

Hypostatic Union – Old Testament Shadows

- I. Jesus Christ remains in hypostatic union forever as a memorial of His victory in the conflict of the ages.
- II. Methods of worship change through the ages, but the object of worship never changes.
- III. In the dispensation of Israel, the Jews had shadow forms of worship: sacred buildings, sacrifices, holy days, sacred furniture, tabernacle, temple and the specialized priesthood.
- IV. The hypostatic union of Jesus Christ is a part of His first advent resulting in the fulfillment of these shadows. The real image removed Old Testament shadows. In the Old Testament times – everywhere you turned, you had shadows (study [Diagram of the Tabernacle](#)).
 - Animal sacrifices ([Ex. 27:1-8](#); [38:17](#)) taught the substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ – A picture of His humanity. This was a continuous reminder of “the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.”
 - The Laver – here the priest cleaned their hands and arms before performing any service or acts of worship. ([Ex. 30:17-19](#)) This cleansing symbolized the spiritual cleansing which is essential for both worship and service.
 - The Candlesticks – illustrated the need for illumination, the light of the world. ([Ex. 25:31-40](#); [37:17-34](#))
 - The Table of Showbread – An illustration for spiritual food. ([Ex. 25:23-30](#); [37:10-16](#))
 - The Altar of Incense – A piece of tabernacle furniture illustrated the need for acceptable worship and prayer. No animals were offered on this altar. This was an incense offering indicating that which is pleasing to God. Divine good (gold, silver and precious stones). The fire for the altar of incense came from the brazen altar indicating that worship can only come after salvation. No strange fire was allowed and Nadab and Abihu died for disobeying this rule. ([Ex. 30:1-10](#))
 - The Veil – symbolized the barrier between God and man; only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies, and that only once a year on the Day of Atonement to offer blood on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant.
 - The Arc of the Covenant was located in the Holy of Holies of the Tabernacle, and made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold. Its dimensions were 50 inches long by 30 inches wide by 30 inches deep. The ark was a picture of Christ bearing our sins, the box part representing Christ. The wood illustrated the humanity of Christ, the gold represented His deity.

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- V. While the reality of truth (SF) in the completed Canon replaces the shadows – the object of worship is the same: Levitical or Royal Priesthood.
- VI. Jesus Christ as God is immutable – therefore unchangeable. He was perfect man – stabilized man.
- VII. In Hypostatic Union, the God man was and is unchangeable, consistent. His consistency is perfect and absolute.
- VIII. Therefore it is impossible for Jesus Christ to be unfaithful to any member of the Royal Family, ever!
- IX. Furthermore, since Jesus Christ never changes – truth or doctrinal precepts which come from Him never changes.
- X. The living Word and the written Word abide forever. [Matt. 24:35](#) *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”*

When Christ spoke in incarnation, what He said came from one of three sources:

1. From Deity – [John 8:58](#) *“Before Abraham, I am”* Deity existed externally.
2. From humanity – [John 19:28](#) – *“I thirst”* Deity cannot thirst.
3. From hypostatic union – [John 14:6](#) *“I am the way...”* [Matt. 11:28](#) *“Come unto me, all ye that labor...”*