

Exodus (The Way Out)

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“Life in God’s Presence” Exodus 40

The book of Exodus begins in slavery and ends in worship. The point of Exodus is that everyone lives for something. Anything you look to for your ultimate hope in life other than God will control your life and eventually break your heart. Not until God is the most important and central thing in your life and you are ravished by the beauty, glory, and presence of God, are you free. The climax of the story in Exodus is the tabernacle because the tabernacle is about God as the object of your ultimate worship and living life in His presence.

Exodus 40:1-2,16-17, 33c-38

Why Is the Tabernacle Significant?

- We were created to enjoy the riches of God’s Glory. (Gen2-3:1-13)
- Man’s rebellion against God is the cause of our brokenness. (Gen3:14-24)
- The tabernacle is God’s way of providing a way back into His presence. (Ex40:34-38; Ex33:18; Ps16:11; Ezek48)

Who Is the Tabernacle Pointing To?

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt (Gr. tabernacled) among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Matt26:61 This man (Jesus) said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.” He was talking about Himself!

- When Jesus says, “I am the temple,” He is not only saying that He is God but that He is the way into the very presence and glory of God. John14:6
- When Jesus died on the cross He said, “It is finished!” (John19:30) and the curtain of the temple was orn in two, from top to bottom (Matt27:51). (Ex40:33c)

Heb10:19-22 ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

How Does This Apply to us Today?

- We have access to God by grace through faith in Christ’s finished work. (Eph2:8-9)
2Cor 4:6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- Intimacy with God is an enchanted reality in a disenchanting world. (Vv34-38)
2Cor 3:17-18 ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
- This will turn us as a community of believers into a place of beauty. (1Cor3:16; 1Pet2:9; 1Cor13:4-8)

Growing Notes

- 1) What is the big idea of the book of Exodus (see intro)? What is the climax of the book of Exodus? Why do you think we are not completely free until our hearts are ravished with the presence, beauty & glory of God? Where are you: 1 cold----5 warm----10 HOT? Explain.
- 2) Read Exodus 40:1-2,16-17, 33c-38. From Exodus 25 all the way to Exodus 40 you have for the most part details of how the tabernacle is supposed to be designed and built. Why is the tabernacle significant (review the points & verses under this heading)?
- 3) Who is the tabernacle ultimately pointing to (review points and verses under this heading)? What does Jesus mean when He calls Himself the temple? When did the glory come into the tabernacle (Ex40:33c)? When Jesus died on the cross what did He say (John19:30) and what happened to the curtain going into the very presence of God (Matt27:51)? What are the implications (Heb10:19-22)?
- 4) How does all of this apply to us today (review points and verses under this heading)? How can we have access to God (Eph2:8-9) and what must God do in our hearts (2Cor4:6)? How is intimacy with God an enchanted reality in a disenchanting world (Ex40:34-38; 2Cor3:17-18)? Why should this turn us as a community of believers into a place of beauty (1Cor3:16; 1Pet2:9; 1Cor13:4-8)? What is God speaking to you? Pray.