

JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE

Part 1: A Meeting Place for God • Wednesday Night Bible Study

BIG IDEA

The tabernacle (Hebrew: ohel moed, “tent of meeting”) exists because sin separated man from God. Every detail of it points forward to Jesus Christ, who became the true meeting place between divinity and humanity.

KEY SCRIPTURES

- **Genesis 3:7–9** — Adam & Eve hide from God's presence; God asks, “Where art thou?”
- **Ephesians 2:1** — “Dead in trespasses” = separated, not nonexistent
- **Exodus 5:1–2** — Moses & Aaron before Pharaoh: “Let my people go” to meet God
- **Exodus 25:1–9** — God asks for willing, specific offerings to build the sanctuary
- **John 1:1, 14** — “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” — Christ is the tabernacle

MAIN POINTS

- Sin is separation, not just an act. “Death” in Scripture means disconnection — physically (spirit from body) and spiritually (spirit from God) — not the end of existence.
- All humanity fell in Adam. Every person inherited a sin nature (“in my flesh dwelleth no good thing”), which is why sin never has to be taught.
- Animal sacrifices under the Law pacified God but never satisfied Him — only the blood of Jesus on the mercy seat finally satisfied heaven (Rev. 5).
- Salvation is a love story. Every “re-” word — redeemed, restored, renewed, reconciled — describes God and man being brought back together.
- God gave Moses two things on the mountain: the Law (which condemns) and the pattern for the Tabernacle (which restores).
- The Tabernacle required willing, specific giving from the people — God wanted their investment and attention, not just their gold.
- Christ fulfills the Tabernacle. What the tent and its glory were in shadow, Jesus was in reality — the veil tore at His death so we could enter God's presence boldly.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- *What is the difference between the “state” of sin and “acts” of sin? Why does that distinction matter for a believer?*
- *Why couldn't the blood of bulls and goats ever fully satisfy God? What does that reveal about the necessity of Christ?*
- *In what ways does God still ask His people for specific, willing offerings today?*
- *How does seeing Christ as the fulfillment of the Tabernacle change the way you read the Old Testament?*

PERSONAL REFLECTION

“We stumbled upon Jesus, and He was the tent of meeting whereby my humanity met God's divinity, and I have never been the same again.”