

# ***SEEING JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE – PART I***

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- I. The purpose of our study is to observe \_\_\_\_\_ truths about the tabernacle which foreshadow \_\_\_\_\_ truths regarding Jesus.
- II. Three reasons for why it is important to study the tabernacle
  1. The tabernacle is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. A shadow pointing forward to his substance. (Colossians 2:17)
  2. The OT tabernacle gives insight into the real tabernacle in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 9:11)
  3. It will strengthen your \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible as God's Word. (II Timothy 3:16)
- III. Were someone to pose it to you, how would you answer the question, "How do you \_\_\_\_\_ with God?"
  - a. God is always the one who \_\_\_\_\_ with mankind that we might have fellowship with Him. (Genesis 3:8, Luke 19:5)
- IV. The nation of Israel was living in tents as they had just left Egypt, and God said to Moses, build me a \_\_\_\_\_ too.
  - a. 13 chapters...over 450 verses...nearly 1/3 of the book of Exodus covers the details of designing and building the tabernacle. Why so much?
    - i. **Exodus 25:8** – And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may **DWELL** in their midst.
    - ii. **Exodus 25:22** – There I will **MEET** with you...I will **SPEAK** with you...
  - b. The context of God expressing his loving desire to dwell with Israel is within the power and majesty of God seen on \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. Three overall tabernacle observations that help us to see Jesus
  - a. It was to be \_\_\_\_\_ → Numbers 1:50-51
  - b. It was to be in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the camp → Numbers 2:2
  - c. It was to be covered with \_\_\_\_\_ → Exodus 26:14
    - i. **John 1:14** – And the Word became flesh and **DWELT** (\_\_\_\_\_) among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- VI. The tabernacle itself...
  - a. The Outer \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ Place
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_

VII. The Outer Court...

- a. Foreshadows Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 14:6)
- b. Focuses on our \_\_\_\_\_ before God through Jesus. (Romans 5:1-2)

**1. The curtains of fine linen (Exodus 27:9-15)**

- a. Its color and texture also represent \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 19:8)
- b. This curtain fully enclosed the tabernacle ground and communicated the message of \_\_\_\_\_

*c. How can we see Jesus in the curtains of fine linen?*

- i. Though we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, Jesus has not. And by faith, he can become \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness.
- ii. II Cor. 5:21 says that "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

**2. The entrance gate (Exodus 27:16)**

- a. Brilliantly stood out compared to the linen curtain due to its bright colors (white, blue, purple, and red).
- b. The tribe of \_\_\_\_\_ was to be the tribe that encamped directly in front of the entrance gate (Numbers 2:3).

*c. How can we see Jesus in the entrance gate?*

- i. The entrance gate points to Jesus as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.
- ii. The entrance gate represents the only way to enter into God's \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:9, 14:6)

**3. The bronze altar (Exodus 27:1-8)**

- a. As the first piece of furniture in God's dwelling, this represents the \_\_\_\_\_ that man must take to know God in his dwelling place.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices were made here including the shedding of blood. (Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:22)
- c. While the altar clearly represented God's judgment for sin, it was also to be a place of \_\_\_\_\_. (I Kings 1:50-53)
  - i. The altar of God's judgment for sin was also the place of mercy.
- d. God's instruction was that the fire on this altar was to \_\_\_\_\_ go out. (Leviticus 6:12-13)

*e. How can we see Jesus in the bronze altar?*

- i. Jesus, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world – John 1:29
- ii. The altar is a picture of the sacrifice for sin that Jesus would ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.

- 1. Repeated, unwilling animal sacrifices vs. Jesus, the \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice.

- 2. Continual, never-ending fire of the altar vs. the fires of God's judgement \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!

#### 4. The laver (Exodus 30:17-21)

- a. Dealing with sin and sacrificing animals was a dirty job and the laver was required for the priests to make themselves \_\_\_\_\_ before entering the tent. Its purpose was **washing and cleansing**.
- b. Exodus 38:8 says the basin was reflective as a \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. By looking into the mirror, the priests could see what had become \_\_\_\_\_ of them...they were clean!
  - ii. The tabernacle illustrating here the constant need that we have of being washed with the water of His word. (Ephesians 5:25-26, Jeremiah 17:9)
- c. How can we see Jesus in the laver?
  - i. John 2-5 has multiple references to Jesus and water.
  - ii. Jesus tells the Samaritan woman at the well that the water he offers is \_\_\_\_\_ water (John 4:13-14).
- Incomplete nature of the work done in the Outer Court of the Tabernacle
  - Hebrews 10:11 – Every priest \_\_\_\_\_ daily at his service, offering \_\_\_\_\_ the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.
- Completeness of the work of Jesus Christ on the cross
  - Hebrews 10:12, 14 – But when Christ had offered for all time a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice for sins, he \_\_\_\_\_ at the right hand of God. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
- But sadly, many believers, if not most believers, never get past the Outer Court in their relationship with God. All of their dealing with God revolve around their \_\_\_\_\_.
- But this is not the complete gospel of Christ. He beckons us to dwell with him in the \_\_\_\_\_ of his glory.

#### **So how do we interact with God?**

1. By the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb (Hebrew 9:14)
2. On the basis of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Colossians 2:16-17)
3. In fullness and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:13)

***Spend time in the presence of the Lord this week, and give glory to the reality of Jesus Christ in you, the hope of glory.***