

God's Living Room

Intro/Review

- We are on Mt. Sinai with Moses for 40 days.
- Just received a sort of shopping list of laws, perhaps to keep the orderly for the time.
- The rest of the book is almost entirely about the tabernacle. Boring, right? WRONG!
Virtually every detail speaks of Jesus and our relationship with God through Him.

25:1-9

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- 25:1-2
 - God asks for this offering. It's a gift to God. Gifts show love.
 - **People in love with one another give gifts to each other.** Your giving. Who are you giving to? The church as a thing, or the Lord as someone you love, someone you are in relationship with, someone who really doesn't need your gift, but enjoys it all the same.
 - **The giver of a gift given in love gets as much as the one to whom the gift was given. If there is no love in it, its obvious to everyone involved.**
 - Sounds like Yoda speak, probably a matter of emphasis. The emphasis is on the **everyone who gives freely with his heart**, not on the taking. **Take** in the sense of receive, not yank from the hands.
 - The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Seed/faith guys.
 - Whose offering? His offering. Not Moses, not Aaron, not the people's, the Lord's.
- 25:3-7 The things God is looking for. He has a plan. Not looking for any old stuff. The church is not a landfill. Again, who are you giving to; the church or the Lord?
- 25:8
 - A sanctuary, a sacred place. Wherever God dwells is a sacred place. Later the believer is referred to as the temple of the HS. **Where two or more are gathered.** **First Christians, as Jews, had continual sense that God was with them, an awareness of His presence. Kavanah.** Auditorium, Community Room, home, school, work, car.
 - **God wants to be with His people.** In contrast to all other God's.
 - The NT refers to Jesus as God tabernacling among us. **If Jesus is in you this is still the case.**
- 25:9 God showed Moses how this was all to look. A model of God's throne room in Heaven, echoed in Revelation. God's living room. What did all of this look like? We can only infer based on the description given here and a few historical references.

25:10-22

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- Video does most of the work for me! Yay!
- **Ark and Mercy Seat are two distinct pieces.**
- **It's function was to represent God's throne, from where He would speak.**
 - Possibility for angels wings.
 - Where does voice come from?

- Orientation of poles.
- It's history and future
 - Only piece to be moved into Solomon's Temple.
 - Disappears around the time of Babylonian invasion.
 - Walk through slides.
- Picture of Jesus
 - If we are the temple, this is where Jesus is enthroned in our hearts. The place where He speaks to you and through you.
 - Just as the Ark bore the Law, so Jesus bore the Law on our behalf. Didn't come to destroy but to fulfill.
 - In order to get to the Law and consequently judgment, you have to move God's mercy out of the way. So it is with our eternal destiny and Jesus.
 - We are like a wooden box that will one day rot away. We see ourselves covered in gold, but inside of us is the Law of God. It's there to show us our need for Him and how to seek His redemption.
 - When God looks at us apart from Jesus He sees the Law and the judgment it requires. But if we are in Jesus, that Mercy Seat is put in place, where the blood of the sacrifice is sprinkled, and the Law is covered.
 - If we are in Jesus, when God looks at us, He sees the blood, He sees the mercy, He doesn't see the Law and its required judgment because the judgment has been met in the sacrifice of Jesus.
 - What does it take to go to Hell? Sin once, reject Jesus.
 - What does it take to be saved? Sin once, accept Jesus.
 - How do you accept Him? Romans Road.
 - Jesus is the Ark and the Mercy Seat. In Him the requirements of the Law are carried and met in the blood and mercy.
 - Is He sitting on the throne of your life? If not, why not?