

Exodus 30-31 – 2 July 2020

“Our Part In Redemption As Pictured In The Tabernacle”

Introduction

Moses has come up to top of Mt Sinai for 40 days. God will give him & Israel 2 things:

1. The Law – We’ve seen this in chapter 19-24
2. The Tabernacle – in chapter 25-31

The Law – how to represent God to the world

The Tabernacle – God representing Himself to Israel

God’s plan in representing Himself in the Tabernacle is to show how He will redeem human kind

25-27 – Most parts of Tabernacle; these represent Jesus Christ (**Christ’s part**)

28-29 – The High Priest and other priests (**Mediator**)

30-31 – Rest of parts of Tabernacle; these represent our part in redemption (**Our Part**)

Today, we see our 6 parts in redemption as pictured in the Tabernacle

1st Part – Believe we need to depend on God in prayer (Chap 30:1-10) – *The Altar of Incense*

Read Chap 30:1-8

1. So the construction similar to all other items.
 - a. Wood overlaid with gold
 - b. Staves or poles to move when relocating
2. Burning incense 2x a day everyday continually

Application

1. Incense before the Lord is a picture of prayer
2. Read Rev 5:8
3. Prayer is designed for us to show our dependence on God
 - a. First part of redemption is coming to God saying, “I’m helpless, I depend on YOU”.
 - b. Our Father from Matt 6:9-13
4. Turn to Luke 18:9-14 – Two men went to pray
 - a. Prayer will reveal to YOU, if you’re depending on God or self.

Read Chap 30:9-10

1. It's an altar but not for anything else but prayer
 - a. It's not the place sacrificial atonement is made, it's the place where sacrificial atonement is enjoyed.
 - b. In Leviticus 10, Aaron's sons Nadab & Abihu try their own formula and die for it.
 - c. Prayer: meant to enjoy relationship w/ God, not to demonstrate our own ways & efforts.

2nd Part – Believe we're all equally lost and redeemed (Chap 30:11-16) – *The Atonement Money*

Read Chap 30:11-14

1. 20 was the apparent age of full adulthood
2. No census could be taken save God asks for it
 - a. You can only # what belongs to you

Read Chap 30:15-16

1. This atonement money was same amt for all
 - a. The ground is level at the cross
 - b. What God expects of you, He expects of me
 - c. Designed to show, we all owe God equally!
 - i. We all owe Him our very life
2. This one-time tax would later become the annual “Temple Tax” seen in Matt 17
 - a. See, Jesus says He doesn’t owe this because He’s already a perfect member of the Kingdom
 - b. But Jesus paid it anyway as to not offend needlessly.

Application

1. This isn’t a picture of NT guidelines for giving
 - a. NT giving – we give as God prospers us
2. This is a picture of redemption being equal for all people.
 - a. Do you believe that we’re all equally lost?
 - b. Do you believe that we’re all equally saved?

3rd Part – Believe we're sanctified by the Word (Chap 30:17-21) – *The Brass Laver*

Read Chap 30:17-21

1. So a giant basin of washing water
2. What is water used to represent in the Bible?
 - a. Drinking water – (John 4) Women at well
 - i. Read John 7:37-39
 - ii. Drinking water pictures the Holy Spirit
 - b. Washing water
 - i. Read Eph 5:26
 - ii. Washing water pictures the Word of God
3. We're told in Exo 38:8 this laver was made from the women's looking-glasses or mirrors.
 - a. Isn't a mirror a great pictures of the Word of God.
 - b. Read James 1:23-25
4. John 13:8-10 – Jesus washing their feet
 - a. This is a continual need, not a full bath
 - b. Just as priests were to continually wash H/F

4th Part – Believe we gain God’s power thru the Holy Spirit (Chap 30:22-33) – *The Anointing Oil*

Read Chap 30:22-30

1. What was the use of this compound?
 - a. To be poured on Tabernacle’s furniture
 - b. To be poured on all the priests
2. It was to signify that they have been set apart as special and different for a dedicated purpose
 - a. You have had the HS poured into your life
 - b. He’s set you apart with power to serve God

Read Chap 30:31-33

1. There is only one Holy Spirit
2. It was a specific prescription to make
3. Hb. Messiah a& Gk. Christ = Anointed One or Chosen One.
 - a. Anointing means to be chosen for power and position.
 - b. Read I John 2:27-28
 - i. Who is it that teaches all things? Jhn 14:26

Interlude – A Warning about the making of the incense (Chap 30:34-38)

Read Chap 30:34-36

1. So just as the anointing oil, the incense has set ingredients.

Read Chap 30:37-38

1. The purpose of the incense is for the Lord to smell the prayers of the people, no one else.
 - a. Think of that next time someone says you can pray to Mary, a dead saint or an angel.
 - b. Don't cheapen prayer by thinking that you can have that special connection with someone other than God.
 - i. It's a special connection, brought thru the veil of Christ to God the Father Himself.
2. Remember prayer shows your dependence.
 - a. Don't offer your service to another.
 - i. That's idolatry!

5th Part – Believe we each have a purpose in life **(Chap 31:1-11) – *Like Bezaleel & Aholiab***

Read Chap 30:1-11

1. Bezaleel and Aholiab are gifted and empowered for THIS task.
 - a. Moses was empowered...but not for this task.
 - b. Aaron was empowered...but not for this task.
2. This is important part to being saved/redeemed
 - a. There is a specific purpose for you
 - b. YOU specifically are important to God!
 - c. Matt 10:30 says that very hairs of your head are numbered.
 - i. He can't say that unless he's talking about an individual!

6th Part – Believe God has completed the work of redemption (Chap 31:12-18) – Sabbath Rest

Read Chap 30:12-13

1. Keeping the Sabbath was a way for Israel to show that world that they were redeemed, the work was done.
2. They've now been set apart as different/special

Read Chap 30:14-18

1. Many parts of the OT Law are helpful in principle today, but Sabbath is different.
 - a. Vs 17 – It's between Israel and God
 - b. What's it for?
 - i. It remembers God's finished work of Creation.
 - ii. It's to anticipate the work that Christ will finish on the cross!
2. Read Heb 4:10-11
 - a. Do you believe Christ's death finishes your payment for eternal existence w/ God?

Conclusion

So what's our part in the making of human redemption? **BELIEF**

- 1. Believe we need to depend on God in prayer**
 - a. Can't be saved unless you know you're helpless without God's intervention
- 2. Believe we're all equally lost & redeemable**
 - a. Your salvation & my salvation costs same
- 3. Believe we're sanctified by the Word of God**
 - a. Once bathed, we only need continual washing away of daily sin
- 4. Believe we gain power thru the Holy Spirit**
 - a. You have a new power, not of your own!
- 5. Believe we each have a great purpose**
 - a. We're not just saved from Egypt, we're saved to the Promised Land...take advantage!
- 6. Believe God has completed the work**
 - a. Are you resting on Christ's finished work? Knowing it doesn't depend on you?