

Exodus (The Way Out)

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“Tabernacle: A Blueprint for Worship”

Exodus 23:20-27:21

The Israelites had been saved out of slavery by the mighty hand of the one true God, and then given the gift of a covenant relationship with Him (Ex. 1-23:19). Through Moses on the mountain, God confirms his covenant with the people and tells them that he will lead them little by little into their new promised home (23:20-24:18). When Moses communicates this with the people, they respond with one voice, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” But God has more to say (25-27).

The Tabernacle tells us:

1. He comes and dwells with us. (Ex. 25:1-9)
(Gen. 2:8; 3:8,24; 17:7; Lev. 26:12)
 - Despite our rebellion against God, He is seeking us.
2. He determines how we worship. (Ex. 25:1-9)
(Ex. 3:18; 20:1-6; Gen. 4; Lev. 10:1-2; 1 Sam. 13:11ff; Num 16; 2 Sam 6:7; 2 Chron. 26:16; 28:3; 1 Kings 12:32-15:30; Mk. 7:9; Jn. 4; Mt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Gal. 4:9-11; Col. 2:16-23; Heb. 8-13)
 - True worship is willing worship.

3. The way we come to Him is ultimately through Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25; 8:5; 9:12; 10:12, 19-20; Rom. 3:25; Jn. 1:14; 6:35, 41, 48, 58; 8:12; 9:5; 10:9; Rev. 4:5; Eph.5:26-27)

- All promises of God are yes in Jesus Christ.

Recommended Reading: G.K. Beale; “God Dwells Among Us: Expanding Eden to the Ends of the Earth”

Growing Notes:

Pray and read Exodus 25:1-9 together.

- The tabernacle tells us that God wants to dwell with us. What does this tell us about God?
- God determines how we worship. How is knowing what to do in worship (Head doctrine) different from willingness to worship (heart commitment)?
- In what way does a person’s willingness to worship reflect a genuine relationship with God?
- In what ways have people tried to change the rules on how God is worshipped? What unbiblical rules have some people added?

What are some ways the tabernacle and its various furnishings were fulfilled in Christ and His church (ie. The tearing of the veil that separated the people from the most holy place in Mk. 15:38, Heb. 10:19-20)? How do truths like this enhance your worship?