

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

Part V (5)

“SECURED”

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**Opening Statement: If God doesn't isolate me from a storm, He will insulate me in it!
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, for He is worthy to be Praised!**

The Same God Yesterday, Today, and Forever More!

(Malachi 3:6, Revelation 1:8)

God's greatest desire is to “dwell” with us!

Philippians 4:19 (ESV): And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

God supplied every need of the Israelites, down to the provision of His house, and He is still doing the same for us today!

I WANT YOU TO WALK AWAY FROM THIS TEACHING, KNOWING THAT YOU ARE SECURE IN CHRIST JESUS IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE FOR ALL ETERNITY-YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVERMORE!

THE MATERIALS: METALS and LINENS: GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE

1. **Metals and Linens:** All of the metals and materials came from the Egyptians! God granted Israel to come out of Egypt with a great wealth, not for the people's own enjoyment but for God's own purposes. It was meant to be used for the Tabernacle, God's own dwelling.
 - a. **Exodus 12:35-36 (NIV):** The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. ³⁶The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.
2. **The Tithe:** For His work: We return 10% back to God of what HE supplies us with to take care of ourselves and His work! He is the supplier of all! Not only of money for practical needs but eternal security, guidance, power, and protection! He is, always has been and always will be the source of ALL that anyone and everyone will ever need for He changes not! He is the same yesterday, today and forever more!
3. **The Offerings:**
 - a. **Of the People: Exodus 35: 20-29 (NIV):** ²⁰Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses' presence, ²¹and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. ²²All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD. ²³Everyone who had blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen, or goat hair, ram skins dyed red or the other durable leather brought them. ²⁴Those presenting an offering of silver or bronze brought it as an offering to the LORD, and everyone who had acacia

wood for any part of the work brought it. ²⁵ Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun—blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen. ²⁶ And all the women who were willing and had the skill spun the goat hair. ²⁷ The leaders brought onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. ²⁸ They also brought spices and olive oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense. ²⁹ All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the LORD freewill offerings for all the work the LORD through Moses had commanded them to do.

b. Every male 20 years of age or older: Atonement Money-Offering for their life.

- i. **Exodus 30:11-16 (NIV):** ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹² “When you take a census of the Israelites to count them, each one must pay the LORD a ransom for his life at the time he is counted. Then no plague will come on them when you number them. ¹³ Each one who crosses over to those already counted is to give a half shekel,^[c] according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs twenty gerahs. This half shekel is an offering to the LORD. ¹⁴ All who cross over, those **twenty years** old or more, are to give an offering to the LORD. ¹⁵ The rich are not to give more than a half shekel and the poor are not to give less when you make the offering to the LORD to atone for your lives. ¹⁶ Receive the atonement money from the Israelites and use it for the service of the tent of meeting. It will be a memorial for the Israelites before the LORD, making atonement for your lives.”

God gave the provisions they were to return to Him as the offerings for the house of God, His work, and the sacrifices that atoned for them and took care of the priesthood! Everyone and everything were provided for, including God’s house and His work! This has always been the plan of God. If all would obey and follow, there would not be poverty and every need would be met!

SECURED IN CHRIST

THE CORDS, BOARDS, PEGS, CURTAINS, COVERINGS

NOTE TO REMEMBER: These details are not by coincidence! God was very clear and took over 50 chapters to describe Himself, His Great Love for us, and the coming of Christ to fulfill every detail that was written!

No other God in the universe! No other book! No other name! No other savior!!!!

A. Scripture context: Exodus 27:19 (NIV): All the other articles used in the service of the tabernacle, whatever their function, including all the **tent pegs** for it and those for the courtyard, are to be of **bronze** (Symbolizes Judgment).

Exodus 35:18 (NIV): the **tent pegs** for the tabernacle and for the courtyard, and **their ropes**;

B. The meanings of the ropes and pegs:

- a. **The Cords represent God’s Love:** In the bible they are referred to as the cords or ropes of love. Our security is not found in our performance, but only in the Love of God! The Love of God covers everything! The tabernacle proper is secured by the ropes which are secured/fastened to the pegs!

- i. **Hosea: 11:4 (NIV):** I led them with cords of human kindness (Christ), with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. (*He calls us, saved us, and then takes care of us!*)
- b. **The Pegs:** made of brass (signifies judgment): The cords, God's Love for us that calls us to Him, are fastened to the brass pegs: He calls us to Him as sinners and fastens Himself to us through the death and resurrection of Christ to become one with us once again. The brass pegs were beaten halfway into the ground to secure the cords (God's Love). The bottom portion that was beaten into the dirt signifies Christ's death and the tomb/the grace! The portion that remained above the ground signifies His resurrection! We are secured in God's love through the finished work of Christ by faith! We are secured in Christ Jesus!

C. The Boards\Posts of the Tabernacle Proper: Made from Acacia and overlaid in God:

- a. Posts/Boards: The Cross, Our humanness. The boards were secured in the silver sockets: silver representing redemption. These sockets were made from the "Redemption Offerings" of every male 20 years of age or older! Our sinful nature (boards) is covered with gold and 'SET/SECURED" in the Redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the Cross! SET! SECURE!
- b. The Silver: Our redemption is resting on over 51/2 tons of silver sockets-fasteners, in the tabernacle!
- c. **Immovable in Christ:**
 - i. The Tent pegs were also called nails: everything that is not of God was nailed to through the hands of Christ and onto the Cross!! Praise the Lord our God! It can never be held us against us, ever again!
 - ii. The tabernacle and the tabernacle proper never moved an inch in 40 years! It was the greatest structure ever constructed! Think of all the weather conditions and storms it endured! Extreme heat, extreme cold, extreme winds, yet never moved once fastened down by the cords and the pegs!! It was not reinforced with screws, or hinges, or any other mechanism! It is "rooted and grounded" in the great love of God and the finished work of the cross of Jesus Christ!
 - 1. We are Fastened down by the Great Love of God and His protection, His refuge through the storms of life and extreme circumstances in this world and the situations of our lives! We are secured in Christ through the Great Love of God! Immovable! Able to withstand anything, even the greatest of tragedies, conditions, unthinkable situations, etc! Somebody Praise Him!

Moses did not write many Psalms, but He wrote this one, Psalm 91: (Ladies from our retreat, "Refuge," you know this one well!):

Psalm 91: 1-9 (NIV): Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most-High

will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."³ Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.⁵ You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.⁸ You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.⁹ If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,

[For Context (READ AT HOME): Exodus 35:4-19 (NIV): ⁴Moses said to the whole Israelite community, “This is what the LORD has commanded: ⁵From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering of gold, silver and bronze; ⁶blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ⁷ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather^[a]; acacia wood; ⁸olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁹and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. ¹⁰“All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded: ¹¹the tabernacle with its tent and its covering, clasps, frames, crossbars, posts and bases; ¹²the ark with its poles and the atonement cover and the curtain that shields it; ¹³the table with its poles and all its articles and the bread of the Presence; ¹⁴the lampstand that is for light with its accessories, lamps and oil for the light; ¹⁵the altar of incense with its poles, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; the curtain for the doorway at the entrance to the tabernacle; ¹⁶the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils; the bronze basin with its stand; ¹⁷the curtains of the courtyard with its posts and bases, and the curtain for the entrance to the courtyard; ¹⁸the tent pegs for the tabernacle and for the courtyard, and their ropes; ¹⁹the woven garments worn for ministering in the sanctuary—both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests.”]

D. The Coverings of the Tabernacle Proper: Holy Place and Holy of Holies, 2nd and 3rd rooms: There 4 Coverings/Layers of these two rooms: It was made of 4 coverings and **held in place** (secured) by its bars and silver sockets!

- a. Curtain of fine twined linen embroidered with blue (heaven), purple (king), and scarlet cover (shed blood of Jesus). This layer was the inside layer, beautiful and for the priests and high priest to see!
- b. Curtains of goat hair: signified the two sacrificial goats—one was killed and burned (Jesus), the other was set free/let go (the scapegoat-us). Scapegoat was led out of the camp, up the west side of the camp until it could no longer be seen.
- c. Rams’ skins dyed red: signifying the shed blood of Christ-salvation
- d. Badgers’ skin/porpoise skins: It could withstand the weather, the rain: repelled the weather. Nothing could penetrate it-causing all of the other layers and all that was inside to be protected, untouched, preserved!
- e. OUR SALVATION IS SECURED IN CHRIST!

Scripture references: (Personal Study):

God’s Love (Cords):

Deuteronomy 7:8 (NIV): ⁸But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV): ³The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

Ephesians 2:4-7 (NIV): ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up

with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Christ Death and Resurrection (Bottom and Top Half of Peg, Posts/Boards): Additional Study: See if you can correlate the Spiritual prophetic spiritual significance to each line of this chapter to the fulfillment of Christ! I helped with verse 2.

Isaiah 53:(NIV): (One of the greatest detailed prophetic scriptures that Christ fulfilled).

Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a tender shoot,

and like a root out of dry ground. **(Aaron's Rod-reference-The High Priest)**

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by mankind,

a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴Surely he took up our pain

and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,

stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions,

he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray,

each of us has turned to our own way;

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,

and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By oppression^[a] and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;

for the transgression of my people he was punished.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked,

and with the rich in his death,

though he had done no violence,

nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,

and though the LORD makes^l his life an offering for sin,

he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Acts 5:30 (NIV): The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead — whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV): ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross (tree-KJV), so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

Resurrections Scriptures: Look up the scriptures, then identify the meaning, the fulfillment from the tabernacle!

1. John 11:25
2. 2 Corinthians 4:14
3. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
4. 1 Corinthians 15:4
5. 1 Corinthians 15:16-22

Additional Study and Notes:

OUR SECURITY IN CHRIST

1. **Psalm 112:7 (NIV):** They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
2. **Hebrews 13:6 (NIV):** So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid!" What can mere mortals do to me?
3. **1 Peter 1:5 (NIV):** who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (Read the entirety of 1 Peter 1: The Living Hope).

HUMAN DOUBT: THE FLESH

MURMURING AND COMPLAINING: WHERE IS GOD

THE CLOUD, THE MANNA, THE WATER, THE GUIDANCE, THE PROTECTION, THE PROVIDER OF ALL!

Psalm 78:19: (Look at both translations): They complained

[New International Version](#)

They spoke against God; they said, "Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?"

[New Living Translation](#)

They even spoke against God himself, saying, "God can't give us food in the wilderness.

Psalm 78:18-20: They willfully tested God by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God saying, "Can God really prepare a table in the wilderness? When He struck the rock, water gushed out and torrents raged. But can He also give bread or supply His people with meat?"

OUR HUMANITY DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS GOD, EVEN THROUGH ALL OF HIS PROOF! OUR FLESH/HUMANITY SAYS: if he can feed the 5000 can He feed the 4000? If he performs 7 miracles, can He do 10 more? WILL HE DO IT AGAIN??? IF HE DID IT BEFORE, HE WILL DO IT AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN!

THE PROVISION, THE PROTECTION, AND GUIDANCE

NOTE: 40 is the number of testing. The Israelites remained in the wilderness for 40 years because they did not pass the test. God was trying, and trying and trying to teach them the way, and they refused, rebelled, murmured, and complained against God.

The Manna: The food, the bread of life. The water came from the rock, the manna fell from the sky.

Exodus 16:4-(BSB): "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt!" they said. "There we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, but you have brought us into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death!" *4Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test whether or not they will follow My instructions.* *5Then on the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on the other days."*... (This covers the Sabbath, the day in which the Lord instructed them to rest and work not! He cares about every detail and provides right down the very detailed need.

Exodus 16:15 (BSB):

When the Israelites saw it, they asked one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. So Moses told them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

THE PILLAR OF CLOUD BY DAY AND NIGHT

God is committed to leading us through the wilderness of this world!

The Lord our God is with us day and night! He will never leave us nor forsake us! He is leading us every step of the way!

The Pillar was dramatic, striking, glorious, miraculous!

Within the Holy of Holies, the glory of God (His Presence) shined through as a light through the tabernacle and covered the entire sky according to the parameter of the people on the ground! "I am with you always, caring for you in every way!"

The Pillar was: God's Presence, Provision and God's Guidance:

1. A Guide:

- a. **Exodus 13:21-22 (NIV):** By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²²Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.
- b. **Psalm 107:7 (NIV):** He led them by a straight (correct) way to a city where they could settle.

2. A Light:

- a. **Nehemiah 9:19 (NIV):** ¹⁹"Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to **shine** on the way they were to take.

3. A Protection and Provision:

- a. **Psalm 105:39 (NIV):** He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night.
- b. **Psalm 121:5-6 (NIV):** The LORD watches over you, the LORD is your shade at your right hand; ⁶the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
(No one died from the sun, nor sun burned, or harmed by the heat of the day, nor the cold by night).

4. God's Timing and Lead: Move when God moves and be still in Him when He says to stay and wait!

Number 9:15-23 (NIV): The Cloud Above the Tabernacle

¹⁵On the day the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant law, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire. ¹⁶That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it, and at night it looked like fire. ¹⁷**Whenever the cloud lifted from above the tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped.** ¹⁸**At the LORD's command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped.** As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. ¹⁹When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the LORD's order and did not set out. ²⁰Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days; at the LORD's command they would encamp, and then at his command they would set out. ²¹Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they set out. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud lifted, they set out. ²²Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out. ²³At the LORD's command they encamped, and at the LORD's command they set out. They obeyed the LORD's order, in accordance with his command through Moses.

How are you with God's Timing and Tests?

Whether by day or by night, two days, a month, or a year-they moved and stayed at God's command!

1. Can you imagine the amount of work it took to move the Tabernacle?
 - a. Will you do the work? Even when it's extremely difficult and seems monotonous, meaning you don't understand why you have to do this over, and over and again but you choose to obey the Lord and trust Him?
 - b. Are you in a season where God is telling you to wait or there seems to be no movement? Will you trust God? You will remain faithful in the waiting?
 - c. Is God telling you to move forward but you are experiencing feelings of fear or doubt? You're not sure? Will you trust Him and move forward? Will you step out, move forward in faith?
 - d. Whatever season, will you trust God, His leading, and His timing?
 - e. How do you know you can trust Him? There are over 50 Chapters of proof to start your journey of trust with God! The entirety of the bible reveals the miraculous truth about the Great God Almighty in Whom we place our trust!

BECAUSE He is the Great Lord our God, provider of all physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially! He is the great God of all, the God of the Tabernacle, Who is now tabernacled with us! We are His dwelling place, His children for whom He will always care for, fight for, provide for, and be with for all eternity!

CLOSING STATEMENT:

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