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The Incense Altar and Menorah
Painting by Yoram Raanan

“Originally, this was two separate canvases... Here the menorah looks like a tree of light, a tree of life and a tree of fire... The essence of the incense offering is when matter and spirit get connected through a cloud of fragrance, an experience that brings a person closer to God.

~ Yoram Raanan

TO BE ENROBED IN GLORY

1. וְאַתָּה תִּצְוֶה (Exodus 27:20)

וְאַתָּה הַקָּרֵב (Exodus 28:1)

וְעָשִׂיתָ בְּגָדֵי־קֹדֶשׁ (Exodus 28:2)

וְאַתָּה תִּדְבֹר (Exodus 28:3)

2. בְּגַד - to act or deal treacherously

בְּגָד - treachery

בְּגוֹד - treacherous

בְּגָד - garment

3. “And God made for Adam and his wife garments of skin (עוֹר), and clothed them” (Genesis 3:21).

4. It is the product of the shared ability of poets to appreciate the power of re-describing, the power of language to make new and different things possible and important - an appreciation which becomes possible only when one's aim becomes an expanding repertoire of alternative descriptions rather than The One Right Description. (Richard Rorty, *Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity*)

5. In Rabbi Meir's Torah it was found written, "Garments of light (אור)." (Midrash Bereishit Rabbah 20:12)

