

When Glory Came Down

Exodus 40

The Tabernacle solves 2 problems:

1) **Exodus 33:7-**

God desires to take up residence in the middle of our lives, not on the outskirts.

2) **Exodus 33:3; Exodus 33:14**

God has a greater desire to be with us than we have to be with Him.

Beyond the Tabernacle

A. The tabernacle is a mobile Mt. Sinai

B. The tabernacle is a microcosm of the Garden of Eden

C. The tabernacle is a pattern of the heavenly tabernacle
Hebrews 8:5

A Message in the tabernacle (vs. 1-16)

What message is there for us in the different furnishings of the Tabernacle?

A. Curtains – God is holy and separate from us, yet He has provided a way through Christ to approach Him

B. Ark of the covenant – God Himself will cover our sin.

C. Table of showbread – a reminder of God's continual presence with us.

D. Lampstand – God brings light into our dark world through Christ.

E. Altar of incense – just like the smoke, our prayers rise to heaven. **Revelation 5:8**

F. Altar of sacrifice – in order to approach God, a sacrifice must be made.

G. Bronze basin – Whatever I do, wherever I go is holy to the Lord.

Glory in the Tabernacle (vs. 34-38)

Glory – (kavod) – weightiness, or heaviness of God.

When the people looked at the tabernacle, they could see that God was in the house.

God's immanence (nearness) and transcendence (separateness)

Jesus Our Tabernacle

God graciously comes to dwell with His sinful people in Jesus Christ Hebrews 10:19-23

Old Tabernacle VS.

Jesus as tabernacle

1. The wilderness

Matthew 4:1

2. Outwardly unattractive

Isaiah 53:2

3. A meeting place for God/man

John 1:14

4. The focal point of the camp

John 12:32

5. Where sacrifices made for the people

Hebrews 10:12

6. Contained and displayed

2 Corinthians 4:6

God's glory

The church is the community where God dwells

One day we will all experience the reality of the tabernacle

Revelation 21:1-5