

Sermon Questions

Exodus 25:10-27:21

This week we discussed the purpose for the Tabernacle so that we would understand the heart of God for His people. Often when reading the Old Testament some Christians are confused about the application of the text for today. As we studied the Tabernacle, we learned about all that God wanted to do to demonstrate His holiness and His desire to dwell with His people. Having a proper understanding of the Tabernacle helps believers today to better comprehend God's purposes in our world today. The tabernacle also helps us understand the person and work of Jesus Christ in greater measure. The reality is that God loves us and wants to be present and central in our lives today. May this week's message be a strong encouragement in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Purpose of the Tabernacle

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The Tabernacle reminds us...

God desires to dwell with you by being glorified and central in your life (Chapter 25)

God details the proper way for you to honor and worship Him (Chapter 26)

God demands your contrition and repentance as foundational for relationship (Chapter 27)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. When God speaks to Moses about erecting the Tabernacle why does He first tell Moses to take a collection of money and resources? Did God need the money? What benefit was it to Israel to bring their first and best to God? Why is there still a benefit to bringing God our first and best?
2. When building the Tabernacle why does God start with the Ark of the Covenant? What was to be housed in the Ark of the Covenant? Why is the presence of God so important? Why does God want to dwell with His people? How does this foreshadow the coming of Jesus Christ? What does it mean that Jesus wanted to dwell

(tabernacle) among us? What peace does that bring to you? Why was the ark to be carried with poles? Why does God provide these instructions?

3. What was the significance of the Table of Showbread? How does this demonstrate God's desire to fellowship with us? Provide life to us? Read John 6:35. Why does Jesus then call himself the bread of life? How is Jesus the fulfillment of the Table of Showbread?
4. What was the purpose of the Golden Lampstand? Why was light important in the Tabernacle? Why was the light to be ongoing? Read John 8:12. Why does Jesus call Himself the light of the world? How is Jesus the fulfillment of the Golden Lampstand?
5. What is the significance of Acacia wood? How does Acacia wood demonstrate God's strength? What is the significance of all of the elements in the Holy of Holies to be covered in gold? How does this show God's glory?
6. Why is worshiping God in His way so important? Why does God pick linen to be made of blue, purple and scarlet? If blue represents heaven or deity and purple represents royalty and red represents humanity or blood, how do these colors represent Jesus Christ? How do these curtains represent that Jesus Christ is the royal God who came from heaven to shed His blood?
7. What is the significance of the cherubim? What are they guarding? Why is guarding the glory of God such a worthy undertaking?
8. What was the purpose of the goats hair, rams skin and purple skin on the curtains? How does this demonstrate God being a covering? Why is God's covering such a protection for us? How beneficial is it to know that God is our covering and our protector?
9. Why did the Tabernacle need boards and sockets? What would have happened to this "tent" if there had been no boards and sockets? How does this demonstrate God being the solid foundation for His people? How is Jesus Christ seen as our foundation and solid rock in the New Testament?
10. Why were the veils and screens needed? Why were the veils needed? What did the veil separate? Why did God need to be separate from His people? How long did the veil remain necessary? What happened at the very moment that Jesus Christ died on the cross? What did the tearing of the veil from the top to bottom signify? How significant is it that through the death of Christ all people can have complete access to God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ? If screens represent access to the Tabernacle, how does this demonstrate that God has a way for His people to approach and worship Him?

11. If God goes to such incredible lengths to share the details of the Tabernacle and eventually the Temple, how serious is He about how we live today as His temple? Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Where is God housed today? What is His purpose of housing the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer? Are you living your life more as a temple or an amusement park?
12. What does the courtyard signify? Who was welcome in the tabernacle? How special is it that anyone in Israel could come and worship?
13. What was the first piece of furniture that Israel would have seen when they entered the Court of the Tabernacle? Why was the Brazen Altar the first piece of furniture? Why was God communicating that blood needed to be shed before worship could ever be experienced? Why was this piece of furniture bronze and not gold? How did this piece of furniture foreshadow the crown, the whipping post, the nails and the cross?
14. How significant is the reality that crushed olives were needed to provide oil that would light the Lamp? When we read about Jesus Christ in Gethsemane (an olive press) what can we learn about who our Lord and Savior was and what He chose to do on our behalf?
15. How did this teaching on the Tabernacle help you to better understand God's Word and His purpose of sending Jesus Christ to the world?
16. What was your greatest take-a-way from today's message? What do you need to apply right now?