The Dwelling Place

The Tabernacle – Session 1

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• The God Of All Creation Wants To Dwell With You And In You

• He Has Given Us Access To Dwell With Him In And Thru Jesus Christ, And The Work That He Has Done On The Cross Of Calvary.

• The Tabernacle Symbolizes The Fact That God Has Desired And Made A Way For Us To Be With Him
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• Everything In Scripture Points To And Finds Its Fulfillment In Jesus Christ.

• The Old Testament Looks Ahead To Him

• The New Testament Reveals Him

• “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”—Luke 24:27
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• The Idea Of The Tabernacle Was First Given To Moses Just After He Had Been Given The 10 Commandments -- As Recorded In The Book Of Exodus.

• God Delivered To Moses That Plans And Instructions Regarding The Construction And Building Of A Portable Sanctuary Where God’s Presence Would Dwell And He Would Meet With His People.

• This Meeting Place Would Be Called The Tabernacle -- A Sanctuary Of God’s Presence.
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God gave to Israel through Moses in the mountain, two things:

1. The law
2. The tabernacle

- The law – to show the awfulness of sin, and man’s desperate failure;
- the tabernacle – to show God’s way out for the guilty ones who had broken His holy law.

(M. DeHaan – The Tabernacle)
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- Exodus 25:1-9 (NIV) (1) The LORD said to Moses, (2) "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give. (3) These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; (4) blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; (5) ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood; (6) olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; (7) and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. (8) "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. (9) Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."
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• The Reality Of The Tabernacle Tells The Story Of God And His Desire To Commune With Us

• God’s Desire Is To Dwell With Us And For Us To Be With Him.

• Every Article In The Tabernacle Points To And Finds Its Fulfillment In Jesus
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Five Names In Scripture Describe The Tabernacle

1. “Sanctuary” (ex. 25:8)
2. “Tabernacle” (ex. 25:9)
3. “Tent” (ex. 26:36)
4. “The Tabernacle Of The Congregation” (ex. 29:42)
5. “The Tabernacle Of Testimony” (ex. 38:21)
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• Construction Was A Cooperative Task Between God And The People
• The Lord Provided The Pattern Of The Tabernacle
• The People Provided The Materials By Bringing An Offering

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Tabernacle Overview
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The Tabernacle Is A Type Of Our Relationship With Christ

• The Altar = Christ On The Cross
• The Laver = Christ The Eternal Word
• The Table Of Showbread = Christ The Bread Of Life
• The Lamp = Christ The Light Of The World
• The Incense Altar = Christ Our Interceding High Priest
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- There Is Only One Way In -- There Is Only One Door

- John 10:9 (NKJV)  I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

- In The Same Way There Was Only One Tabernacle That Was An Acceptable Place Of Sacrifice -- One Altar -- One Gate -- etc.
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- God has not changed. Seeking to find favor with God through our own efforts, our own merit, our own goodness, religion, and our works, leaves man only under the curse of God, and the sentence of eternal death. Religion, morality, ethics, good works, ordinances and charity, sincere as they may be, cannot substitute for faith in Christ, and the blood shed on the Cross. Without faith in Him, without His blood, these are merely dead works. -- M. De Haan – The Tabernacle
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- Everything in Israel’s community and life was centered around the Tabernacle, the Dwelling Place...

- That is what our lives should be as well
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In God Giving The Plan And The Provision For A Tabernacle... God Is Saying:

• I Will **Dwell** In Your Midst.

• I Will **Meet** With You.

• I Will **Offer** Restoration, Forgiveness, And Life To You.