



What is it about the drab old tabernacle in the wilderness that creates interest? We learned last week, from Psalm 27, that our interest is linked to the mystery of knowing God and how we relate to Him.

Let's lay a bit of foundation...

1. Book of Exodus

- 1) Exit – 1-18 (Moses to Mt. Sinai)
- 2) Law – 19-24 (Moses receiving God's law)
- 3) Tabernacle – 25-40 (Moses building God's tabernacle)
 - ⇒ Moses receiving instructions for the building of the tabernacle 25-31,
 - ⇒ Moses receives 2 tables of stone 31,
 - ⇒ Israel parties and Moses intercedes 32-34,
 - ⇒ Tabernacle is built & dedicated 35-40.

2. History of Exodus

- 1) Israel redeemed by blood (passover).
- 2) Preparing to re-enter the land God promised to Abraham as the homeland of His people. Now they return as a nation of God's people.
- 3) Will they please God?
- 4) Will they perpetuate a relationship based upon blood sacrifice?

3. God's Theocratic Kingdom

"The law fell into two divisions, moral and ceremonial. The moral law revealed why holiness was important, and the ceremonial law revealed how holiness was to be imparted. The moral law reveals to saint and sinner alike that the human heart cannot produce holiness of itself. The ceremonial law with its many sacrifices and offerings points to Christ, who alone kept the moral law and whose blood alone can cleanse from sin." – John Phillips, *Exploring the Scriptures*, p. 22

We have a people who have been brought to understand **their guilt** through God's moral law...who have been **redeemed** through sacrificial blood...and are now walking in **fellowship** with God.

4. Man's Sinfulness

Do we understand the awfulness of sin?

Do we even understand what sin actually is?

Two primary Bible words for sin:

"sin" (*hamartia*) – to miss the mark – Romans 3:23; 5:12

"transgression" (*parabaino*) – to step beyond the line – R. 5:13-14

Result of sin – the wrath of God – Romans 1:18

Sin impacts not merely the action, but the thinking & desire. Jesus carried the infraction of the law to the prior thought & desires of the heart (Sermon on the Mount).

You are what you think – Abandoning the purity of our mind by allowing oneself to be consumed with ungodly thoughts and desires is sin whether or not I ever act upon the thoughts or desires.

- Philippians 4:8 –

Sin is a pervasive power. It conquers with incremental steps. It relentlessly attacks purity. It knows that if it can influence you to take small steps, it will eventually ruin you and have you doing things that now shock you.

Man's sinfulness bars his entrance to God's presence. The tabernacle teaches and demonstrates this.

God provides a way for man's sinfulness to be reversed – forgiven and changed. The tabernacle teaches and demonstrates this.

The Tabernacle – at the heart of all this we find a tabernacle.

What was it's purpose?

Exodus 25:8, 22; 29:42-46 – to dwell among them His people.

"sanctuary" = a consecrated place

- Does God want to fellowship with you? John 17:3
- Does God want to dwell among you? John 14:15-18; 16:13
- Is there a place where God meets with you? Mt 18:20; Eph 2:19-22; 1 Tim 3:14-15



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Perpetuate a Relationship with God!