

*Special Message*

# ***Going Beyond the Veil***

*What It Means to Draw Near to God*

**Introduction:** The Old Testament tabernacle provides a pattern how we might enter into the presence of God on a regular basis. This morning we examine the pattern of the Old Testament Tabernacle: what it is, how it worked and how its symbols apply.

## **1. OVERVIEW – The tabernacle provided Israel a way of intimacy before a holy God.**

- A. First, some historical context...
- B. There are three things that we should know about how the tabernacle worked.
- C. For approximately 500 years, the tabernacle existed in this portable form.
- D. Both the tabernacle and temple are pictures about what heaven is really like.

## **2. DETAILS – The eight stations of the tabernacle provide a pattern for drawing near to God in personal worship.**

- A. We begin with the gate.
- B. Then, passing through the gate, you come to the altar.
- C. After you pass through the gate, and offer a sacrifice on the altar, you come to the brass washbasin.
- D. Inside the holy place is the table of bread.
- E. Across from the table of bread is the lampstand.
- F. The next piece of furniture in the holy place is the altar of incense.
- G. And now we move to the most holy section of the tabernacle: the holy of holies. But first, we have to move past the veil.
- H. Ark of the Covenant.
- I. The challenge...

## **3. APPLICATION – Putting the prayer guide into practice.**