

EXODUS Lesson 26

Exodus Chapter 26

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Memory verses for this week: Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Introduction: In last week's lesson, we studied about the table of shewbread discussing both the dimensions of the table and how the bread was made and its contents. We finished with a study about the Golden Candlestick. This week we get into the construction of the tabernacle.

I. The Curtains for a Covering

Exo 26:1 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

Exo 26:2 The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

Inside the tabernacle was a beautiful linen curtain. Only those inside of the tabernacle could see this curtain. They had come by the way of the brazen altar, which is a type of the cross. Only those who are in Christ can see the beauty and glory that is invisible to the lost.

Eph. 3:8, 10, and 16 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ... To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God... That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.

Col. 2:3, In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Psa. 96:6, Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

These curtains were very beautiful to look upon, and the spotless beauty points to the holiness of Jesus Christ. The priests were dressed in this same kind of material.

Exo 28:39 And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the

mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework.
Exo 28:40 And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.
Exo 28:41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.
Exo 28:42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:
Exo 28:43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.

On the day of atonement we find that Aaron was dressed in this kind of material.

Lev. 16:4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

The fine twined linen represents the righteousness of the saints.

Rev. 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

We learn what man is without that righteousness of Christ imputed to us.

Isa. 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

The curtains were made of many beautiful colors. The blue was the color of heaven; the purple was that of royalty; the scarlet was the color of blood; and white tells of righteousness, and all these point to Jesus Christ.

Blue, purple and scarlet are found together 24 times in the book of Exodus. The priestly garments also contained these colors.

Exo 28:4 And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.
Exo 28:5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.
Exo 28:6 And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

In verse 2 God gave them the dimensions of the curtains. It says that each

panel of the curtains was about 42' long by 6' in width. The whole curtain was about 42' x 60'.

Albert Barnes in his commentary explained about the 10 sections.

With ten curtains - Rather, of ten breadths. Five of these breadths were united so as to form what, in common usage, we should call a large curtain Exo 26:3. The two curtains thus formed were coupled together by the loops and taches to make the entire tabernacle-cloth Exo 26:6.

The Cherubim were to be on the curtains. If you have seen pictures of these, they appear to be a type of angel. They probably are the same as the living creatures of Ezek. 1:5-11.

Eze 1:5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

Eze 1:6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

Eze 1:7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

Eze 1:8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

Eze 1:9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

Eze 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

Eze 1:11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

These beautiful colors were used in embroidering the cherubim on the white linen. They symbolize the presence of God. The priests on the inside serving, were constantly reminded that God was watching them.

Psa. 61:4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

Psa. 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Psa. 17:8, Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Psa. 36:7, How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Psa. 57:1, Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

Psa. 63:7, Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

Exo 26:3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another.

Exo 26:4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

Exo 26:5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

Exo 26:6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

Each of the curtains were coupled together with loops of blue and taches of gold. (A tache was a hook and the selvedge was the extreme edge). The taches unite the curtains and they typify Christ's unity with the Father and with His people. He also unites the Father and redeemed man in Himself. There is a gap between man and God, and only Jesus could bridge that gap and bring us to the presence of the Heavenly Father. Not by our righteousness, but by Christ's perfect righteousness and sacrifice.

Exo 26:7 And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

God then gives the The Curtain of Goats' Hair. This was for a covering upon the tabernacle - A tent over the tabernacle. The Hebrew word here used, is the regular one for a tent of skins or cloth of any sort.

The goats' hair reminds us of the atonement. (Lev. 16.)

Atonement has to do with covering. The goat was used as a sin offering.

Num 28:22 And one goat for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you.

Num 28:23 Ye shall offer these beside the burnt offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.

Num 29:1 *And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.*

Num 29:2 And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

Num 29:3 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram,

Num 29:4 And one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

Num 29:5 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you:

These curtains pointed to Christ as the sin offering for the sins of His people.

II Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Isa. 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Exo 26:8 The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure.

Exo 26:9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

Exo 26:10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

The number of Goats Hair curtains were eleven. This was one more than we read about of the linen curtains, in order to overlap. They were longer, to overlap and cover the linen curtain. Each panel was 45' x 6' and the whole curtain was 45' x 66'. These were also divided into two parts, 6 and 5. We know six is man's number and five is the number of grace.

It is interesting to note that six is man's dominant number. Twelve inches in a foot; 36 inches in a yard; 60 minutes in an hour; 24 hours in a day; and 12 months in a year.

Exo 26:11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

Exo 26:12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.

Exo 26:13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

In verse 11, the taches holding the curtains together were of brass, which speaks of judgment. The brazen altar was where the sin offerings were burnt.

Exo 27:1 *And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits.*

Exo 27:2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.

Exo 27:3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass.

Exo 27:4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof.

Exo 27:5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net

may be even to the midst of the altar.

Exo 27:6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass.

Exo 27:7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.

Exo 27:8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

The serpent of brass, a type of the sacrifice of Christ.

Num. 21:8 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.

In verses 12-13, we see the overhang. To all that entered, this would be a reminder of the sin offering.

Isa. 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Heb. 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Isa. 44:22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Psa. 103:12, As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Isa. 38:17, Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Exo 26:14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

The covering for the tent was the rams's skins dyed red. Of course red is the color of blood. The ram was the offering for consecration of the priests.

Exo 29:26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part.

Lev 8:22 And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his

sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

Lev 8:23 And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

Lev 8:24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

Lev 8:25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder:

Lev 8:26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder:

Lev 8:27 And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the LORD.

Lev 8:28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar upon the burnt offering: they were consecrations for a sweet savour: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Lev 8:29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The ram was Isaac's substitute.

Gen. 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

This curtain points to our substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ. Without His offering we could not be consecrated for service. We talked last week about the top covering being of the badger's skins. Badger's skins are not too beautiful. This was the drab outside cover which is all the world could see. This is as the world sees Christ. It is no wonder that the following Scriptures are found in the Word of God.

Psa. 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psa. 26:8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Psa. 65:4, Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Psa. 84:1-2, 4 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh

crieth out for the living God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

Whatever this animal was, its skins were made into shoes.

Eze 16:10 I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

This was one of the offerings.

Exo 25:5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

They literally gave up their material for shoes. This may seem like too great a sacrifice, but God took care of their feet.

Deut. 8:4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

Deut. 29:5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

Phil. 4:13,19, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The curtain also portrayed Christ's humiliation.

Phil. 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

CONCLUSION

The Tabernacle reveals the person and work of Christ. They needed no more than this. We need nothing more than Christ, and we should add nothing else to Him.

Col. 1:19, For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Col 2:3, In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Eph. 1:3, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

As the song writer wrote, "Christ is all I need."

II. The Boards and Foundation

*Exo 26:15 And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up.
Exo 26:16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.*

Verse 15 begins with the instructions concerning the boards of the tabernacle. These were made of shittim wood which is a type of Christ's humanity.

Heb. 2:14, 17 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

I Tim. 2:5, For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Though He was human, His was perfect humanity. Unlike us who seem to sin every day of our lives, Christ led the perfect life and never sinned one time.

I Pet. 2:22, Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

II Cor. 5:21, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

I John 3:5, And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

The size of each board was 15 feet by 27 inches.

*Exo 26:17 Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.
Exo 26:18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.*

They used tenons to attach the boards. These were fingers or hands that projected in order to secure the board to the foundation. There were 20 boards on the south side and north side, with six boards on the west end.

Exo 26:19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two

sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.
Exo 26:20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards:
Exo 26:21 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.
Exo 26:22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards.
Exo 26:23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

The corner boards mention there in verse 23 remind us of Christ who is the chief cornerstone.

Isa. 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Psa. 118:22, The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

I Pet. 2:7-8, Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

We are told of the foundation of the tabernacle in verses 19 and 21. Each board was supported by two sockets of silver and these sockets were made of the redemption or ransom money.

Exo 30:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Exo 30:12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them.
Exo 30:13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD.
Exo 30:14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.
Exo 30:15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.
Exo 30:16 And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

The silver was made into the 100 sockets of silver.

Exo 38:25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

Exo 38:26 A bekah for every man, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men.

Exo 38:27 And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

Each socket was of 1 talent which weights between 80 and 100 lbs. All the foundation weighed between 8 and 10 thousand lbs. Silver of course speaks of the blood, the price of our redemption.

I Pet. 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Lev. 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Heb. 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

I Cor. 6:20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

This reveals that blood redemption is foundational to all of God's work on the behalf of His people.

Exo 26:24 And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

Exo 26:25 And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

Exo 26:26 And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

Exo 26:27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

Exo 26:28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

They were given instructions how all of these boards and bars were to be tied together. The bars in the tabernacle gave it strength. Without a proper foundation and strong support, it could not stand. The five bars for each wall

were used to stabilize the boards. The middle bar reached from end to end and was invisible.

Ex. 36:33, And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

Exo 26:29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

Exo 26:30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

Even the covering of the boards was detailed. In verse 29, it says that the boards were to be covered with gold. The bars were to be covered with gold and the rings to be made of gold. All was to be done according to the pattern showed to Moses on the mount.

These verses from 15 through 30 show a lot of Typology.

It is all a type of Christ.

- a. The wood typifies His perfect humanity.
- b. The gold typifies His eternal deity and glory manifested.
- c. The silver represents His blood redemption as the foundation of all things done for sinners.
- d. The bars represent Christ the perfect man and God the Son securing eternally His work of redemption.

The tabernacle also typifies the church as the dwelling place of God.

- a. Christ the redeemer is the foundation.

Isa. 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

I Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

I Pet. 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

- b. His people are partakers of the divine nature.

II Pet. 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

c. The church is local and was purchased by the blood of God.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

d. The church is a building fitly framed together which groweth into an holy temple.

Eph. 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.

e. That temple is an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph. 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Studies in Exodus, by Dr. Louis Entzminger, pages 53-54.

NOTE: "As the Tabernacle, and later the Temple, was the dwelling place of God, so the church (I Cor. 3:12-16), and this is the church at Corinth, not visible and universal, nor invisible and universal, but the church located in the city of Corinth, just as the Tabernacle was located in the midst of Israel in the wilderness and later the Temple in Jerusalem. In Ephesians 2:19-22, this is the church at Ephesus to whom this circular letter was primarily addressed. This same church is also called the House of God (I Tim. 3:15)."

III. The Veils for the Tabernacle

Exo 26:31 And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

Exo 26:32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

Exo 26:33 And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.

Exo 26:34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.

Exo 26:35 And thou shalt set the table without the vail, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

If you have the handout we gave to you last week, notice the layout of the tabernacle. You entered from the east, you come upon the Bronze Altar for making the burnt offerings first. Then came the Bronze basin, and there was the Holy Place surrounded by the veils. There was an Inner Vail in the holy

place that separated the Most Holy Place from the rest of the chamber. The colors are mentioned there in verse 31. There was blue, purple, and scarlet with fine twined linen of cunning work with the cherubims on the veil.

It was hung by pillars, hooks, and sockets of silver. This veil divided between the holy place and the most holy place. Only the high priest could enter into the most holy place, and he could only do it once per year.

This veil had a typical meaning. The veil separating the most holy place was a type of His body.

Heb. 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.

Christ in His perfect sinless life, barred the way (as a veil) to God the Father. When he died on that cross, he tore down that veil that separated us from the Heavenly Father. Christ in His perfect death, rent the veil and made a way of access to God.

Matt. 27:50-51 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent.

Brother Lloyd Huckaby pointed out in his teachings that this veil was very thick, up to 18 inches wide, and a team of horses could not have separated that curtain. BUT GOD could tear it from top to bottom, and HE did when Christ died on that cross to pay the penalty for our sins. The Lord Jesus Christ took our sins (the one thing that barred our access to God) in His own body on the tree. He opened up a new and living way.

Heb. 9:11-15 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Heb. 9:23-26 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear

in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Exo 26:36 And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.

Exo 26:37 And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

On the east side, was the opening of the tabernacle. This is where they placed the outer veil. Effectively, this veil was the very door of the tabernacle.

Verse 36 explains its colors and construction. It was made of similar colors, but we see no mention of images of the cherubims being on this outside veil. There were to be five pillars of shittim wood which were overlaid with gold, and they were to have hooks of gold and sockets of brass.

This too typifies Christ by which we must come for fellowship and service.

CONCLUSION

The outside of the Tabernacle may have been drab, but on the inside it was a place of great beauty.

Psa. 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psa. 26:8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Psa. 65:4, Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Psa 84:1 To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

Psa 84:2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Psa 84:3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

Psa 84:4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

Selah.

It is the same with Jesus Christ. Those outside of Christ see no beauty in Him. Those in Christ see Him in His beauty and glory.

Col. 2:9, For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Study Questions:

1. What was the height of the tabernacle walls?

The size of each board was 15 feet by 27 inches.

2. What were the tenons and what was their purpose?

They used tenons to attach the boards. These were fingers or hands that projected in order to secure the board to the foundation.

3. What was the foundation made of, and what does it typify?

There were corner boards mentioned there in verse 23 which reminds us of Christ who is the chief cornerstone.

4. Where did they get the material for the foundation? Be specific

The boards were made of shittim wood.

5. What was the ratio of sockets to boards?

Each board was supported by two sockets of silver and these sockets were made of the redemption or ransom money.

6. How many bars were there, and what was their purpose?

There were five bars for each wall were used to stabilize the boards. The middle bar reached from end to end and was invisible.

7. What was used to cover the boards?

Gold

8. How did the walls and foundation typify Christ?

- a. The wood typifies His perfect humanity.
- b. The gold typifies His eternal deity and glory manifested.

- c. The silver represents His blood redemption as the foundation of all things done for sinners.
- d. The bars represent Christ the perfect man and God the Son securing eternally His work of redemption.

9. How did they typify the church?

The tabernacle also typifies the church as the dwelling place of God.

- a. Christ the redeemer is the foundation.
- b. His people are partakers of the divine nature.
- c. The church is local and was purchased by the blood of God.

10. What was the purpose of the inner veil?

Separated the Most Holy Place from the rest of the holy place.

11. What did this veil typify?

The veil separating the most holy place was a type of His body.

12. How does the rending of the veil relate to this?

It shows how Christ broke down the partition separating man from God. We can now approach the Lord at anytime in the name of Jesus. We have a NEW and living way to come to the Father.

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