

## Contemplative Practices: *A View from The Tabernacle of Moses*

1. Our western approach makes it difficult to understand and practice an *embodied faith*.

2. Tabernacle Teaching:

a. **Outer court /The Jesus Court:** sun, moon, stars; open to rational thought and understanding.

i) Brazen altar: burn it all; burn fat and kidneys...sweet smell to God?? Really? Why?

ii) The death of our flesh always smells sweet to the Lord; die to yourself daily; the blood of Jesus cleanses us of every sin.

b. **Inner court / The Holy Spirit Court** seven branches with 7 bowls lampstand—the menorah: **only light now comes from the Spirit of God**

i) seven spirits of God:

**Isaiah 11:1-3** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

ii) table of shew bread: two stacks of 6; eaten together at the table; "Most holy part of the priests share."

iii) Golden altar of incense: must never go out; pray without ceasing. Rev. 5:8 and 8:5//**Revelation 5:8** *And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.*

c. **Holy of Holies/ The Father's Court.** Only light is the numinous of God; the glory of God resting on Mercy Seat covering the Ark of the Covenant.