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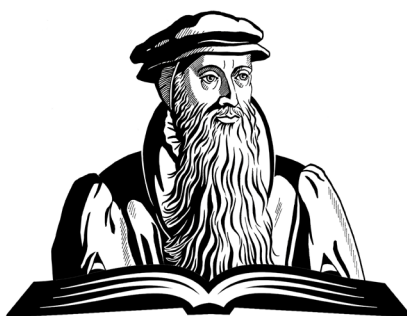
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Lecture 5 ~

THE COURTYARD GATE



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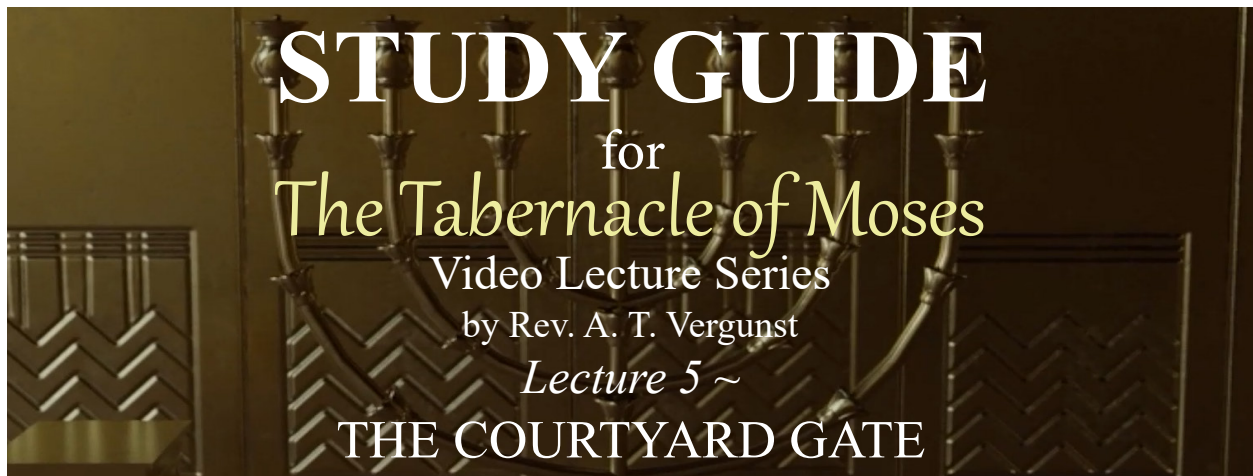


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Scripture Text

“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”—John 10, verse 9

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”—John 14, verse 6

Key Points

1. Review of the Courtyard Fence.
2. The Courtyard Gate.
 - a. Made of a curtain panel weaved with beautiful colors and design.
 - b. It was the only way into the Tabernacle Courtyard.
 - c. The curtain gate was very large, so anyone could fit through.
 - d. It was very easy to enter into the curtain gate—no locks and no guards.
3. Six gospel truths are seen in this Courtyard Gate.
 - a. All mankind has a need to enter into the presence of God.
 - 1) Because of sin, mankind was barred from God’s presence.
 - b. The gate is on the east side of the Courtyard Fence.
 - 1) Adam and Eve were banished from Eden at the east gate.
 - 2) Moses and Aaron pitched their tents on the east side near the gate.
 - 3) The tribe of Judah camped on the east side.

- c. Only one gate shows that there is only one way to God—the Lord Jesus Christ.
- d. The colors on the gate have spiritual meanings, representing Jesus Christ.
- e. The gate was a mere curtain, making entrance simple and easy, like salvation in Christ.
- f. The curtain gate was large, allowing people of every size, representing that all who come are welcomed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Review Questions

1. What were some of the features of the Courtyard Gate?

2. Does everyone have a need to come into the presence of God? Does this lecture offer hope for a sinner who has a convicted heart?

3. The Gate was placed at the east side of the Courtyard. How does this relate to Adam and Eve being banished from Eden in Genesis 3:24? What is the spiritual implication of that?

4. We've learned that Moses' tent and Aaron's tent were pitched next to each other in front of the Courtyard Gate. What do we learn from this?

5. There is only one gate in or out of the Tabernacle Courtyard. What spiritual truth is taught by this one gate? How does it relate to the Lord Jesus Christ?

6. We've learned that everyone, no matter who they are, must use this one gate into the Courtyard. What does that tell us about how God accepts those who come to him? Are some people more accepted by God than others?

7. God commanded Moses how to construct every detail of the Tabernacle, even the colors used on the Courtyard Gate. What were the colors that were used, and what do they signify?

8. How is the Courtyard Gate a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ? What New Testament passages can you reference that support this?

9. The Courtyard Gate was only a cloth curtain, so it was easy to enter. What spiritual lessons can be drawn from this?

10. The Bible tells us that the gate was unusually large. What is God telling us by that fact?

Personal Applications

1. Have you ever felt the need for a way to come into God's presence? Are you aware that the Lord Jesus Christ has made that possible? Have you experienced Jesus' loving invitation to come to him? Are you drawn to him?

2. What have you learned about the majesty and love of the Lord Jesus Christ in this lecture about the Courtyard Gate? Do you feel more encouraged to enter in through this gate?
