

God Comes Down

August 2, 2026

Bible Passage: Exodus 40

Introduction:

Big Idea: The tabernacle was a taste of God's glory. The new creation will be its eternal fulfillment. In the end and at the end, what we get from God is God.

Fighter Memory Verse

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Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

#1-The Rescue (Exodus 1-18)

- Chapters 1-5 sets up the back story of the book
- Chapters 6-15 Moses & his brother Aaron confront Pharaoh with God's message
 - Israel struggles between faith & doubt, grumbling & hope.
- Chapters 16-18 God leads Israel, by a pillar of cloud and fire, through the wilderness to a meeting spot He has picked out for them at Mt. Sinai

#2-Israel at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19-39)

- Chapters 19-24 – At Mt. Sinai, God's presence in the pillar of cloud and fire settles on the mountain top
- Chapters 25-31 – God calls Moses and Joshua to come up to the mountain and gives them the plan for the tabernacle and priesthood
- Chapter 32 Israel betrays God
- Chapter 33-34 - Moses interceding on behalf of the people
- Chapters 35-39 - the plan recorded in Exodus 25-31 for building the tabernacle and establishment of priesthood is fulfilled

#3- The work is done & God comes down (Exodus 40)

- Moses completes 32 steps as God's dwelling place is readied
 - 7x it is recorded *"...as the LORD commanded Him"*
- The work was finished (Exodus 40:33)
 - Exodus 40:33 *And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. **So Moses finished the work.***

TRUTH INTO ACTION

- **The God of Israel is greater than any other.**
 - *Remember God works sovereignly to rescue/save/redeem a special people for His own glory.*
- **Live fully convinced that God is the God who keeps His promise.**
 - What areas of your life give evidence that in your life you believe God's promises? (family, relationships, death, serving, giving and finances)
 - What areas of your life give evidence that in your daily life you do not believe God will keep his promises? ((family, relationships, death, serving, giving and finances)
- **Never forget God seeks to rescue and redeem you for His glory and fame.**

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.

Warm Up: Share the greatest lesson you have learned in the Exodus sermon series?

1. In the first sermon from Exodus this overarching theme was stated: ***God works sovereignly to rescue-save-redeem a special people for His own glory.***
 - *How does Exodus teach us that God is sovereign?*
 - *List a few actions of God that lead to Israel's rescue:*
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2. Read the following and share your thoughts afterwards:
 - *The greatest minds of history have wrestled with the issue of the sovereignty of God versus the free will of humankind. Someday in eternity we may discover how the track of God's sovereignty and the track of our responsibility finally come together. But the way we should look at this is so simple we sometimes miss it: let God take care of His sovereignty, and let us take care of our responsibility. God's sovereignty explains things that humans cannot possibly fathom.*
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 - *The sovereignty of God in our lives, from our perspective, is like looking at a weaving or tapestry from the wrong side. We see all the various threads and knots and strands sticking out. We see it from the back side because we do not have the perspective that God has. But someday in eternity, God will take that patchwork we have looked at and haven't understood, and He will turn it around. We will see the beautiful tapestry that has been woven out of our lives. We can spend all our lives trying to figure out why God does this and why God does that. Sometimes we just have to fall back on the fact that God is sovereign and in control. We can rest secure in that truth. (David Jeremiah Morning and Evening Devotions: Holy Moments in the Presence of God, 2017)*
 - How does knowing that God is in control affect your fears and worries?
 - Can you think of an example in your life where you saw God's plan working, even when things seemed uncertain?
2. The glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle so intensely that even Moses could not enter (Exodus 40:34-35).
 - What does this tell us about the boundary between God's holiness and human capability?
 - In the New Testament, believers are called the temple of the Holy Spirit. How does it change your daily choices to know that God's holy presence now lives *inside* you rather than in a physical tent?

Prayer: Father thank you for the truths from Exodus. Help me to trust you totally with the circumstances in my life and help me to live my life for You. In Jesus' sweet name, AMEN!