

Prayer has become one of the forgotten arts of the Christian experience. Maybe it's because we lack the patience to wait upon the Lord and we give up before we even tried. Jim Parks says the following, *"When we make an attempt to pray, our minds often draw a blank and we sit there rather anxiously, waiting for an appropriate time to pass so we can get back to our busy lives with the assurance that we have fulfilled our duty to spend some time with the Lord."* There is not one perfect method of prayer. Although Jesus gave us the model prayer in Matthew 6:5-14, the Sanctuary is another example that God has given us as a means of prayer. In Exodus 25:8 He says, *"Make Me a sanctuary; that I can dwell among them."* So, for our sermon today I want to focus on seven points as another model for our prayer life. These seven points are: 1) *Praying through the Sanctuary you will Enter His Gates*, 2) *Praying through the Sanctuary you will Behold the Sacrifice*, 3) *Praying through the Sanctuary will Cleanse your Heart*, 4) *Praying through the Sanctuary will Feed the Soul*, 5) *Praying through the Sanctuary, you will Commune with Jesus*, 6) *Praying through the Sanctuary will Let Your Light Shine*, 7) *Praying through the Sanctuary you will Behold the Law*. My prayer is that our sermon, *"The Sanctuary: A Model for Prayer,"* will give you new insight to prayer and what it can mean to you as you draw closer to God.

Blessings,
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