John 1:7

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7

This spiritual washing is what the physical washing of Aaron and his sons symbolizes. All those who serve Jesus Christ are priests for God. But you must be washed from your sins and *continue* there in (studying His Word with sincerity) to be able to serve Him.

Exodus 40

13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Jesus Christ is now our High Priest *forever*. The book of Hebrews beautiful explains this [to study this book, click here: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Hebrews]. Jesus Christ was spiritually clean from the time of His holy conception and all through His life. Even in His death He was spiritually clean, *and obedient*, to our Heavenly Father. Therefore, He has perfectly met (fulfilled) all the qualifications for being our eternal High Priest, *forever*...

1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

*2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the **true tabernacle**, which the Lord pitched, and not man.*

3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

*6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.***

Heb 8:1-6

Aaron only served as an example (shadow) of the ‘heavenly things’ because he only performed physical blood sacrifices; but Jesus is the *real* High Priest because it was *His blood* that forever paid for the sins of the world (Heb 10:10). And, because of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, His Holy Spirit is given to us to help us do *spiritually* what those animal blood sacrifices symbolized, but could never do: *cleansing our heart and mind of sin*. The ‘better covenant’ is our *faith in Jesus Christ* and allowing the Holy Spirit of God to help us kill the carnal mind (the ‘animal’ within us) and put on a ‘new man’, which creates a new spirit within us (Ps 51:10). We learn to think and desire different things than what the world has to offer. Once you have this ‘change of heart and mind’, you’ll understand that truly, *truth* from God’s Word is far more valuable than anything the world has to offer, such as money or lust or any other ‘pleasures’. *For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it* (Prov 8:11).

Exodus 40

14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:

*15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father; that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for **their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.***

Once Aaron was washed, clothed and anointed then it was time for his sons (the other priests who served 'under' him) to be. This is symbolic of how, after Jesus Christ (our true High Priest) was washed, clothed and anointed (through His life, death and resurrection) He then prepares us to serve Him by washing, clothing and anointing us. Again, this is done by our studying God's Word and allowing it to clean us spiritually by convicting us of our sin (which is an ongoing process our entire lives). The Holy Spirit will clothe us with spiritual clothing such as righteousness, wisdom, discernment, humility and so forth (2 Pt 1:2-11).

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

*5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, **by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;***

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Titus 3:3-7

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

*3 According as **his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:***

*4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that **by these** ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world **through lust.***

*5 And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue** [courage]; and to virtue knowledge;*

6 And to knowledge temperance [self control]; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness [devotion and loyalty to God];

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity [love].

*8 **For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

*10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for **if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:***

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1-11

Once you believe in Jesus Christ you *must* begin to learn of Him (Mth 11:29). Then you begin to wash your heart and mind through daily studying His Word. Then the Holy Spirit will help you wash your heart and mind of sin. When you begin to put on the ‘new man’ then the Holy Spirit ‘anooints’ you *by coming into you and helping you to put off that ‘old man’ and clothe you* with the spiritual clothing such righteousness and so forth.

We cannot forget this process of spiritual cleansing. It’s not an ‘emotional trip’. It’s not simply changing our actions, for to only change our actions misses the whole point and turns us into a self-righteous hypocrite instead of a servant (priest) of Jesus Christ (our High Priest). It’s a real, sincere, true change of heart (intentions, desires, feelings) and mind (thought process). It is putting off the ‘old man’, which is our carnal mind (the animal part of us that wants to sin) and putting on the ‘new man’ *which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24) and is daily renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him (Col 3:10). He that creates this ‘new man’ within us is our High Priest, Jesus Christ through His Word and His Holy Spirit.

So, again, we cannot forget the first Tabernacle that we’re learning about in this great book of Exodus. Not only does it teach us how to come out of spiritual bondage, but it also tells us (as a type, through symbology) how to create a Tabernacle for God *in our soul* so we can become part of the true Tabernacle of God, which is the Body of Christ, His eternal government...

*11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, **not made with hands**, that is to say, not of this building;*

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Heb 9:11-15

We’ll pick this up in part 3...

AMEN.