

God's Living Room, pt 2

Review

- We are on Mt. Sinai w/Moses, getting the specs from the Lord for the tabernacle.
- God instructed Moses as to what was needed and only wanted it from those who were giving from their hearts.
- The Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat. Their history, possible future, and picture of Jesus.
- The plan - going to take chapters 25-30 and reorganize a bit. Things are scattered.
 - Going to finish the elements inside the tent today.
 - Talk about the tent itself next week.

Table of Showbread, **Exodus 25:23-30**

- [Show video clip](#)
- Literal/Practical
 - **Unleavened bread.** Held 12 loaves for the 12 tribes. Replaced every Sabbath (weekly).
 - **Elsewhere described as pierced, probably had stripes from baking process. Sprinkled with frankincense.** Imagine the smell!
 - Tradition/legend about Temple days that bread stayed hot and fresh the whole week until replaced. Seen as a sign of Divine presence and favor.
 - **Certain priests were able to eat it. 1 Samuel 21** David was given some that was just replaced.
- In context symbolism
 - The Ark and Mercy Seat communicated God's throne. If you were to walk into a room and there on a table your host had a hot loaf of bread, what would you think? Going to eat together! **A picture of fellowship.**
 - **As sacred and holy as all of this stuff was, it all just screams approachability and relationship.** The purpose of this place, the design of this place, is aimed at fellowship.
- **A picture of Jesus**
 - **The bread of life** (see study on manna), go to God for our sustenance physically and spiritually.
 - **Pierced, and striped in order to meet our need for life.**
 - **Gold speaks of Kingship, frankincense speaks of priesthood.**
- Application for us
 - **Communion**
 - **Where are you going for your food? What are you eating? How does your life taste**

The Lampstand, **Exodus 25:31-40**

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- Literal/Practical
 - **Functioned as the only source of light.** Imagine the light in a gold-walled room!
 - **The light bearer.** The source of light was the fire in the wick and the oil.
 - **Needed to be maintained. 27:20-21**

- In context symbolism
 - Come to the Lord for light in the darkness
 - Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path
 - One source of light and truth
- Picture of Jesus
 - **John 8:12** I am the Light of the world.
 - **John 15:5** I am the vine, you are the branches.
 - **1 John 1:5** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- Application for us
 - Jesus should be our only source of light. **Ephesians 5:8.**
 - We are light bearers. The source of light should be the fire of the Spirit in us. Oil a symbol for the HS. **1 John 1:7.**
 - Needs to be maintained. **Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:16+**

The Alter of Incense, **Exodus 30:1-10, 34-38**

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- Literal/Practical
 - What practical purpose would this serve? Put yourself there and then.
 - Out in the camp it smells like animals and sweaty people.
 - Outside the tent is the smell of blood and death with some BBQ thrown in.
 - Inside the tent, along with the smell of the frankincense covered bread, is this amazing incense continually filling, permeating the air, the fabric of the tent, the fabric of the clothing of the priests.
 - It would evoke thanksgiving and relief to be in its presence and it was only in that place. I think it's as simple as that on a practical level.
- In context symbolism - prayer. **Revelation 5:8.** "What is prayer to God that he collects it in bowls?" - Jim Cymbala.
- Picture of Jesus
 - How does the fragrance of these things get released? By crushing them.
 - It's only by means of what Jesus has done that our prayers can be a sweet aroma to God. Contrasted to the smell of sin in God's nostrils.
- Application for us
 - More often than not, the best prayers come out of us after we have been crushed and put through the fire.
 - This incense was an amalgam. We need to mix together with others who have been crushed to increase our potency.
 - It's only by the fire of the Spirit that the purpose and power of our crushing and mixing is released.

Wrap up

- God's living room - a sensory experience. Missing sound? Songs of praise.
- What have you been eating? Where have you been going to get it? What kind of food are you sharing with others? It's only through Jesus, the bread of life, that you can have fellowship with the Lord.
- Are you walking in darkness or the light? What are your eyes used to? (harsh world?)
- What do you smell like? Animals and sweat? Being crushed? On fire? Good!
- God of holiness and fellowship - only accomplished through Jesus.