

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

a journey into the Sanctuary

1 Egypt

- world
- under bondage
- atheism
- materialism
- idolatry
- worldly entertainment and sports
- eat, drink and be merry

3 Camp

- this represents God's church
- gained knowledge, learnt doctrines
- authority given, miracles happened
- taught sacrificial system - became lost in ceremonialism
- told to share, to minister, to build each other up
- were to grow in grace
- will be apostasy in church - some don't like the restrictions eg food and lifestyle

2 Wilderness

- God led - Red Sea, cloud, fire
- supplied food (placing them on a special diet), water and their needs
- law given, were to willingly obey
- snakes bite them
- had to develop faith, had to look and live
- had to learn that only God can heal and remove the effects of sin
- believe His promises
- had to humble themselves before God
- were to grow into a holy people
- had to learn to trust
- when they started out they did not know where they were going
- God took them on a journey where He could teach them truth and reveal His plan to save them

Gate

- salvation
- we choose a new Lord
- we praise God and give thanks for mercies and blessings received
- this journey into the Sanctuary (5, 6 & 7) needs to be done anew each day

4 Hollow square

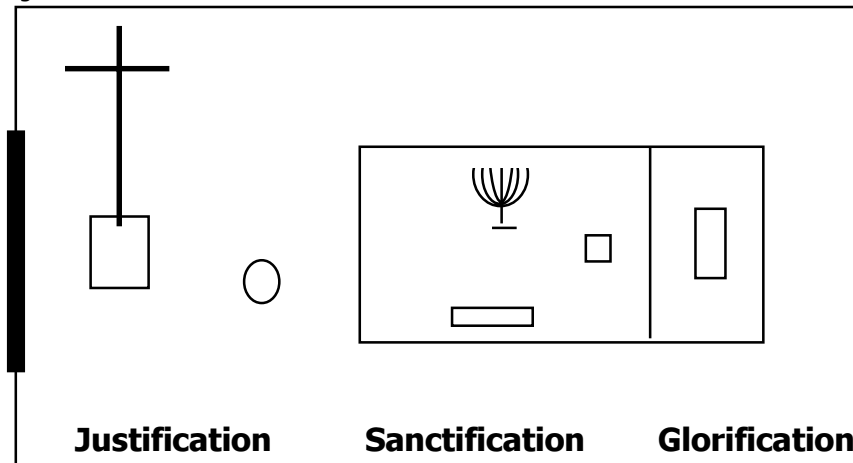
- 1 km walk from camp to Sanctuary
- have to do this alone, had to walk from the camp to the Sanctuary taking with them a lamb
- we are serious and convicted about having a deep Christian walk, we want to walk with Jesus
- see ourselves as we really are - sinners without hope
- we reach God only through Jesus
- this represents our time alone with Jesus every day, where we choose to enter the Sanctuary with Him as we prayerfully contemplate His life, death and ministry
- we reverently come to God, realising our dependence on an Almighty God who alone can save us

5 Courtyard (justification)

- we ask daily for repentance, we admit our mistakes and sins, we resolutely turn from sin, no critising or complaining
- we ask daily for forgiveness toward others and/or self
- cleansing, new birth, freed from condemnation of sin
- we have implicit trust in Him, wherever He may lead us
- we daily put away burden of sin, pride, fears, insecurities, superiority/inferiority, guilt, inadequacies, selfishness, worry, doubts, judging, bitterness, resentments, and every evil
- after confessing, we get our eyes off self and our imperfections and fix them on Jesus and His lovely character
- we see His life, His crucifixion, His ascension, His ministry today, and what He wants us to become
- we do not listen to Satan who wants to discourage us and take away our hope, we must believe God's promises, and we live with the assurance of His deep love for us
- we humble ourselves, we praise Him for the trials He brings (our cross), we are His children and anything He allows to happen to us is for our own good

6 Holy Place (sanctification)

- Holy Spirit lives with you and in you
- empowers us for service, to witness, He pours out His His love so it can flow through us to others, He teaches us to pray fervently
- we understand and love reading His Word
- power, strength, light, courage, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fear of the Lord, the armour to fight Satan's attacks
- we reveal fruit of the Spirit - love (unconditional), joy (happiness), peace (no anxiety, calm), longsuffering (patience, compassion), gentleness (kindness), goodness (generosity), faith (trust), meekness (humility), temperance (self-control)
- He helps, He intercedes for us, He teaches, He guides
- we have a freedom from the power of sin, we guard our words
- we see others in a different light - the possibility of what they can become through Christ, we serve them
- He gives us a burden for souls, we pray for our loved ones
- He gives us a desire to intercede for all people around us, even those who despitely use and persecute us



7 Most Holy Place (glorification)

- we know God and talk with Him, we experience His character of love and how He wants to save us from sin, we reveal His mercy and humility
- we live in His presence, rest under His wings, He has our affections
- His law is written in our hearts, changes our thoughts, actions, motives
- we will hear and know His voice talking to us, directing us in our work for Him, He instructs us in His doctrine and prophecies
- we will fully reflect His glory - His character will be ours
- have direct access to God, we are able to work miracles He chooses to do through us (like the church in Acts)
- we love Him, we experience His love for us, we love others
- roots of bitterness and resentments buried deep in our minds are revealed to us so we can repent of them and Christ can expel them
- God works in us, He allows trials to arise to show us defects in our character to strengthen us, He breaks us then He binds and heals us
- we exchange our ugly carnal nature and allow His nature live in and through us, our defective garments are removed