



Worshiping Immanuel

Exodus 25:1–31:18

#18 in a series on Exodus

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The Tabernacle's Importance.

1. To Israel. (25:1-2, 8-9, 21-22, 40; 26:30; 29:45-46; cf. 26:9; 27:21; 39:22; Numbers 9:15; 1 Kings 8:27; Hebrews 8:1-5; 9:11-12)
2. In Scripture.

The Tabernacle's Design.

1. Materials. (25:1-9)
2. Elements. (25:10–27:21; 30:1-10, 17-38; cf. Leviticus 24:4; John 1:29; 8:12; 10:9; 14:6; Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 5:25-27; Hebrews 7:25; 9:11-12)
3. Priests. (28:1–29:46)
4. Builders. (31:1-11)
5. Support. (25:1-2; 30:11-16)

The Tabernacle's Value Today.

1. It pictures worshiping Immanuel, God who is with us. (25:8, 22; cf. John 1:14; Revelation 3:20; 21:3)
2. It pictures worshiping our holy, majestic and sovereign God. (25:1–31:18; cf. Leviticus 10:1-7)
3. It pictures worshiping Christ for His salvation. (Leviticus 16:1-34; 23:26-32; Numbers 29:7-11; cf. Hebrews 7:23-27; 8:1-6; 9:1-14, 27–10:4, 11-14)
4. It pictures worshiping God freely and generously. (25:1-7; cf. 3:21-22; 11:2; 12:35-35; 1 Chronicles 29:14; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. The Tabernacle was the central place where God made His presence visible to Israel and where sacrifices were offered to Him. God gave this design to Moses (see 25:9, 40), which was a picture of how God relates to His people and deals with sin in heaven (see Hebrews 8:1-5; 9:11-12). As you think about the Tabernacle this week, remember this is not dead history. There are truths here for you and your relationship with God.

Tuesday. Check the outline section *The Tabernacle's Design* and do a brief walk through it. There is symbolism here, although we must take care not to push it beyond what the Bible clearly indicates. See if you can identify one truth of Christ and His work pictured in these elements of the Tabernacle: (1) the gate, (2) the bronze altar, (3) the bronze laver or basin, (4) the table of the bread of the Presence, (5) the lampstand, (6) the altar of incense, (7) the veil between the Holy and Most Holy Place, (8) the ark of the covenant and mercy seat.

Wednesday. There is value for us in the Tabernacle. It pictures worshiping Immanuel, God who is with us as well as in His holiness, majesty and sovereignty. Do you have a good appreciation of both God's transcendence and imminence—His being other than, above and beyond all His creation and His being with us? Reflect on how the Tabernacle pictures both truths.

Thursday. The Tabernacle pictures Christ and specifically His High Priestly work, His work of salvation. Refer to the section of the outline on this and your answers to Tuesday's eight points to help you begin exploring this. The Tabernacle also pictures worshiping God freely and generously. Just as Israel was asked to give voluntary gifts, so are we (see 25:1-7 and 2 Corinthians 9:7). As you thank God for Christ's work for you, draw the line between this and your giving to Him and His work.

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 32:1–34:35 where we see Israel's rebellion and repentance. Survey this section in preparation for our time together.

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