

**Do we need the tabernacle?**

**Is the Tabernacle important to us today?**

**If the Tabernacle is only a shadow what is the Reality?**

**What does God want us to learn from the Tabernacle?**

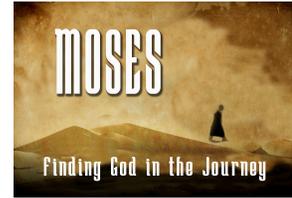
We are invited into an \_\_\_\_\_

We must \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_, go \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ grow strong in their faith

*“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance.  
The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.” C.S. Lewis*

For further reading see: Hebrews 8, 9, 10; Genesis 1 – 3; 1 Corinthians 6:12 – 20



Part 10

The Tabernacle

Exodus 40:17 – 37

<sup>17</sup> So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year. <sup>18</sup> When Moses set up the tabernacle, he put the bases in place, erected the frames, inserted the crossbars and set up the posts. <sup>19</sup> Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering over the tent, as the LORD commanded him.

<sup>20</sup> He took the Testimony and placed it in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it. <sup>21</sup> Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the Testimony, as the LORD commanded him. <sup>22</sup> Moses placed the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain <sup>23</sup> and set out the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

<sup>24</sup> He placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle <sup>25</sup> and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him. <sup>26</sup> Moses placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the curtain <sup>27</sup> and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD commanded him. <sup>28</sup> Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

<sup>29</sup> He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the LORD commanded him. <sup>30</sup> He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing, <sup>31</sup> and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet.

<sup>32</sup> They washed whenever they entered the tent of meeting or approached the altar, as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>33</sup> Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

<sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; <sup>37</sup> but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. (NIV)

## THE TABERNACLE TENT

The entire tent was 45 feet (13.7 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high. It was a wooden skeletal structure, overlaid with gold, with no solid roof or front wall (Ex. 26:15–29). Five wooden bars (overlaid with gold) passed through rings attached to each frame (Ex. 26:26–30).

The Most Holy Place was a 15-foot (4.6-m) cube, containing only the ark of the covenant (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would descend to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance). The high priest could enter only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (see note on Heb. 9:7).

The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue, purple, and scarlet dyed yarns woven with fine twined linen and embroidered with cherubim (Ex. 26:31–33). It hung on four golden pillars.

The altar of incense (Ex. 30:1–5; 37:25–29)

The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40; 37:17–24)

The veil that formed the entrance to the tabernacle was similar to the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, except that cherubim were not embroidered on it. It was suspended on five golden pillars (Ex. 26:36–37).

