

# THE OLD TESTAMENT TABERNACLE



*"According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. " Exodus 25:9*

# THE TABERNACLE #1

EXODUS 25:1-9

## INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Intro: Exodus 25:8 & 9 - "... after the pattern – even so shall ye make it." (Follow the Pattern)

A. Repeated: Exodus 25:40, 26:30, 27:8

B. God left said to Moses: I am leaving

a. NOTHING to your personal discretion – DO NOT change anything I tell you!

b. NOTHING to the discretion of the workman, and

c. NOTHING to the desires of the people!

1. No not change ANYTHING to "please the wants of the people!"

Hebrews 8:2 - "...The high priest of the Tabernacle is a picture of Christ – Our High Priest"

1. Hebrews 10:10-12 – Christ – offered a sacrifice "ONCE FOR ALL."

## THE DIMENSIONS

Exodus 27:18

### I. Outer Court 75" wide X 150" Long

A. Fence – 7' tall (27:18)

B. Gate – 30" wide (27:16) (A Blue, Purple, Scarlet, & White vail at the entrance)

1. Always set up so the gate will be on the east side (Exodus 27:12-15)

2. Prophetic

a. Matthew 24:27

b. Ezekiel 43:1,4

3. Christian are to start each day "looking for the Lord's return!"

a. 2 Timothy 4:8

C. There are two pieces of furniture in the outer court.

1. Brazen Altar – 7' x 7' x 4 ½ high (Exodus 27:1) - Brass

2. Brazen Laver – Wash basin - (Exodus 30:18) - Brass

### II. The Inner-Court (The Holy Place – The Most Holy Place) – Exodus 26:18

A. Entire Structure – 15' wide x 45' long x 15' high (Exodus 26:16)

B. The "Inner-court" was divided into two sections:

1. The Holy Place – (First section of the Inner-court)

a. 15' X 30' X 15' high

b. A Blue, Purple, Scarlet, & White vail covered the entrance.

d. There were three pieces of furniture in the Holy Place

1. Table of Show Bread

2. Golden Lamp stand

3. Alter of Incense

2. Holy of Holies (Second section of the Inner-Court)

a. 15' X 15' X 15' high

b. A Blue, Purple, Scarlet, & White vail covered the entrance.

c. There were two pieces of furniture in the Holy of Holies

1. The Ark of the Covenant

2. The Mercy Seat

**THE FIVE MAJOR TRUTHS PICTURED IN THE TABERNACLE**  
**(They will all be developed in detail in later lessons)**

**I. Blue Print of the Believer – Man**

- A. The Tabernacle is at “three-part” blue print
  - 1. Man is a “three-part” being (I Thess 5:23)
- B. The Outer court – Picture of body
  - 1. It is what you see from the out side
  - 2. Altar is the place where sacrifice is made (Romans 12: 1-2)
- C. The Inter court – Picture of our soul
  - 1. You cannot see the “real” me.
  - 2. Place where we worship
- D. The Inter-most court (The Holy of Holies) – Picture of our spirit
  - 1. Place where God dwells
  - 2. Today – God dwells in us. We are the Tabernacle of God.
  - 3. John 14:17 “...for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”
    - a. We worship God in our spirit (John 4:24)

**II. Shadow of Salvation – How we come to Christ**

- A. John 1:14 “...dwelt (tabernacled) among us!”
  - 1. The Door – John 10:9
    - a. Altar
    - b. Laver – Daily Washing –
  - 2. The Holy Place
    - a. Table of Showbread – Right or North side – Jesus is the Bread of Life
    - b. Golden Candlestick – Left or South side – Jesus is the Light of the World
      - 1. We are the light of the world – through the anointing of Holy Spirit.
    - c. Altar of Incense - Prayers – Odor of Sweet smell
  - 3. The Holy of Holies
    - a. Ark of the Covenant
      - 1. Ten Commandments
      - 2. Moses Rod that budded
      - 3. Pot of Manna
    - b. The Mercy Seat
      - 1. Where **God** see’s the blood and has mercy on the people
        - a. Therefore, He meets with his people – “THERE”!
        - b. Meets where the blood is sprinkled and applied!

**III. Characteristics of Christ (Salvation + Pattern for Christian Life & Service)**

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| 1. Altar          | He is our Sacrifice - Christ’s sacrifice and blood       |
| 2. Laver          | He is our Sanctification – Washing of water by the Word  |
| 3. Showbread      | He is our Substance – Man shall not live by bread alone. |
| 4. Candle         | He is our Sight – Jesus gives us light                   |
| 5. Altar Incense  | He is our Supplication - Jesus makes intercession        |
| 6. The Ark        | He is our Satisfaction – Intimate relationship with God  |
| 7. The Mercy Seat | He is our Sin-Bearer                                     |

**IV. Manifestation of The Mediator (Jesus Christ is pictures in every part of the Tabernacle)**

A. This will be developed as we study the various parts of the Tabernacle.

**V. Numerous Pictures of the New Testament Church.**

A. The ENTIRE Tabernacle is “a complete pattern” of God’s plan under which the church is to carry on the work which God assigned it to do.

B. This will also be developed as we study the various parts of the Tabernacle.

**THE VIEW FROM THE OUTSIDE**

A. When viewed from the outside (Plain, simple, no beauty)

B. Covered with badger skins!

C. Inside, you would say, “This is the most beautiful place I’ve ever seen!”

1. Isaiah 53:2: From the out-side - “No beauty that we should desire him.”

a. Unbelievers cannot understand what we see in Jesus

b. You must come “inside” to see and understand his beauty.

**THE TABERNALE IS PICTURED IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

A. John 1:29	Jesus is the Lamb of God	Our Sacrifice
B. John 3:5	Washing of water by the Word	Our Sanctification
C. John 6:35	Jesus is the Bread of Life	Our Substance
D. John 9:5-6	Jesus is the light of the world	Our Sight - Light
E. John 14:13	Prayer made in His Name.	Our Supplication - Intercessor
F. John 17:20	Mercy Seat – Made Perfect	Our Satisfaction

**EVERYTHING IN THE TABERNACLE SPEAKS OF AND IS SYMBOLIC OF SOME NEW TESTAMENT TRUTH.**

**THE TABERNACLE #2**  
**Exodus 25:1-9**  
**GENERAL LAYOUT OF THE TABERNACLE**  
**THE PICTURES**

**I. It is a Description of Deity – Of Jesus Christ!**

A. It Prophecies of Jesus

1. What He would be like.
2. What He would do.

B. John 1:14 – He was "made Flesh"

1. Dwelt among us – "Tabernacle" among us!

C. John 2:19 – He said, "Destroy this Temple (Tabernacle) I will raise it in three days

**II. It is a Blueprint of the Believer - Of you and me!**

A. It had "Three rooms." I Thess. 5:23

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. An Outer Court      | Picture of our body               |
| 2. An Inter Count      | Picture of our soul               |
| 3. An Most-Inter Court | Picture of our Spirit (John 4:24) |

**III. It is a Shadow of Salvation**

A. Pictures of how **people** shall be saved.

B. Pictures how Salvation is provided by Jesus Christ

C. Pictures how the Christian should live his life

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| 1. Altar               | Christ our Sacrifice                            |
| 2. Bronze Laver        | Christ our Sanctification (Requires Repentance) |
| 3. Table of Shew Bread | Christ our Substance                            |
| 4. Candle Sticks       | Christ our Sight                                |
| 5. Altar of Incense    | Christ our Supplication                         |
| 6. Ark of Covenant     | Christ our Satisfaction                         |
| 7. Mercy Seat          | Christ our Sin-Bearer                           |

**THE FOUNDATION**

**I. The Tabernacle is set on Silver**

A. Exodus 38:25-27

1. 100 blocks of silver – 200 pounds each (One-Talent worth - \$2000.00)
  - a. Five-tons of silver
2. Most expensive ever built for its size!
  - a. About 2 million dollars – pre-inflation days!
3. Very expensive building – but had no floor!!!

**THREE ELEMENTS OF THE SILVER**

**I. The Source of the Silver (Where did it come from?)**

A. Exodus 30:11-15

1. It was "a ransom for the soul." (Vs 12)

2. It was to "make atonement." (Vs 15)
- B. Total Tabernacle built by "free-will" offering, except...
  1. Silver sockets were a "required tax"
    - a. Temporary covering – same as blood of bulls and goats (I Peter 1:18)
  2. Israel had promised to obey God's law (Exodus 19:8)
  3. To REMIND Israel they had:
    - a. Rejected God's Authority, Failed miserably, and rebel against Aaron!

## II. The Symbolism of the Silver

- A. Symbol of the Atonement of Jesus Christ (Exodus 30:11-15)
  1. I Peter 1:18
    - a. Not redeemed with "silver and gold" (Elements in the Tabernacle)
    - b. But by the Blood of Jesus Christ
  2. All other religions leave out the blood of Christ
  3. I Corinthians 3:11 – No other foundation can any man lay ...

## III. The Significance of the Blood!

- A. Hebrews 9:22 "Without the shedding of blood, no remission
- B. Acts 20:28
  1. Who's Blood was it?
  2. All blood line comes from the father
  3. God was the Father of Christ
  4. Therefore, it is called "Precious Blood."
    - a. WHY? It was the very blood of God!
- C. Entire Tabernacle "rested on" the Blood! PICTRUES the atonement made by Christ)

## THE BOARDS

### Characteristics of the Local Church

Exodus 26:15-30

## I. The Cutting of the Boards

- A. The tree is symbolic of humanity.
- B. Picture: Humanity of Jesus Christ – **Identifies us with him** (Isaiah 53:2) – root out of...
- C. Picture: Humanity of man.
  1. Psalms 1:1 – "like a tree..."
  2. A "cut down" tree pictures "fallen man."
  3. A "cut and remade" tree pictures "saved man." (II Corinthians 5:17).

## II. The Covering of the Boards

- A. Covered with Gold! – Speaks of Glory and Deity
    1. Us, covered with gold pictures "Redeemed Man" **showing the glory of God.**
      - a. We receive a "gold" covering when we trust in Christ Blood (Glory)
      - b. Trophy of Grace (Ephesians 1:12)
        - In God's "Trophy Case" in Heaven!
- The world should marvel as what God has done for us!**

### III. **The Configuring of the Boards** (Exodus 26:19)

- A. Set on "Two Tenons" or - (Two Feet) (Neither foot sits on dirt floor!)
  - 1. Christian cannot have one foot in Heaven and one foot in the world
  - 2. Saved man cannot serve "God and Man." (Matthew 6:24).
- B. We were cut down – now standing – **by God's power** - (Romans 14:4)
- C. Not standing on the desert floor – local church!
  - 1. No longer rooted in earth
- D. God made them stand (Romans 14:4)
  - 1. All equal height!
  - 2. All equal width!
  - 3. All equal thickness!
- E. **All fitted together – side by side – Equal in importance.**

### IV. **The Connection of the Boards** (Vs 26) (4 on outside – Vs 26 -1 on inside – Vs 28)

- A. Five bars attached the boards – all connected!
  - 1. Christianity is not a "Lone Ranger" religion.
  - 2. What if a strong wind had come and the boards were not connected?
    - a. There would have been nothing to support the individual boards.
  - 3. The Purpose of the five bars
    - a. Ephesians 2:21 – Building rightly fitted together..."The Church"
    - b. Ephesians 2:21 – A Dwelling place for God
  - 4. The Names of the five bars.
    - a. Ephesians 4:11-14
      - 1. Apostles
      - 2. Prophets
      - 3. Evangelist
      - 4. Pastors
      - 5. Teachers
  - 5. They work together to "stabilize" the entire structure!
    - a. ALL the boards are "connected" one to another!
    - b. I Corinthians Chapter 12 (Entire Chapter)  
Verse 22-26 especially

## **THE COVERINGS OF THE TABERNACLE**

### I. **The Coverings are seen from the Inside**

- A. First Covering – Contained four colors (White – Blue – Purple – Scarlet) (Vs 26:1)
  - 1. White – Fine Linen -
    - a. Stands for Purity
    - b. Revelation 19:8 "...clean and white...is the righteousness of the saints.
    - c. **Christ our Sin bearer**
  - 2. Blue – Heavenly
    - a. **Christ's Son-ship**
  - 3. Purple – Royalty
    - a. **Christ our Sovereign**
  - 4. Scarlet – (Means red – Adam met Ruddy and red)
    - a. Speaks of the blood

**b. Christ our Sacrifice**

**5. Pictured in New Testament**

- a. Matthew – King of Jews – Purple
- b. Mark – Suffering Servant – Scarlet
- c. Luke – Virgin Born Son of God – White
- d. John – Lord of Heaven – Blue

**6. Cherubims – Holiness of God**

**7. All of this beauty is hid from the outside –**

**a. The eye of the natural man!**

- a. Isaiah 53: 1-5

**B. Second Covering – Goat's Hair – Black (Exodus 26:7)**

- 1. Lev 16:15-19 – "Day of Atonement"
- 2. Two goats were selected
  - a. One was killed – Blood shed
  - b. One had all the sins of the people transferred to him – and sent away!
- 3. Picture of Christ
  - a. He bore our sins
  - b. Sent out sins away \_ far as East is from the West!
- 4. Second covering is "**Christ our Sin bearer**"

**C. Third Covering – Red (Exodus 26:14)**

- 1. Dyed Red – Blood of Atonement
- 2. **Christ our Sacrifice**
- 3. **COVERS THE BLACK – PICTURING OUR SINS ARE COVERED.**

**D. Fourth Covering – Badger Skin (Exodus 26:14)**

- 1. Badger Skin – Natural color – brown – dark – rough
- 2. Not beauty can be seen from outside (Isaiah 53:1-5)
- 3. **Christ our "suffering Servant."**



**THE TABERNACLE #3**  
**THE BRASEN ALTAR – PART #1**  
**Exodus 27:1-8**

**Intro: I.** There were seven pieces of furniture in the Outer-court and Tabernacle  
We will study the seven pieces of furniture over the next seven weeks  
A. The first piece, as you enter the outer-court was the Brazen Altar

**I. The Person of the Altar**

- A. The Altar is a picture of Christ – Picture of Calvary
  - 1. The Way of the Cross Leads Home
- B. Blood was shed on the Altar
  - 1. Christ shed His blood on the Cross of Calvary
  - 2. Hebrews 10:1-10 (Explain the Picture)

**II. The Pattern of the Altar (Exodus 27:1-8).**

- A. The Measurements of the Altar
  - 1. 5 Cubits long by 5 Cubits wide (5 cubits square)
    - A. "5" is the Bible number of "Grace."
  - 2. The "squares of five is = 5 X 5 = 25"
    - A. 25 is the Bible number for "Grace upon Grace."
  - 3. The height of the altar was 3 Cubits
    - A. "3" is the Bible number for Deity!
    - B. Father – Son – Holy Spirit
  - 4. The measurements together speak of "Divine Grace upon Grace!"
  - 5. The Altar was the tallest piece of furniture in the Tabernacle.
    - A. The Sacrifice was "lifted up" to be placed on the altar
    - B. Moses "lifted up" the Serpent (Numbers 21:9)
  - 6. Picture of Christ
    - A. John 12:32
    - B. John 3:14
- B. The Material of the Altar (Exodus 27:1).
  - 1. Acacia Wood – Wood is a picture of "humanity." (Psalms 1:1)
    - 1. Jesus was "A root out of dry ground." (Isaiah 53:2)
      - a. Sinless in his human nature (Hebrews 4:15 & 7:26).
    - 2. Acacia wood was indestructible! – Speaks of Christ
      - a. He withstood fire of crucifixion (John 10:18)
      - b. He withstood the decaying effect of the grave (Acts 2:31)
      - c. His body was resurrected in victory (Matthew 28:5-6)
  - 2. Wood was covered with Brass (Exodus 27:3-6).
    - 1. Brass, in Scripture, always judgment
    - 2. Pictures "Humanity" – covered with "judgment."
    - 3. Divine judgment!
  - 3. 5 X 5 = Divine Grace
  - 4. Wood + Brass – Divine Judgment

Together the picture: Mercy of God over-riding the Judgment of God)  
Mercy ALWAYS over-rides Judgment!

C. The Mounted Horns (Exodus 27:2)

1. Horns always speak of "Power."
  - a. Little horn – Anti Christ (Daniel 7:8)
  - b. Exalt the Horn – I Samuel 2:10
  - c. Christ – Revelation 5:6 (7 horns – perfect power!)
  - d. Paul said, Romans 1:16 – It is the POWER of God to salvation.
2. Mounted on the "four corners" of the Altar.
  - a. "Four" speaks of "The creative act of God."
    1. Four corners of the earth
    2. Four points of the compass
    3. Four seasons
3. The picture is that the "Gospel" is for the "four corners of the earth."
  - a. This pictures Christ's work in the New Testament
  - b. Red – Yellow – Black – White – They are precious in His sight!

**THE BRAZEN ALTAR – PART #2**

**III. The Position of the Altar** (Exodus 29:11-12)

- A. It was located at the entrance to the "outer-court." (Exodus 40:6)
- B. Was no other way to enter the Tabernacle
  1. Christ is the Door (John 10:1,7 & 9)
- C. Anyone trying to enter another way was a thief and a robber (John 10:1)
- D. A person can do a lot of good things
  1. Give – pray – serve –
  2. Worthless if you do not come in by the door! – By the Blood!
- E. Today – Many are taking the word "Blood" out of songs!

**IV The Purpose of the Altar** (Exodus 29:13-14)

- A. It is the place where a "sin offering" was made.
  1. You have a problem – I have a problem - IT IS SIN
  2. Lev. 17:11 – Without the shedding of blood – **NO REMISSION OF SIN**
- B. We that announced in the White House – and in the Congress!
  1. The problem in the United States today is a sin problem.
  2. The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9)
- C. Fire on the altar (Lev. 9:24)
  1. Came from God in the beginning
  2. Was to ever be burning – continually! (Lev. 6:12-13)

**V. The Picture from the Altar.**

- A. The Old Testament Picture
  1. Wood – Speaks of "Sinful man"
  2. Brass – Speaks of the Judgment of God covering sinful man.
  3. Blood poured at the foot of the Altar (Exodus 29:12)
    - a. Speaks of their sins being "covered."

B. The New Testament Picture

1. Wood – Speaks of the "Humanity of Jesus."
  - a. II Corinthians 5:21 "Made to be sin for us..."
2. Brass – Speaks of the judgment Christ suffered for our sins
  - a. My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?' (Matthew 27:45-46)
3. Christ poured out his blood at the foot of the cross
  - a. John 19:33-34
  - b. Hebrews 9:12-15
4. **Much is Hebrews is referring to the Tabernacle.**
5. We are "made the righteousness of God." (II Corinthians 5:21).

V. **Who Crucified Jesus?**

- A. Jews – Romans – You – Me -- - All are yes but not really
- B. God crucified Jesus – His only Son
  1. Isaiah 53:10 – It please God to bruise Him!
- C. God crucified Him because of you and me

**WE SHOULD LOVE HIM – IF FOR NO OTHER REASON  
THIS IS SUFFICIENT**

VI. **The Sacrifice that God requires from Believers** (Romans 12:1-2)

A. LIVING SACRIFICE

1. Holy
2. Acceptable to God
2. Without spot or blemish
  - a. Said 39 times of the sacrifice in Old Testament
  - b. Said of Christ in New Testament (I Peter 1:19)
  - c. Expected of believers in New Testament (II Peter 3:14)

B. Galatians 2:20

1. Nevertheless I LIVE

**WE ARE TO LIVE AND BREATHE FOR GOD'S GLORY**

**John 10:29**

## THE TABERNACLE #4

### THE LAVER

Exodus 30:17-21

**INTRO:** Israelites traveling from Egypt to Promise Land. – 40 years!

Each piece of the seven pieces of furniture speaks of some NT Truth!

Altar - Christ our sacrifice

**Laver – Our Sanctification**

Laver – "A place to wash" (Lavatory)

#### I. **The Material of the Laver** (Exodus 30:18)

A. Brass – Speaks of judgment

1. Brass/Brazen –

B. Source of this special brass

1. Exodus 38:8

2. Ladies "looking glass." - Today, ladies use mirrors. No mirrors in that day.

a. Gave them willingly – They were highly polished

James 1:23-25 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

C. A "symbol" of the Word of God – James 1:22-24

1. Mirror - Reveals our sin

2. Brass – Under judgment.

3. Water – Word washes

a. Exodus 30:18 – "thou shalt put water therein.

b. Ephesians 5:26 "...washing of the water by the Word."

c. John 15:3 "...now ye are made clean through the Word..."

D. Speaks of, "**Christ our sanctification.**"

**1. Sanctification – Not by our ideas or fancies.**

1. Hebrews 13:12 – by His blood – shed for us.

#### II. **The Location (mounting) of the Laver** (Exodus 30:18)

A. After the Altar of Sacrifice – and – Before the entrance of the Holy Place

1. The Holy Place was the place of Service (Exodus 39:1)

a. Priest HAD to go "by the Laver" before entering the Holy Place to serve.

b. Priest had to wash DAILY before serving

2. If the priest went into the Holy Place without washing – What happened?

a. Exodus 30:20 - He DIED

b. Exodus 30:21 - He DIED – Extremely IMPORTANT!

3. Christians are saved at the Cross (Altar).

a. Salvation is not the "end" but the beginning

1. Christians are EXPECTED to serve (I Corinthians 12:7, 11, 18)

b. Christians need "daily cleaning."

c. Called "progressive sanctification."

Positional, progressive, perfect

### III. The Method of using the Laver (Exodus 30:18).

#### A. Step One:

1. The Priest had to be washed all over (Exodus 29:1-4) (See vs 4)
  - a. This was only done one time each year
2. The priest had his "hand and feet" washed daily in order to serve.
  - a. If he did not wash his hands and feet – he died!

#### B. WHY? - The Priest was walking on the dirt floor – NO SHOES!

1. Tabernacle was a beautiful building – but it had no floor! (Priest walked on dirt)
2. There was no chair in the Tabernacle – No place to sit and rest
3. He handled "dirty things."
4. Before he could serve – He MUST wash!

#### C. The Picture of the New Testament believer

1. Christian come to the Cross and receive Christ.
2. They are "washed all over." – One time only
3. We live in a "dirty world."
  - a. We walk in filth every day.
  - b. We see filth every day.
4. We must wash our "hands and feet" daily.
  - a. This is the "responsibility" of the believer.
  - b. Come to the Laver and wash every day.

#### D. Example: John 13:1-10

1. We do not practice "foot washing."  
(Useless – everyone would wash their feet at home before coming!)
2. The picture – Jesus washed the disciples FEET

#### E. Following Christ example (Verse 15)

1. I forgive you
2. You forgive me
  - a. Ephesians 4:32 "...forgiving one another..."

### IV. Results of washing hands and feet. Exodus 29:4

A. If the priest washed – he ministered "life" to the people

B. If the priest did not wash – he ministered "death."

1. I would not come to this class to teach – without washing!

#### New Testament Priest and Service

1. If you and I come for service washed – we ministered "life."
2. If we do not come washed for service – we ministered death
  - a. Spiritual death:  
You preach "unwashed" the message will be like death  
You teach "unwashed" the lesson will be like death  
You sing "unwashed" the song will be like death.
3. Unwashed servants – bring death to the church.

### V. The Measurements of the Laver

A. Five of the seven pieces of furniture have measurements.

B. The Laver has no measurements – of any type!

1. No height – no depth – no diameter – no circumference!

**(Round – No Measurements – No Borders)**

**THIS ILLUSTRATES THAT**

**THE FORGIVENESS AND CLEANSING FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

**HAS NO LIMITS - NO BOUNDRIES – NO CONDITIONS!**

I John 1:9

C. Not a license to sin!

1. The Doctrine of *Antinomianism!* (See attachment)

**OUR PART**

D. Matthew 18:21, "How many times should I forgive my brother?"

1. Jesus said, "Seventy-times seven!?"

a. Ephesians 4:1-3 – longsuffering – forbearing one another in love

b. Ephesians 4:32 "kind – tender hearted – forgiving!"

**THE TABERNALE # 5**  
Exodus 25:23-30  
**THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD**

**Intro:** We continue to follow the "Pathway" to Glory!

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The Brazen Altar        | Our Sacrifice      |
| 2. The Brazen Laver        | Our Sanctification |
| 3. The Table of Shew Bread | Our Substances     |

**I. The Specifications of the Table (Exodus 25:24)**

- A. Made of:
  - 1. Wood = Humanity
  - 2. Gold = Deity
- B. Pictures the Human and the Divine Nature of Christ – **In One Body**. (GOD MAN)
- C. A Crown around the edge – Pictures His Sovereignty
  - 1. Crown around outer edge – King of King – I Timothy 6:15
- D. Staves – mounted in Golden rings (Exodus 25: 26-27)
  - 1. God is always with us. (Hebrews 13:5).
- E. The Bread – Pictures "Christ – the Living Bread" Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

**II. The Setting of the Table (Exodus 25:30)**

- A. The Picture of the bread** (Christ first pictured in Old Testament as "Manna."
  - 1. Came down from Heaven – Heavenly!
  - 2. Fell on Ground – Humility
  - 3. Round – Perfection
  - 4. White – Purity
  - 5. Substance for people – Life giver Manna had all the nutrients they needed  
Pictured Christ in Humiliation – Life Giving
- B. The Preparation of the Bread – Both the Table and the Bread picture Christ.**
  - 1. Setting of the table (Had legs) Lifted up! – Pictures Christ in His Glory – Life Sustaining
    - a. John 6:35, 48, 51 – Jesus was referring to the bread in the Tabernacle!
    - b. First reference to "Jesus" being bread
  - 2. Christ pictured in the preparation of the bread as given in - (Lev 24:5-9)
    - a. Crush it - Flour made from wheat – (Isaiah 53:5) (Wounded – Bruised)
    - b. Sifted it – John 8:64 – Jesus sifted - Which of you convinceth me of sin?  
Luke 23:4 I find no fault in him  
Math 27:4 innocent blood  
Luke 23:47 he gave up the ghost  
Heb 7:26 high priest that is holy, harmless, and undefiled  
Math 17:5 my beloved son in whom I am well pleased
    - c. Baked it - Put in oven – Suffered the fire of God's wrath.
      - 1. Suffered the fire of God's wrath – (Isaiah 53:5-11)
  - 3. Frankincense added
    - a. Extremely expensive and rare

b. Matthew 2:11 – Gift from Wise Men – listed with Gold!

**C. The Portions of the Bread (Lev 24:5)**

1. 12 loaves

a. Spoke of the 12 tribes of Israel – encamped round-about.

b. Enough Bread for ALL MY PEOPLE – All invited!

c. Israel in Old Testament – Church in the New Testament

3. Today - Every New Testament Believe is a "Royal Priest" (I Peter 2:9)

a. PRIVILEGE above all privileges

**D. The Partaking of the Bread (Lev. 24:9)**

1. Aaron and his sons – Priest

a. Eaten on the "Sabbath Day." – HOLY DAY

b. Eaten in the HOLY PLACE.

2. Christians – Royal Priest Hood (I Peter 2:9)

a. Available to us EVERY DAY

1. Every Day is a HOLY DAY for Christians

2. Special Day – Bread was replaced "fresh" every seven days!

Every seven days the priest were to receive "fresh" bread.

Christians to meet together on the Lord's Day (7 days)

Forsaking – Not to leave behind for something else!

Assembling – Together (Same Greek word) - Complete collection!

Hebrews 4:8-12! "labor to enter in to "that day"

**III. The Satisfaction of the Bread**

**A. Food to Sustain Us**

1. We MUST eat physical food – or we grow weak and die.

2. We MUST eat spiritual food – or we grow weak and die.

a. How do we "eat His flesh?"

John 6:63 – "The words that I speak unto you....life"

b. Rebuked Satan in wilderness....

Matthew 4:3-4 "Man shall not live by bread ALONE

But by EVERY WORD.....

c. Psalm 119:105: They Word is a lamp unto my feet –light unto my path.....

**B. Fellowship to Entertain us! (Acts 2:42)**

1. Not talking about worldly entertainment! – but, Christian entertainment.

a. Iron sharpeth Iron (Proverbs 27:17)

b. Two are better than one (Eccl 4:9)

c. Where two or three are gathered – I am in the midst. (Matt 18:20)

2. Revelation 3:20- Fellowship pictured

**a. He sups with us**

**b. We sup with Him!**

**C. Fullness to Maintain us (Lev 24:8) (Exodus 25:30 – ALWAYS)**

1. Continually....being taken.

Table NEVER left empty

2. Can never exhaust the Word of God

Always food for you and me!



- a. Romans 11:33 – O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
- b. Ephesians 3:17 - 18 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

**Application:** All of this is for Saved People ONLY!

Prodigal son and the Pig

Pig might go to the father's house (Church)

But won't stay long – Pig does not like the clean sheets – type of food

Pigs prefer the "worldly entertainment."

## THE TABERNACLE #6

Exodus 25:31

### THE LAMPSTAND (CANDLESTICK)

**Intro:** Seven pieces of furniture – Arranged in a Particular Order

They lead us to Salvation – Satisfaction – Glory

Pictures of: Christ – Salvation – Humanity – N. T. Church

#### EXPLANATION OF THE WORD CANDLESTICK

A. In Bible days, the word "Candlestick" was not the same as our modern day understanding.

B. The word "Candlestick" is not a bad translation – but a difference in understanding

C. The only source of light that Eastern people had in those days was called "Candlestick."

1. They used a small little clay pot to hold oil which they lite and it gave light

2. They set the small pot on a 3-legged tripod, which was called a Candlestick.

3. Matthew 5:15 "...put on a "Candlestick."

4. Luke 8:16 – Mark 4:21 "...ON A CANDLESTICK...

D. Today: It is obvious that our English word is better understood as a "Lampstand."

E. At no time or place in Scripture is a candle used in worship!

1. Some religions use candles today in worship

a. That is absolute erroneous!!

2. Today, "We are to still follow the pattern which God showed us in His Word.

3. We are not free to change God plans for worship, service, or anything we do.

#### I. **Lessons Concerning the Savior** (Exodus 25:31)

A. He is the LIGHT of the world (John 1:4) (John 1:9)

1. Lampstand gives light – (John 9:5) "I am the light of the world."

2. The Holy Place had no windows

a. Three types of Light:

1. Natural light – excluded from the tabernacle

a. Carnal man desires natural light (I Cor. 2:14)

2. Holy Spirit light

a. Saved people should desire this light (Eph 5:18)

3. Shekinah Glory Light – (Exodus 40:34) –

a. (Rev. 22:5) **GOD is the light....**

b. A "fourth light" has come into the church in the last few years.

1. Artificial: Created by Humans - Worldly light

2. Churches are using all type of "worldly" light to attract people

a. Whatever you get them with –

b. You have to "keep giving" them – in order to keep them.

c. Example: Entertainment!

b. Must come inside to receive light

c. Darkness has only ONE enemy – Super-Natural light – HOLY SPIRIT LIGHT

B. He is the LIFE of the world – (Exodus 25:31).

**1. Lights the world – light was the life** John 1:4

1. Just a branch - Rod – Buds – flowers - pictures LIFE!

a. Lampstand: Buds – Flowers – "Almonds"

b. Almonds – Speaks of Resurrection – Pictures LIFE. (Numbers 17:8)

**THE TABERNACLE #7**  
**Exodus 25:31**  
**THE LAMPSTAND (CANDLESTICK)**  
**Part II**

**I. Pictures of the New Testament Christians (Exodus 25:32) – Pictures Believers – Saints)**

**A. The Design of the Candlestick**

1. Bowls – Shape of Almonds (Exodus 37:19)
  - a. Speaks of Resurrection (Numbers 17:8)
2. Flowers – Lilies (Song of Solomon 2:1) "The Lily of the Valley"
  - a. Tender – Hebrews 7:26
3. Knobs – Pomegranates – Fruitfulness
  - a. On hem of Priest garment.

**B. The center shaft – picture of Christ – the Vine (John 15:1-5).**

1. "Four" bowls, flowers, knobs: The number of "Creation or Beginning"

**C. Three branches on each side = 3 X 3 = 6 (The number of man)**

1. "Three" bowls, flowers, knobs: Number of Deity (Explained later)

**D. (One + Six = Seven)**

1. The number of completion and Perfection.

**THE CANDLESTICK GAVE LIGHT**

**F. Jesus Said: "I AM THE LIGHT." (John 9:5)**

1. "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14)
  - a. **ONLY way to produce light is "with the Oil of the Holy Spirit."** (Eph. 5:18)
  - b. **ABIDING IN HIM – ONLY WAY TO** (John 15:4 & 5)
    1. Have Life
    2. Have Light
    3. Bear Fruit
      - a. Not by our own abilities or worldly programs
      - b. By "abiding" – ONLY - by abiding!
2. John 15:16 – Ordained to bear fruit!
3. Psalms 126:6 – Go forth – bearing precious seed. – shall DOUBTLESS
  - a. How? By continually abiding in Him (Developed later.....)

**THE SIX BRANCHES PICTURE TWO THINGS**

**A. Side by side with Christ – (Romans 8:17)**

- a. Heirs – Heirs of God – Joint Heirs with Christ
- b. Eph. 5:25 – Christ gave himself for the church
- c. Eph. 5:30 – We are members of his body.
- d. II Peter 1:4 – Partakers of His divine nature!
- e. Col. 1:18 - He ALWAYS has the pre-eminence!

**B. No branches come out of the front**

- a. No Christian should ever try to "take the credit" for things done.
  1. PICTURED IN "NO WOOD" IN THE LAMPSTAND.

- b. No Christian should desire "the lime-light"
- c. If that happens – **you know that that Christian is proud and carnal!**
  - 1. Luke 14:11 – "... shall be abased"

**THE TABERNACLE #8**  
Exodus 25  
**THE LAMPSTAND (CANDLESTICK**  
**Part III**

**IV. Lessons Concerning the Holy Spirit (Remember – no candles)**

- A. Exodus 27:20-21 – Lampstand used nothing but "Pure Olive Oil!"
  - 1. Holy anointing oil (Exodus 30:23-38) – (Exod. 37:29) - (Leviticus 24:2)
    - a. Lev 8:12 - Used in Old Testament to anoint the priest (Exodus 37:29)
    - b. Luke 4:18 - Picture of the Holy Spirit anointing Christians in the NT (Acts 10:38)
- B. Jesus, when he came to earth was "The God/Man." (Phil 2:5-6)
  - 1. He came to earth and was "made flesh." (John 1:14)
  - 2. He took on the form of a man (Phil. 2:7-8)
    - a. Form of a servant
    - b. Likeness of man
    - c. Fashioned as a man
    - d. Obedient unto death (He died – as a man)
- C. Jesus, AS A MAN, gave us a pattern and instructed us to follow the pattern
  - 1. Matthew 16:24 – "follow me...."
  - 2. I Cor. 11:1 – Paul acknowledged this truth
  - 3. Phil 2:5, "...have this mind in you..."
  - 4. Romans 8:29 "Be conformed to the image of his Son..."
- D. We are never told to be "like God."
  - 1. We would have had no pattern to follow
  - 2. You and I cannot be like God!
  - 3. God is so Holy that man cannot look on Him and live!
- E. Jesus, when he came to earth, as a man, did all he did in the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - 1. He was tempted "in his flesh" as a man - (Hebrews 4:14-15)
    - a. God cannot be tempted (James 1:13!)

**JESUS DID ALL THAT HE DID BY THE ANNOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

- A. Watch!!! Holy Spirit energized Jesus
  - 1. Luke 1:35 – Holy Spirit Bequeathed Jesus
  - 2. Acts 10:38 - God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit with power
  - 3. Luke 3:21-22 – Holy Ghost descended on him...
  - 4. Luke 4:1 – Full of Holy Spirit – Led by Holy Spirit
  - 5. Luke 4:14 – Returned to Galilee with Power.
    - a. Had defeated Satan in the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (4:1-4:13)
  - 6. Luke 4:18 – Jesus preached in the power of the spirit.
    - a. God anointed him to preach!
  - 7. Matthew 12:22-28 - Jesus cast out devils by the Holy Spirit
  - 8. Hebrew 9:14 – Offer Himself, through blood, by the Holy Spirit

9. Romans 8:11 – Holy Spirit raised up Christ from the dead!
10. Isaiah 11:2 – Prophesied in the Old Testament
11. ALL that Jesus did in His earthly ministry was done by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. SHOWS US that we can do everything He did! – In the power of the Holy Spirit!

***"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14: 12)***

***"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:16-17)***

- A. This clearly teaches us that - the only thing we need in order to do the work of Christ is
  - a. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!
  - b. Zec. 4:6 "Not by might, nor by power – but by my Spirit saith the LORD.
- B. Jesus depended on the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - a. **He made that same power available to us!**

### **THE BEAUTY OF THE LAMPSTAND**

- A. It was the most beautiful of all the pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle.
  1. Beauty is not enough!
  2. The ONLY purpose of the Lampstand was not beauty.
    - a. Purpose was TO GIVE LIGHT
- B. A church can have a beautiful service
  1. The church can have a beautiful service without the power and light of the Holy Spirit!
  2. The church MUST have the "oil burning" to give light.
- C. The Lampstand gave light "in" the Holy Place
  1. Christians should be concerned about their light "in" the church
    - a. Their light "before" God – (Exodus 40:25)
    - b. Their light "before" each other
  2. If a Christian is "right inside the church" – he/she will radiate light outside the church.
- D. **Light is not the result of a beautiful lampstand**
  1. Light is the result of the Candlestick being "filled with oil" (Eph. 5:18)
- E. The Lampstand was lighted "BEFORE the Lord."
  1. Oil was added EVERY morning and EVER evening (Exod. 27:20-21 & Lev. 24:3)
    - a. World knew they had been with Jesus – they saw light (Acts 4:13)
  2. MOSES: His face shined (Exodus 34:29-35) – Because he "met with God."
    - A. He did not realize it – but the people saw it!

### **THE TONGS AND THE STUFFDISHES**

The tongs and snuff dishes used in trimming the lampstand are a picture of the cleansing of believers. Daily, the priest removed any dead material from the wick that might prevent the light from

shining brightly. Christians are the "wick of God," using the "oil" of the Holy Spirit to give light. When the light is shining brightly, the sick is not seen, but if the light dims or goes out, the black charred wick is noticed. If our "wick" is defective, the oil of the Holy Spirit is unable to flow through us, causing the light of Christ to "flicker and then die." Christians must be continually "trimmed." That is done either by "self-examination" (I Cor. 11:31) or by "chastening" by the Lord (Hebrew 12:5-11). When unconfessed sin remains in our lives, "we grieve the Holy Spirit" (Eph. 4:30-31)

The priest then placed the used portions of wick into a "snuff dish" and carried them out of the Tabernacle and disposal of it. The Lord disposes of our purged sins far away from His holy presence (Psalms 103:12). When we burn brightly, "we are not seen." but His glory shines through us.

**THE TABERNACLE #9**  
**Exodus 30-1-10**  
**THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE**

**I. A Picture of Prayer – To Offer Incense**

A. What is Incense?

1. Incense is a type of perfume – Sweet smelling

B. Incense is a symbol of prayer – (Psalms 141:2 – Revelation 8:3-5).

1. Both text are references to the Tabernacle

C. Speaks of Jesus Christ – Our Supplication!

**THIS IS NOT THE IMAGINATION OF SOME PREACHERS MIND!**

**God gave this to us as a pattern for us to follow**

A. Hebrews 7:23-27 "He ever liveth for make intercession for us."

1. His "Finished Work" was done at the Brazen Altar (Christ our Sacrifice)

2. His "Unfinished Work" done at the Golden Altar (Christ our Supplication)

B. Hebrews 8:1-5

1. Old Testament High Priest – Picture of Jesus

2. Christ work is done in the "true" Tabernacle in Heaven (Not in Moses')

a. Example (Verse 5)

b. Shadow (Verse 5)

3. Moses built "his" Tabernacle form pattern God showed him from Heaven.

C. Hebrews 7:25 Picture of Christ offering Incense "to the Father."

D. Hebrew 9:24 – Done in Holy Place – NOT MADE WITH HANDS!

1. Done in the Tabernacle in Heaven

F. Why did He do that?

1. To appear for us

2. To offer prayers for us

E. When the Old Testament Priest entered The Holy Place it was a picture of "Things to Come."

**II. A Picture of Eternal Security (Hebrews 7:25)**

A. Saved to the "uttermost"

1. Save the worse sinner

2. Save the worse sinner to the very end! (Acts 1:8) – "Uttermost part...."

B. Jesus never prayed a prayer that was not heard and answered?

1. John 11:42 – "I knew that thou always hearest me...."

2. Jesus Always got His prayer answered

C. Jesus prayed for His disciples

1. John 17:9 – Jesus prayed for His disciples

a. He was not praying for the people of the world (John 17:9)

**2. He was praying for believers**

b. Verse 11 – Keep them

c. Verse 12 – I kept them and have lost NONE

d. Verse 13 "have joy (No security – No joy)



- e. Verse 15 "keep them from evil" (Literally – the Evil one)
- 3. What about believers today – You and me?
  - a. Verse 20-24 "not for them alone – all who will believe through them."
- D. All of this is speaking of "Christ's Supplication."

### III. A Picture of the Power of Prayer

- 1. Eccl 4:12 – A Three-fold cord is hard to be broken
  - a. You are praying
  - b. Jesus is praying with you (Hebrews 7:25)
  - c. Holy Spirit is making Intercession (Romans 8:26).

### IV. A Picture of the Importance of the Altar. The Dimensions of the Altar – (Exodus 30:2).

- A. The smallest Piece of furniture
  - 1. Not heard for our much speaking
- B. The tallest piece of furniture
  - 1. Closest to Heaven when on our knees
    - a. Closest to the "Meeting Place with God" (More Later in Lesson)

### V. A Picture of the Mediator - The Materials of the Altar (Exodus 30:1).

- A. Wood and Gold
  - 1. The "God Man." (All God – All Man)
- B. (I Timothy 2:5) Pictures Christ as THE "Mediator between God and Man.
- C. (Job (9:1 & 32-33) – Illustrated!
  - 1. A Daysman – (Greek - Yakach)
    - a. One who argues a case
    - b. One who settles a dispute
    - c. One who pleads a case

A MEDIATOR!

### ILLUSTRATION OF A "DAYSMAN – MEDIATOR"

**There was a disagreement between a King and a Beggar.** They could not settle the disagreement, so they sought for a "mediator." The King choose another King to be mediator. The beggar said, Oh no! You two kings will always stick together and rule against me as a beggar. The Beggar then choose another beggar to be mediator! The King said, "Oh no! You two beggars will stick together and rule against me as a King. They decided, "We need a "Daysman" one to argue and plead the case, one who can "Lay His hand on us both!" *(One who understands God's Holiness –yet, at the same time – understands our flesh). No one can be a mediator if they do not understand "both sides" of a dispute.*

- 2. Jesus Christ was: All King – All beggar – Therefore, He ***Understands both sides!***
- 3. The Golden Altar speaks of Christ's Humanity and Christ's Deity
- 4. Jesus Christ, "The God-Man" can "lay his hand on us both!" Amen!
- 5. Clearly stated in I Timothy 2:5

*"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, **the man** (Anthropos – human being) **Christ Jesus** (Deity)"* NOTICE: It does not say, "the God" Christ Jesus. We could not have identified with him if he had not been "the man" as we are.

**VI. A Picture of Power -The Horns**

1. Luke 1:68: "Horn of Salvation"
2. Romans 1:16: "Power of God unto salvation!"
  - a. Four Horns – speaks also of the four corners of the earth
    1. We should pray for the Gospel being preached to "the uttermost part." (Acts 1:8)
3. Golden staves speak of the Altar being portable.
  - a. It was to be carried everywhere they went.
  - b. God is EVER PRESENT with us
  - c. You can pray at work – at home – on vacation – ANYWHERE – ANYTIME

**VII. A Picture of the believer "Approaching the Presence of God."**

- A. Immediately before the veil – (Exodus 30:6)
  1. Keep in mind – There is no veil between us and God today (LATER LESSON)
- B. Immediately behind the veil is the Ark and Mercy Seat
  1. God said "And **THERE** will I meet with thee." (Exodus 25:22)
    - a. Not just, "And will I meet with thee." – "and **THERE** will I meet with thee!"  
Jer. 18:1 – "...cause you to hear my word **THERE**  
I Kings 17:4 & 9 "... Commanded the ravens to feed the **THERE**  
"...Commanded a widow woman **THERE** to sustain
  - b. You can read these verses and leave out "**THERE**" – still grammatically correct
- C. We cannot not meet with God unless we come
  1. By the Brazen Altar Christ our Sacrifice (Heb. 10:12)
    - a. Ye must be born again .....(John 3:3)
  2. By the Brazen Laver Christ our Sanctification (John 17:17)
    - a. Be clean in heart .....(Psalms 66:18)
  3. By the Lampstand Christ our Sight (Eph. 5:18)
    - a. Led by the Spirit of God ....(James 4:3)
  4. By the Table of Shew Bread Christ our Substance (Luke 4:4)
    - a. By Faith .....(Rom 10:17 – James 1:6)
  5. By the Golden Altar Christ our Supplication (I Thess. 5:17)
    - a. Through Christ's .....(Hebrews 10:19)
  6. Then we can boldly "enter into the "Most Holy Place" and meet with God
- D. A person of the world – lost - CANNOT walk in and talk with God
  1. Apart from coming as a sinner to be saved.
- E. A Christian with "sin in their life" cannot walk in and talk with God
  1. If we go to God in prayer and have known sin in our heart - it is an abomination  
a. (Isaiah 1:13 & Isaiah 66:3)

**VII. A Picture of HOW we are to Pray, HOW we are to Worship, HOW we are to Serve.**  
(Exodus 30:9-10)

- A. Instructions for making the oil (Exodus 30:34-36)

1. WARNED: Not "add or change" ANYTHING just because you think it might help.  
(Vs 30:37)
2. WARNED: Not to create or design it to PLEASE OURSELVES (Exodus 30:37)

### **WARNINGS!**

**A. WE ARE WARNED:** We are not to create a "type of service or worship" for the "pleasure of man" or, one "that appeals "to the nature of the flesh or the sensuous side of man." Our service and worship is "holy unto the Lord." **For example:** We are not to use music that appeals to the natural man. We are not to "change or add anything" to worship that appeals to the "flesh or the natural part of man." If we ATTRACT people with the "things of the world" we have to keep giving them the "things of the world" or they will leave! **Our prayers, our service, and our worship are to be, "Spiritual and not sensuous."**

In the New Testament, Believers and Churches are to "Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ" as the power of God unto salvation and not depend on human wisdom! (I Corinthians 1:18-31)

**B. WE ARE WARNED:** Not to "create or add" anything to the Gospel of the Work of God in order to "create excitement" of the flesh in a world way.

1. We are not to add "strange fire." (Lev. 10:1 & Numbers 26:61)
  - a. The fire on the "Golden Altar" - came from the "Brazen Altar."
  - b. That is the ONLY type of fire permitted at the Golden Altar came from the Brazen Altar!
2. Our fire is to be burning continually (Lev. 6:13)
  - a. To be perpetually burning
  - b. Pray without ceasing (I Thess. 5:17)

WE ARE INSTRUCTED, BY GOD, TO FOLLOW THE PATTERN  
THIS IS TRUE OF "...ALL THE INSTRUMENTS..."  
EXODUS 25:9

## THE TABERNACLE #10

### THE VAIL

Exodus 26:31-34

**Intro:** A. Old Testament is a Picture of New Testament Truth - "God's Picture Book"  
Sometimes we have to study and search – like finding a piece in a puzzle

#### I. A Picture or Type of Christ's Body.

- A. Hebrews 10:19 -26 - Old Test Priest – Entered once a year
  - 1. No Israelite was allowed in the Holy of Holies – Result would be death.
- B. Today, we have BOLDNESS to enter THROUGH THE VAIL (Hebrews 4:16)
- C. The Vail in the Tabernacle "Hid the Glory of God."
  - 1. Divine glory of God was hidden during Christ earthly ministry.
    - a. John 1:1, 14 & 18
    - b. Phil 2:6 & 7 "Equal with God – Took on the form of a man!"
    - c. Matthew 17:2 - Revealed it to 3 disciples
  - 2. Divine glory of God has never ceased – just hidden!

#### II. A Picture of Salvation by Grace – Not by the works of the law!

- A. Hebrews 9:8-12
- B. Priest most likely repaired the vail
  - 1. Results in "*Galatianism!*" – Trying to put saints back under the law!
    - a. Another Gospel – "Anathema"

#### III. The Pattern of the Vail (Vs 31)

- A. The colors of the vail
  - 1. Blue – Heaven      Son of God
    - a. John 3:13, 31; 8:23; Acts 1:11
  - 2. Purple – King      Sovereignty Son of God
    - a. Line of David (Luke 1:32)
    - b. Born a King (Matthew 2:2)
    - c. Mocked as a King (Matthew 27:29)
    - d. Declared to be King (Matthew 27:37)
    - e. Coming back as King (Revelation 19:16)
    - f. Rule as King (Luke 1:33)
  - 3. Scarlet – Blood      Suffering Son of God      Heb. 9:22
    - a. Pictures the blood of Christ: - Romans 5:9
  - 4. White – Pure      Sinless Son of God      Rev 19:8
    - a. "...without spot of blemish..." – (I Peter 1:19)
    - b. Picture of saints – symbolizing purity (Rev 19:7-8)

#### B. The Four-Gospel Explain these colors

- |           |         |                                   |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Blue   | John    | Speaks of Deity                   |
| 2. Purple | Matthew | Speaks of Jesus as King of King   |
| 3. Red    | Mark    | Speaks of the Suffering of Christ |

4. White          Luke          Speaks of the Virgin Born, Sinless and Purity

C. Be careful what you do and how you handle Christ!

1. Receive or Reject

D. The Four Pillars (Vs 32) – Support the Vail – Four Gospels Explain Christ

E. The Cherubims (Verse 31)

1. They are to guard the Holiness of God (Isaiah 6:3)

2. First Mention in Genesis 3:24

a. POWERFUL and STRONG creatures

#### **IV      The Position of the Vail (Verse 33)**

A. It is a divider (Vs 33)

1. Divides between sinful man and a Holy God

a. Vail was NOT to "admit" access to God

b. Vail was to "prevent" access to God

c. Said: STAY OUT – You are not worthy to meet with God

2. Meant SUDDEN DEATH to any Israelite who entered

a. We are not saved "by His life" so we are unworthy to come in to God

b. We are saved "by His death" and declared worthy to have access

#### **V.      The Parting on the Vail - (Matthew 27:50-51)**

A. "Torn from top to bottom" (60' long – 4" Thick – 15' High)

1. Work of God

a. Man would have torn it from bottom to top

B. Picture of Christ's death on the cross

1. Renting of Vail was at time of Christ death (3:00 PM – Math 27:45 & 51)

1. ONLY WAY WE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO GOD IN PRAYER (Heb. 9:12)

2. Our HIGH PRIEST made the way – Hebrews 4:14-16

#### **VI.    The Plan and The Privilege of Prayer (Hebrews 10:22-25)**

1. Exhorted to exercise a "fourfold" commitment to the Lord.

a. Cleansed - Draw Near (Num. 18:22) – True Heart (Heb. 10:22)

1. Washed with pure water

b. Testimony to World "Hold fast the Profession of faith (Heb. 10:23)

1. The world should never see us wavering in our faith.

c. Provoke others to love and good works (Heb. 10:24)

1. ALWAYS caring and concerned for the welfare of our fellow Christians

d. Not to forsake scheduled assembling (Heb. 10:25) "Leave behind for some other place."

1. Used twice: Here and Hebrews 13:5!

2. God does not "forsake" us like some Christians "forsake" Him!

### **THREE GREAT AND RICH TRUTHS**

#### **I.      Hebrews 9:23 "in the Heavens .... for us"**

A. Three Appearances

1. Continuous Appearance – Verse 24 - (Christ's Continuing Work)
  - a. He ever liveth to make intercession for us!
2. Complete Appearance – Verse 26 – (Christ's Completed Work)
  - a. He died ONCE (Hebrew 10:10 – ONCE FOR ALL)
3. Crowning Appearance – Verse 26 – (Christ Crowning Work) (Verse 28)  
**One is Past                      One is Present                      One is Future**

What A Day That Will Be!

## THE TABERNTCALE # 11

Exodus 25:10

### THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

#### Intro: THE HISTORY OF THE ARK

The Tabernacle was started about 1490 BC	(Exodus 25:1-9)
The Ark was moved to Solomon's Temple about 500 BC	(I Kings 6:19)
The Ark led Israel through the Jordan	(Joshua 6)
The Ark circled the city of Jericho	(Joshua 9)
The Ark was set up at Shiloh	(Joshua 18)
The Ark was taken by Captive by the Philistines	(I Samuel 4)
The Ark was recovered by David – Placed in Solomon's Temple	(I Samuel 5-6)
The Ark was lost when Babylon destroyed Jerusalem - 587 BC	(II Kings 24)

#### I. The Commencement of the Tabernacle

- A. When we are going to build a house – we plan and build the entire house
  - 1. Then we go and find furniture "that looks good in the house."
- B. God built a house – He designed the "heart" of the Tabernacle before He built the house!
  - 1. Exodus 25:8: God said, *"Let them build ME a sanctuary."*
    - Verse 10 – *"...and they shall make an ark."* (Place of safe keeping)
  - 2. The "Ark" was the "heart of the Sanctuary/Tabernacle."
    - a. Man/Flesh always wants to begin with the "outside" (Turn over a new leaf)
    - b. God's ALWAYS begins His work with the "Heart."
  - 3. The Heart is the "Center-Piece" of man - Everything centers in and around the Heart
    - a. Matthew 15:18 "...they defile man...."
    - b. Luke 6:45 "...out of the heart...."
- B. In Scripture - ALL things begin with "God."
  - 1. John 6:44 - God reaches out to man – not man to God
    - a. John 12:32 – "...will draw ALL men unto me...." (If I be lifted up)
  - 2. Romans 5:8 – Christ died for us "while we were yet sinners."
- C. A Building/Tabernacle with "no heart" – Is like a body with no soul or spirit.
  - 1. Herod's Temple in the New Testament is an example: **(See Attachment)**
    - a. It had no ark
    - b. It was beautiful and it "looked good" but had only a "religious system."
    - c. It was that "Religion system" that crucified the Lord Jesus.
    - d. Religion, without Christ, always, in the end, beings forth death

#### Intro: The Ark

- Ark: "A place of Safe Keeping"
  - Noah's Ark – Safe from the storm of judgment (Genesis 6:14)
  - Moses' Ark – Moses was placed in "an ark." to save his life (Exodus 2:3)
  - Ark of Covenant – Place to keep the testimony of God safe

#### I. The Construction of the Ark (Exodus 25:10)

- A. Materials

1. Wood – Humanity – He understands all we go through
  - a. Shittim (Acacia) Wood
  - b. It was a very hard and indestructible wood
  - c. Grew plentifully in the Sinai Desert!
    1. Jesus Christ was a "root out of dry ground" (Isaiah 53:2)
  - d. Grew locally – Common to Israelite – totally familiar with Shittim
    1. If God had said, Cedar wood, they would have had to travel to Lebanon
    2. If God had said, Oak wood, they would have had to Travel to Palestine
      - a. They could not have identified with those.
      - b. We could not identify with Jesus Christ .....
  - e. If Jesus had come as an Angel – an Archangel – as a mystical being  
MEN COULD NOT HAVE IDENTIFIED WITH HIM
  - f. Took on "the form of a man." (John 1:14 – Philippians 2:7)
    1. He knows our weakness – our temptation – knew all about us.
      - a. He understands our Tiredness – weakness – hungry – thirst –
      - b. He understands we have only natural abilities –
      - c. Jesus did not "walk through walks" until after his resurrected!

- Examples:
1. John 4:7-13 -Spoke of Living water (Deity)
    - a. He was sitting by a well – said, "Give me to drink." (man)
  2. Mark 4:35-41 -Bid waves to be still (Deity)
    - a. He was tired and asleep in the ship before they call (man)

## B. Gold – Deity

## C. Crown – King of Kings

- a. Came from the line of King David (Luke 1:32)
- b. Born a King (Matthew 2:2)
- c. Mocked by unbelievers as a King (Matthew 27:29)
- d. Declared to be King by Pilate (Matthew 27:37)
- e. Coming back as King (Revelation 19:16)
- f. Rule as King (Luke 1:33)

## D. The Staves!

1. God gave instructions how to move the Ark (Numbers 4:15 – Numbers 7:9)
2. Philistines used a "worldly way" – a new cart (I Samuel 6:7-8)
3. David – a believer – copied the world - (I Sam 6:7-8).
4. God struck Uzzah dead for touching the Ark (II Samuel 6:6-7)
- 5. Christians, or the church, are not to "touch God's ways"**

## E. GOD'S WAYS ARE "NON-NEGOTIABLE!"

1. I Timothy 2:5

***"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"***

Christ went before a "Holy God" who was "all God and no part man," and, "as a pure, sinless man" was our mediator, and, He presented His blood, (Hebrews 9:12) and "settled our debt."



Romans 3:24-26

*"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God: To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: (sinless) that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."*

THE ARK IS A CLEAR, PURE PICTURE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **THE TABERNACLE #12a**

Exodus 25:16 & Hebrews 9:4

### **THE CONTENTS OF THE ARK PART TWO**

#### **THE PROVISIONS IN THE ARK**

##### **I. The Golden Pot of Manna – CHRIST OUR RESOURCE**

A. The Manna was a "perpetual" daily supply for Israel – God's people (Exodus 16:14-20)

1. Pictures God's faithfulness and ability to supply our daily needs. (Ex 16:4 & 16:16-20)

a. God promise was "daily bread" - for 40 years if necessary!

b. (Matthew 6:11) "Give us this day our daily bread (Luke 11:3)

1. Phil. 4:19

##### **II. Aaron's Rod that Budded – CHRIST OUR REDEEMER**

A. People rebelled against Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16:41-50)

1. God Instructed Moses what to do.

a. Take a rod of each tribe (Numbers 17:1-12)

b. Aaron's Rod budded – blossomed – bore fruit (Numbers 17:8)

B. Picture of Christ resurrection

1. Isaiah 53:2                      Root out of dry ground

2. Isaiah 53:8                      It was "cut off" Just a dry stick.

3. Isaiah 53:10                      Came back to life!

D. Our Future is Secure!

1. Made secure by our High Priest (Romans 1:4)

a. DECLARED to be the Son of God – with power.

b. PROVEN by the Resurrection! (Pictured in Aaron's Rod)

E. Aaron's Rod "bore fruit." (Numbers 7:8)

1. Christ also wants us to reproduce and bear fruit. (Three ways)

a. Our Character develops and produces the "Fruit of the Spirit."  
(Galatians 5:22-23)

b. Our Conduct changes - "walk with Him" and bring glory to His Name  
(Eph. 4:17-32)

c. Our Converts will become fruit from our Witness of Christ  
(Romans 1:13-15)

##### **III. The Tablets of Covenant – CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

A. Tablets (the law) were broken – Pictures man's failure to keep God's law

1. Law Given (Exodus 19:1-8)

2. Broken Law – (Exodus 32:15-19) – Broken - BEFORE they got the written law!!!!

a. Tablets Remade (Deut. 10:1-2)

3. Man could not/cannot keep God's law – impossible

B. Jesus Christ kept the law – dotting of the "i" and crossing of the "t".

1. Matthew 5:17 – "Come to fulfill the law...."

2. Romans 10:4 – "Christ is the end of the law...."

3. Romans 8:3 – "What the law could not do...."

C. Broken law "placed UNDER the "Mercy Seat"

Blood sprinkled OVER the "Mercy Seat"

D. (Exodus 12:13) "When I see the blood I will pass over you."

E. (I Samuel 6:19) - **The lid of the ark "Mercy Seat" was never to be opened!**

**1. The Crown around the edge (The King of Kings),  
Prevented the lid from sliding off.**

F. Our sins are:

1. Under the mercy seat;

2. Covered with blood.

Exodus 12:13 – "...when I see the blood I will pass over you."

3. Never to be seen again!

**IV. The Book of the Covenant (Exodus 24:7)**

1. Placed in or beside the Ark

2. Included as a "Witness" against Israel (Deut. 31:24-27)

## THE TABERNACLE #12b

Exodus 25:16 & Hebrews 9:4

### THE CONTENTS OF THE ARK PART THREE

#### THE PREMONITIONS (WARNINGS) IN THE ARK

**Intro:** The last two weeks we have studied the items that God instructed Moses to put inside the Ark of the Covenant. Those items have three separate meaning:

**I. They are pictures of New Testament truth**

- A. Manna                      Picture of Christ, The Bread of Life
- B. Budding Rod              Picture of Christ, The Resurrection
- C. The Tablets                Picture of Christ, The Written Word being preserved.

**II. They are pictures of Christ, our Provider**

- A. God as our Resource        He provides all our need (Matthew 6:32-33)
- B. God as our Redeemer        He redeemed us – we shall never die (Rom 1:4)
- C. God as our Righteousness    He fulfilled the Law (Romans 10:4)

**III. They are pictures of Christ's warning us against His will and His Word.**

- A. In this lesson, we will look at three warnings that God gave Israel and how they also apply to you and to me today, as well as to local churches of today.

#### THREE WARNINGS TO ISRAEL

**(EACH OF THE THREE WARNINGS APPLY TO US IN THE NEW TESTAMENT)**

**I. Israel was warned not to murmur and complain                      (Exodus 16:8-20)**

- A. They murmured                      (Exodus 16:8)
- B. Showed a lack of faith in God's Word                      (Exodus 16:4-5)
  - 1. God had instructed them                      (Exodus 16:4-5)
  - 2. They disobeyed                      (Exodus 16:19-22)
- C. God did this to "prove them."                      (Exodus 16:4)

**New Testament:** God has warned us not to complain.

- 1. "...be content with such things as ye have...."                      (Hebrews 13:5)
- 2. "I have learned to be content...."                      (Phil 4:11)

**II. Israel was warned not to disobey God's Law**

- A. Declared they would obey                      (Exodus 19:34 - 8)
  - 1. The "Law" was a witness against them.                      (Deut. 31:24-27)
    - a. Broke the Law before it was given                      (Exodus Chapter 32)

**New Testament:** God has warned not to depend on the Law (John 14:15 & Luke 6:46)

**III. Israel was warned not to rebel against God's appointed leadership**

- A. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram formed a rebellion against Aaron (Numbers 16:1-3)
  - 1. Influenced 250 famous men to “join them in the rebellion.” (Vs 2)
  - 2. They rose up “against” God’s appointed leadership.
- B. Accused Moses and Aaron of exalting themselves (Vs 3)
  - 1. These men wanted to “Run the Tabernacle.” (Numbers 16:9-10)
  - 2. God vindicated Moses and Aaron – His appointed
    - a. The Ground swallowed them! (Numbers 16:28-33)
    - b. There is a “consequence” to rising up against God’s appointed.
- C. God sent proof that Aaron was “God’s Ordained” High Priest.
  - 1. “Aaron’s Rod budded.” (Numbers 17:1-12)

**New Testament:** God has warned us not to reject or rebel against His appointed leader.  
**The leader in a New Testament Local Church is the Pastor.** (Eph. 4:11)

- A. Remember them (Acknowledge them) (Hebrews 13:7)
- B. Follow them (Follow their faith) (Hebrews 13:7)
- C. Obey them! (Support their leadership) (Hebrews 13:17)
- D. Do not touch them (Do not “criticize them”) (Psalms 115:15)

## THE TABERNACLE #13

Exodus 25:17-22

### THE MERCY SEAT

<b>Intro:</b> Brazen Altar	Christ our Sacrifice
Brazen Laver	Christ our Sanctification
Table of Showbread	Christ our Sustainer
Golden Candlestick	Christ our Sight (Might)
Golden Altar of Incense	Christ our Supplication
The Vail	
The Ark of the Covenant	Christ our Sovereign
The Contents	
The Mercy Seat	Christ our Sin-bearer

#### I. The Measurements of the Mercy Seat (Verse 17) – Only one verse!

- A. The Mercy Seat is the exact size as the Ark Lev. 16:14-15  
1. The Mercy Seat **perfectly** covers all sins. Hebrews 9:7

#### II. The Material of the Mercy Seat. (Exodus 25: 17)

- A. Pure Gold!  
B. No "humanity" involved in the forgiveness of sin (No human works)  
1. There is no "confession booth" in the Holy of Holies such as you will find in the Catholic Church! (long lines)

#### III. The Mercy Seat and What it pictures

- A. The Greek and Hebrew word comparison  
1. Hebrew (Old Testament) "Kapporath" (**Verse 17**)  
2. Greek (New Testament) "Hilasterion/Hilasmos"  
**a. One is a noun and the other is a verb – Same meaning**  
B. The New Testament comparison  
1. Romans 3:25 "Propitiation" Hilasterion  
2. I John 2:2 "Propitiation" Hilasmos  
3. I John 4:10 "Propitiation" Hilasmos  
4. Hebrews 9:5-12 "Mercy Seat" Hilasgerion - - - PICTURES CHRIST  
Forgiveness of sin is by God alone! – No man can touch the work of God

#### IV. The Meanings of the Mercy Seat

- A. It is a Place of Judgment (Lev. 16:14)  
1. Sentence of Law carried out (Death)  
B. It is a place of Mercy (Hebrews 9:11-15)  
1. Redemption  
C. It is a place of Fellowship (Exodus 25:22)  
1. "...there will I meet with you."  
D. It is a place of Mercy & Grace (Hebrews 4:14-16)  
1. We find help  
E. A Place where we are Justified (Romans 3:26)

**V. The Crown “Round About” the Ark. (Exodus 25:11).**

- A. The Lid is held in place by “The King of Kings.”
- B. The Lid cannot “slide off.”
- C. Men are forbidden to “look inside” the Ark at our sins (**I Samuel 6:19**)
  - 1. Exodus 12:13: “**...when I see the blood!**”

## VI. The Cherubims (Exodus 25:18).

- A They guard the Holiness of God  
B. The Protect the Lid and the contents      Genesis 3:24

**NOTE:** There is no place to sit down in the Holy Place or the Holy of Holies!

The work of the priest is never done – one relieves the other! –

**No place for laziness – No spectators.**