

Exodus 25

Love

I. Free-will Offerings for the Sanctuary

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses...

- After Israel Affirms the Covenant
- After Moses on the Mountain with God

2 [God said] ..."Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an **offering**. From **everyone who gives it willingly** with his heart you shall take My offering.

- Pau to Corinth regarding giving...

2 Corinthians 8:12 For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.

2 Corinthians 9:6 ... He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for **God loves a cheerful giver**.

- **God to Moses:** Collect an offering to me from those who are willing
 1. Those who understand the blessings I have bestowed
 2. Those who understand that I am worthy to be blessed in return
- **NOTE:** Offerings belong to God. Church leaders must understand this

3 And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; 4 blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; 5 ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; 6 oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; 7 onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.

Collect materials for the Mobile Sanctuary: All speak of Jesus

- Gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood
- Oil for the Lamps
- Spices for:
 1. Anointing Oil
 2. Incense
- For the Ephod and Breastplate
 1. Onyx stones
 2. Other stones

8 And let them make Me a **sanctuary**, that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

Every item, every dimension, every minute detail of the Tabernacle speaks of Jesus
These are copies of what is in the Heavenly Tabernacle

Hebrews 9:23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us



- Make Me a Sanctuary: Lit. A Holy Place
- Purpose: That I may dwell with my people
- Dwell: Related to Shekinah; i.e. radiance, presence, glory of God among His people
- Make it according to the pattern; i.e. Blueprint that I will show you

An earthly copy of a heavenly reality

SUMMARY Offerings for the Sanctuary

II. Ark of the Testimony

10 "And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.
11 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around.



- **Ark:** Most important item in Tabernacle
 1. If cubit is 18" then Ark dimensions are 45" High x 27" x 27" wide and deep
 2. Made of Acacia Wood: Harder and darker than oak
 3. Acacia Wood overlaid with pure gold

Gold speaks of the deity of Jesus. The wood speaks of Jesus humanity

Gold that overlaid the Ark: Speaks of Jesus Deity

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- *It was the deity* of Jesus that performed miracles
- *It was the deity* of Jesus that cast out demons
- *It was the deity* of Jesus that was seen on the Mount of Transfiguration

Wood: Speaks of Jesus Humanity

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God

- *It was the man* Jesus who led a sinless life
- *It was the man* Jesus that was beaten for us

Not God who suffered/died on the cross
...It was Jesus the man [nothing supernatural to suppress the pain]

12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side. 13 And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. 15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

- **Created to be Ready to move with God: As we should be...**

Serving God should not be boring but dynamic as we move with His Spirit

Romans 12:11 [Don't lag] in diligence, [be] fervent in spirit, serving the Lord

- Rings for poles to go through to carry the ark ; think casket
- **Carry it this way and no other way:** David set the ark on a new cart

2 Samuel 6:6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. 7 Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.

- **Ark of Covenant speaks of Jesus:** One way
- **Noah's Ark spoke of Jesus:** One way...not our own way not matter how fancy

John 14:5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

16 And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.

- Instructions as to what to put in the Ark later: Golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant [Hebrews 9:4].
- Presence of the "God of all the earth"

Joshua 3:11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the **Lord of all the earth** is crossing over before you into the Jordan.

17 "You shall make a **mercy seat** of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. 18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat.



- **Pure Gold:** ALL GOLD speaking of Deity, picture of The Throne of God
- **Mercy Seat:** From heb. "to atone for" or to "cover over" or "Place of "propitiation"..."

God's righteous anger towards sin is satisfied in full

Wrath *due us* poured out on Jesus.... mercy *extended to us* because of Jesus

19 Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. 20 And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. 21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you.



- Angels are part of the Mercy Seat or lid of the Ark
- 2 Gold Cherubs fashioned by anointed artist

Exodus 31:1 [Read] ...the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, I have called by name

Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

- Cherubim face one another with wings touching the other
- On either side of the Ark; Casket, Slab with Mercy Seat; i.e. Throne of God in middle

John 20:11 ...Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw **two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.** 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

- God would meet with Moses there. God would meet with the High Priest there
- We meet with our high priest here at the throne of God

All a picture of the Heavenly Realm/ Another dimension

- This is where we worship Jesus at the empty tomb

SUMMARY Ark of the Testimony: NOTE: No likeness of God in Temple

III. Table for Showbread

23 "You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits shall be its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 24 And you shall **overlay it with pure gold**, and make a molding of gold all around. 25 You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a **gold** molding for the frame all around. 26 And you shall make for it four rings of **gold**, and put the rings on the four corners that are at its four legs. 27 The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. 28 And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with **gold**, that the table may be carried with them.



- **Table of Showbread:** Table with bread and pitchers
 1. Acacia Wood Covered with Gold

2. Speaks of Jesus/Bread is a "type" of Christ

John 6:35 ... **"I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

- God as both our Provider and Sustenance
- Communion: Eating of Bread symbolic of *ingesting* Christ

Matthew 26:26 ... Jesus took bread, blessed[b] and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

- **Table of Showbread:** Picture of Jesus our Provider and Sustenance
 1. 36" x 18" x 18"
 2. Molding and Frame of Gold
 3. Poles going through 2 rings on each side to carry as w/Ark

Poles of Acacia Wood covered with gold speak of Jesus: Jesus bears our burden

1 Peter 5: 7 cast... all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 **For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."**

- Gold covered wood poles speak of Jesus **Deity/Humanity bearing our burden**
 1. Jesus bore our burden in **His humanity**: Suffered and died in our place
 2. Jesus bears our burden in **His deity** as eternal High Priest interceding for us
- Further details on Table of Showbread to be inside Tabernacle...

29 You shall make [for the Table of Showbread] its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold.

- **Showbread or Bread of Presence or Bread of Faces**
 1. 12 Loaves representing 12 Tribes of Israel placed on table
 2. Remained on Table *before the Lord* one week
 3. **Sprinkled with Frankincense:** Jesus sweet incense to the Father
 4. Every Sabbath priests would eat bread in the Holy Place **and replace it**
- **Next...**Purpose of the Table of Showbread

30 And you shall set the showbread on the table **before Me always.**

- Called "Showbread" because always in Lord's presence [Bread of Presence]
- Picture of God's desire to Fellowship and Commune with us! Eat of the Bread

Eat of the Bread. You are what you eat. We partake of Christ/ Feed upon His Word

SUMMARY Table of Showbread speaks of Jesus and His desire for us to partake of Him. We come to church to eat...not be entertained

IV. Gold Lampstand

31 "You shall also make a lampstand of **pure gold**; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.



- **Gold Lampstand or Gold "Candlestick"**
 1. **Today called a Menorah:** 1 Shaft, 6 Branches, Bowls, Knobs and Flowers
 2. **One Piece of Hammered Gold:** Deity
 3. **Gold Lampstand:** Speaks of Jesus the Light of the world...

John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

32 And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side. 33 Three bowls shall be made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower—and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand.

- **Almond Blossoms Bowls:**
 1. First tree to blossom in spring was Almond Tree [I Am the Resurrection/Life]
 2. Almond blossom shaped bowls on Lampstand filled w/oil w/wick sticking out
- **Oil:** Picture of the Holy Spirit in OT and NT
 1. We anoint the sick with oil as a symbol of the Holy Spirit

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

2. We are anointed with Holy Spirit to accomplish God's purpose
3. The Lampstand had bowls filled with Oil
4. We are to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Oil a Picture of God's Holy Spirit

Matthew 25:1 [Read] "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

- **Kingdom of Heaven is like...**

1. 10 Virgin bridesmaids with Lamps waiting for the Bridegroom
2. All Ten had Lamps and All Ten were waiting
 - 5 with oil are called wise
 - 5 without oil are called foolish

6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

- **Oil a picture of the Holy Spirit**

1. Wise were prepared with oil for their lamps to meet the Bridegroom
2. True Christians are filled with God's Holy Spirit and ready to meet the Lord

Romans 8:9 ...you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

- We receive God's Spirit **when we believe:**

Ephesians 1:13 [Read] In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, **having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit** of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Lampstand: One Shaft and 6 Branches: # **7 Representing fullness of God's Spirit...**

- Spirit of God before the Throne of God

Revelation 4:5 ...from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God.**

- **Seven Spirits of God:** Seven attributes of the Spirit of God found in Christ

Isaiah 2:11 [Read] There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

- **7 Fold Spirit:**

1. Rod/Branch/Stem filled with Oil [Jesus]
2. Wisdom
3. Understanding
4. Counsel
5. Might
6. Knowledge
7. Fear

- Lampstand speaks of the Light of Jesus and the Oil of the filling of the Holy Spirit

34 On the lampstand itself four bowls shall be made like almond blossoms, each with its ornamental knob and flower. 35 And there shall be a knob under the first two branches of the same, a knob under the second two branches of the same, and a knob under the third two branches of the same, according to the six branches that extend from the lampstand. 36 Their knobs and their branches shall be of one piece; all of it shall be one hammered piece of pure gold. 37 You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it. 38 And its wick-trimmers and their trays shall be of pure gold. 39 It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

The Light of the Lampstand speaks of Jesus the Light of the World

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "**Let there be light**"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

- As the Spirit of God illuminated a physically dark world...
- So Jesus continues to shine His Light onto/into the dark hearts of men...

2 Corinthians 4:6 ...it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- God is Light

1 John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

- **God is Light**...Jesus is God...therefore Jesus is Light
- [If G=L and J=G then J must = L]

John 1:4 In [Jesus] was life, and the life was the **light of men**. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

- **Jesus:** I AM the Light of the world.
- Candlestick is in a completely covered tent and would be **its only light**
- **What are the dimensions?**

It is interesting that no measurements are given for the lampstand. Why? Because you can't put a yardstick down on Deity, friend. You cannot measure the Son of God. You can't understand Him. He is beyond the computation of man. Yet He also was perfectly human. His Deity and humanity are perfectly fused. Along with the fact that Jesus we[pt] was the fact that He commanded Lazarus to come forth. [JV McGee]

Everything regarding the Tabernacle of Meeting must be "According to the Pattern"; i.e. the Blueprints I give you on the mountain...**because they speak of Jesus**

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened to them **as examples**, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Romans 15:4 ...whatever things were **written before were written for our learning**, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

40 And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.

Hebrews 9:23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us

Old Testament is a Physical Representation of a New Testament Spiritual Truth

In this case the Old Testament describes Physical Copies of Heavenly Objects

- **Exodus 25** God showed Moses a blueprint/illustration of things already in Heaven
 1. Ark of the Testimony
 2. Table of Showbread
 3. Gold Lampstand continues into Chapter 26...