

“God in Our Midst?”

What kind of relationship does God have with His people? What is the importance of this final major section of Exodus? How does the Tabernacle point *both* backward *and* forward?

Exodus 25-40

**The Instructions given for the Tabernacle by God (chs. 25-31)
The Covenant Broken, then in Mercy Renewed (32-34)
The Construction of the Tabernacle according to God’s plan (35-40)**

✦ *How do we dare approach a Holy God?*

Exodus 20:22-24:11 - *The Book of the Covenant (24:7) is given by God through a mediator and accepted by His redeemed people*

The Covenant Mediator meets with the High King (24:12-18)

- ▶ Moses called further up Mt. Sinai to receive the gift of the Law (vv. 12-14)
- ▶ Moses ascends and meets the Sovereign Lord (vv. 15-18)
 - the glory of God was visible to all
 - Moses waited to be summoned further
 - he was on the mountain 40 days

The Lord reveals to Moses instructions for His dwelling among His people (25-31)

- ✦ Comprehensive
- ✦ Detailed
- ✦ To be followed Exactly

† What love and mercy for the Lord God to call a people to Himself, redeem them and dwell among them!

The First Instruction (25:1-7)

- A. Contributions from God’s Redeemed People (vv. 1-2)
 - “the people of Israel”
 - from everyone - inclusive
 - voluntary, heartfelt

- B. The materials needed (vv. 3-7)
- metals
 - yarns and linen
 - leather and wood
 - spices and oil
 - gemstones

- † Do you treasure the call to worship God in the beauty of holiness (Ps. 96:9)?
- † Do you enjoy the privilege each one has of contributing to God's work and worship?
- † What moves your heart to give?

God's purpose and plan for these gifts (25:8-9)

- ✦ Building a Holy Dwelling place for the Lord
 - ▶ The New Jerusalem
 - ▶ The Garden of Eden
 - ▶ Solomon's Temple
- ✦ God's abiding presence in His people's pilgrimage
- ✦ Their love, joy, and gratitude expressed in obedience

- † Can you trace God's plan and purpose backward and forward?
- † Do you see how Jesus perfectly fulfills what the tabernacle points forward to?
- † **Do you understand that we are the temple, the house of the living God?!**

Have you found the way back to your heart's true home—to God's Presence?

Do you long for more of that True Fellowship and Personal Relationship that comes from meeting with God?

What difference does it make that God dwells in our midst?