

A Divine Dwelling

EXODUS 25:1-9

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tab·er·nac·le *n.* a sacred space representing a place for God to dwell among His people

God
Dwells
WITH US

I. God desired to _____ with His people.

"And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it." Exodus 25:8-9

II. God prescribed _____ to His dwelling for the safety of His people.

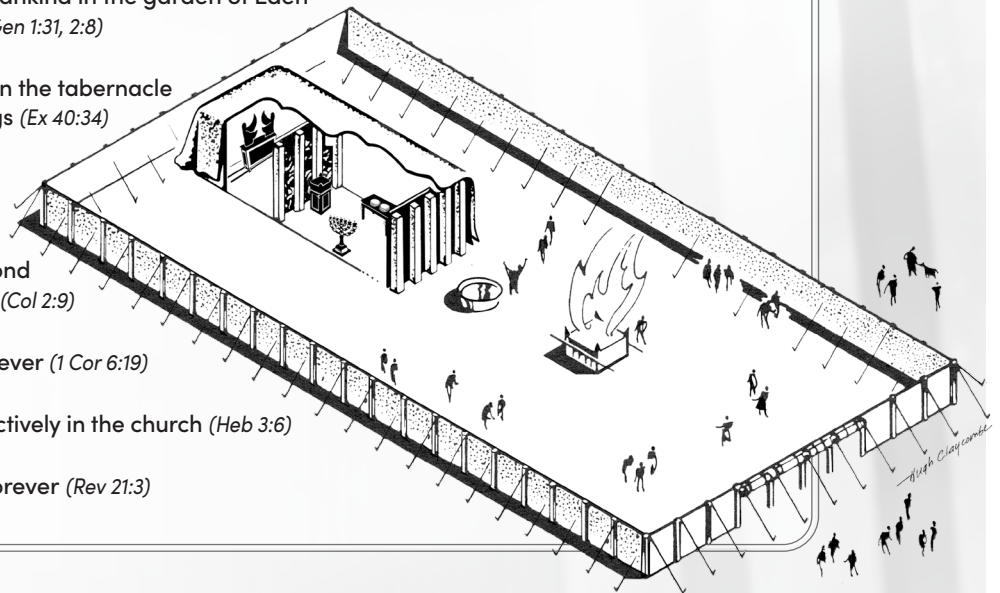
"Moreover, you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarns ... And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy." Exodus 26:1a, 33

III. God ordered the tabernacle to be _____ to accommodate their journey.

Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. Exodus 40:36

God's tabernacle foreshadowed His plan to dwell with His people forever.

1. God dwelled perfectly with humankind in the garden of Eden before sin entered the picture (*Gen 1:31, 2:8*)
2. God dwelled among His people in the tabernacle during the wilderness wanderings (*Ex 40:34*)
3. God dwelled in the temple in Jerusalem (*2 Sam 7:13*)
4. God dwelled on earth in the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ (*Col 2:9*)
5. God dwells in the individual believer (*1 Cor 6:19*)
6. God dwells with His people collectively in the church (*Heb 3:6*)
7. God will dwell with His people forever (*Rev 21:3*)



Because God desires to dwell with you ...

Accept Jesus, who made a _____ for us to dwell with God forever. (*Jn 14:6*)

Draw near to God, who wants to draw _____ to you now. (*Jas 4:8a*)

Live like the Lord is near, making room for Him in the _____ of your life today. (*Ex 34:9b*)

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

1. Read Exodus 25:1-9. What was the purpose of the tabernacle?
2. Since even the highest heavens cannot contain God (1 Kings 8:27), what does it mean that God came to dwell with His people?
3. Read Exodus 30:11-16. How were the tabernacle and its furnishings to be financed? What does each of these offerings say about each person's responsibility and relationship to the Lord?
4. From where did these offerings originally originate, and why is that important to note? (By way of review, skim over the last half of Exodus chapter 12.)
5. Read Matthew 18:20 and John 14:16-17, 23. During His incarnation on earth, Jesus fulfilled God's promise to tabernacle or dwell with His people. How is He dwelling among His people now?
6. Read Exodus 25:40. Now read Hebrews 8:1-5. What was God showing Moses? What is happening in heaven even today, according to this passage?
7. Why must we follow the pattern of worship given to us from heaven, not any pattern of this world (Romans 12:2)?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and Ephesians 2:19-22. Paul speaks of believers individually and corporately as God's temple. How did this sermon enrich your appreciation of what it means to be God's holy dwelling? How will that change your daily walk with the Lord?

HELPFUL Quotes

The Tabernacle is the greatest of all the Old Testament types of Christ. It was all one great object lesson of spiritual truth. In its wonderful furniture, its priesthood and its worship we see with a vividness that we find nowhere else the glory and grace of Jesus and the privileges of His redeemed people. Just as in the architect's plan we can understand the future building better, so in this pattern from the mount we can understand as nowhere else that glorious temple of which Christ is the cornerstone. And we also, as living stones, are built up in Him "a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). - A. B. Simpson

The tabernacle is one of the most important and instructive types. Here is such a variety of truths, here is such a fullness and manifoldness of spiritual teaching, that our great difficulty is to combine all the various lessons and aspects which it presents. The tabernacle has no fewer than three meanings, In the first place, the tabernacle is a type, a visible illustration, of that heavenly place in which God has His dwelling. In the second place, the tabernacle is a type of Jesus Christ, who is the meeting place between God and man. And, in the third place, the tabernacle is a type of Christ in the Church of the communion of Jesus with all believers - Adolph Saphir

People cannot worship God acceptably except in the way that He has specified (John 14:6). -Tom Constable

How can you expect to dwell with God forever, if you so neglect and forsake him here? - Jonathan Edwards

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A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



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