

## **CHURCH PRAYER MEETING**

**Text: Exodus 27:9-21**

### **THE COURT OF THE TABERNACLE**

1. Courtyard was carefully planned
  - a) Dimensions specifically described
  - b) Curtains were hung to give it a special sense of enclosure
  - c) Great care was also to be taken to construct the Courtyard
2. The purpose of the Courtyard
  - a) To distinguish between the Tabernacle proper and the Courtyard
  - b) For worshippers
    - i) When they present their offerings
    - ii) When the priests would explain and instruct them concerning their offerings
    - iii) A sense of belonging to the Tabernacle though they were not allowed into the Holy Place
    - iv) A sense of understanding of the ministry of the Tabernacle
    - v) A sense of appreciation of the sacredness of ministry of the Tabernacle
    - vi) A sense of awe may be cultivated because of the proximity to the Tabernacle and the Holy Place

### **THE CARE OF THE TABERNACLE**

1. Involvement of the children of Israel (congregation)
  - a) They can contribute pure olive oil Exodus 27:20
  - b) There must be a strong supply of this oil
  - c) The lamps must be kept well-lit throughout the day
  - d) This gives a sense of involvement to the worshippers
2. Involvement of the High Priest and the Aaronic priesthood
  - a) Aaron was in charge because he was the high priest
  - b) His sons were to assist him in tending to the lamps
  - c) The lamps were never meant to go out
  - d) They are to be tended from evening to morning
3. A perpetual statute for the priests

- a) Through all generations
- b) They are to be faithful
- c) They are to remember they minister on behalf of the children of Israel