

JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE

Session 2, Part 1: When Kings Collide • Wednesday Night Bible Study

RECAP: SESSION 1

Sin is separation, not just bad behavior. The tabernacle is God's answer to humanity's disconnection from Him — a meeting place pointing forward to Jesus, who “tabernacled” among us (John 1:14).

KEY SCRIPTURES

- **Genesis 15:8–15** — God's covenant with Abram: 400 years of affliction, then deliverance with great possessions
- **Exodus 19:3–6** — “I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself” — Israel called a kingdom of priests

MAIN POINTS

- God's covenant with Abram (Gen. 15) foretold 400 years of bondage in Egypt, followed by judgment on their oppressors and deliverance with great wealth.
- Israel entered Egypt as a family of 70 and emerged a nation of over a million — affliction was the furnace that incubated their growth.
- God kept total silence for 400 years (10 generations) while His people lost worship, faith, and identity surrounded by idolatry — yet He never forgot His covenant, even after Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph had died.
- The distinction that matters to God isn't ethnicity but covenant: those in relationship with Him versus those who are not (Jew/Gentile in the Old Testament).
- The purpose of deliverance was never just escape — God brought Israel out of Egypt specifically to bring them to Himself (Ex. 19:4), just as Christ said He goes to prepare a place “that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14).
- When God delivers us from something (a habit, a relationship, a “pharaoh”), He expects us to serve Him with the same devotion we once gave to what enslaved us.
- Israel was called to be a “peculiar treasure” and “kingdom of priests” — every believer is called to be a worshiper, not a spectator, regardless of personality or feelings.
- Worship is commanded, not optional, and not dependent on emotion — “Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.”
- The tabernacle functions as a teaching tool — God uses types, shadows, and illustrations until His people understand who He is; once fulfilled in Christ, the shadow gives way to the reality.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- *God kept His covenant with Abram even generations after Abram's death. What does that reveal about the nature of God's promises to you?*
- *Israel grew stronger the more they were afflicted (Exodus 1). Where have you seen trouble produce growth rather than defeat in your own life?*
- *What are the modern-day “Pharaohs” God has delivered you from, and are you serving Him with the same intensity you once gave to that old master?*
- *What would it look like this week to worship as a “kingdom of priests” rather than as a spectator?*

PERSONAL REFLECTION

“I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself.” God's ultimate purpose in delivering us is never just relief — it's relationship.