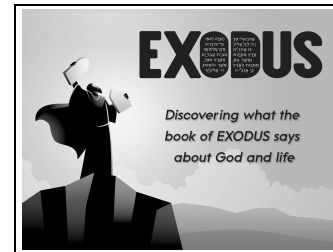


¹² But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. ¹³ There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. ¹⁴ For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. Hebrews 10:12-14

Notes:



The Story of Moses' Tabernacle Its Purpose and It's Point

Exodus 40

Moses proceeded to do everything just as the Lord had commanded him. ¹⁷ So the Tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month of the second year.

Exodus 40:16,17

³⁵ Moses could no longer enter the Tabernacle because the cloud had settled down over it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. ³⁶ Now whenever the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey, following it. ³⁷ But if the cloud did not rise, they remained where they were until it lifted. ³⁸ The cloud of the Lord hovered over the Tabernacle during the day, and at night fire glowed inside the cloud so the whole family of Israel could see it. This continued throughout all their journeys.

Exodus 40:35-38

This is the Word of the Lord

Community Group Questions:

1. How would you describe the message of the Book of Exodus?
2. How is Moses' Tabernacle and the Garden of Eden alike?
3. How does the meticulous nature of the Tabernacle's construction help you to better understand God's holiness?
4. How does faith in Jesus sacrifice appear to you now in light of the Tabernacles strict commands?

I. Why do we need a tabernacle?

Moses could no longer enter the Tabernacle because the cloud had settled down over it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.

Exodus 40:35

II. How does the tabernacle work?

What we actually see here is God is very deliberately opening a way into his presence.

There is curtain after curtain, an altar, a washing basin, a table of show bread, a golden lampstand that must stay lit, an altar of incense thing after thing, barrier after barrier between you and God.

... In other words, the message of the tabernacle is there's a way of getting back into the very presence of God.

C.S. Lewis - *"Our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we now feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside is no mere neurotic fancy, but the truest index of our real situation. ...The sense that in this universe we are the strangers, and there is a longing to bridge some chasm that yawns between us and ultimate reality ..."*

III. Who is the tabernacle pointing to?

...the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ...Finally two came forward⁶¹ and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

Matthew 26:59-61

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14

The actual Greek word John uses there for dwelling is:
"And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us

Jesus is saying, *"I am the way through the barrier. I'm the sacrifice, the priest, the bread, the lamp and the altar all rolled into one.*

Hebrews 10:19-22 *...we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him.*