

SWORD MINISTRIES (Ephesians 6:17)

Let's wrap up the study of the Tabernacle by applying the truths of God's Word to our lives individually.

EXODUS 38:21-23; 39:32,33 when the building of the Tabernacle and all its furniture and curtains were completed, the builders brought it all to Moses to inspect. In the two closing chapters of this book (**EXODUS 39,40**), we are told 18 times that everything had been made *'according to all that the LORD commanded Moses'* (some samples: **EXODUS 39:1,5,21; 40:16,32**).

EXODUS 40:34-38 God gave Moses detailed instructions on how to build the Tabernacle, and anointed people with the Holy Spirit, who were willing to help build. They all obeyed God and look what God did: *'Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.'*

NUMBERS 9:15-23 the message for all Israel was 'follow the cloud.' The cloud was the Shekinah Presence of the LORD. The events of the Old Testament are meant to teach us today: **ROMANS 15:4; 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-11**. In addition to that, Jesus Himself tells us that the Bible is all about Him, from **GENESIS** to **REVELATION**: *'Search the scriptures...they are they which testify of Me. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me'* (**JOHN 5:39,46**). As we look at Israel being led by the visible presence of God, it stuns us that we also read of them often murmuring and complaining throughout the journey. Whereas today, we walk by faith, not sight, and God has promised us wonderful things as we understand His leading and follow Him. **1 CORINTHIANS 3:16,17; 6:19, 20;**

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-16; EPHESIANS 2:18-22. The believer is the Temple of God today, God indwells us, so the lessons of the Tabernacle may be personally applied to us as we walk in Christ today.

HEBREWS 8:1-13 *'...I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people'* God has done something new! He has written His will on the tablets of our hearts! He leads us from within, and that is awesome: **2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-7** the Shekinah Glory of the LORD in the desert was the visible manifestation of the cloud and the pillar of fire, but now *'...God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.'* This is an inner work, the work of regeneration, and now the glory of God leads us from within.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-18 *'But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.'* From the inside, the Holy Spirit continues to set our hearts

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free, changing us moment by moment, making us like Jesus. **ROMANS 5:1-6** *'Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.'* **EPHESIANS 3:13-21** *'That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love'* this is something the outward visible manifestation of God in the desert could not do, the work of God today is in our hearts, God is leading us from within.

The Glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle; today, our bodies are the Temple of God. Is Jesus filling your life this way? Filled to overflow? In examining the Scriptures, we see that Moses' obedience led to the Tabernacle being filled with the glory of the LORD. Obedience is where we too must begin: **JOHN 14:18-26; MATTHEW 2:21-29** this is not trying to follow the Law, this is our response to the love that God has poured into us, our inner man, an obedience based upon love.

MARK 1:14-18 this is a tremendous picture of the Glory of God moving (Jesus Himself), and the Israelites following this glory as they did in days of the Tabernacle. **LUKE 4:4; 11:27,28** *'blessed are they that hear the word of God, and obey it.'* Weighty truths for us.

THE TRUTHS OF THE TABERNACLE

- the Tabernacle was God's dwelling place to be among His people
- the Tabernacle revealed the only way to the Presence of God
- the Tabernacle was the house of worship
- the Tabernacle truly speaks of Jesus Christ

MATTHEW 22:34-38; 23:37-39 every event in our lives, every circumstance, every yearning our heart... is in reality God's call unto us to love Him, follow Him, obey Him, worship Him, and be with Him. The truths of the Tabernacle teach us how:

White Linen Curtains and the Gate: **JOHN 10:7-9;**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 Jesus is our righteousness, you cannot enter God's presence but through the Door, Jesus.

The Brazen Altar and Brazen Laver: there must be a blood sacrifice made, an unblemished substitute dying in our place, Jesus has done that **ROMANS 3:19-26**. After the blood sacrifice, the priests needed to ceremonially bathe to minister. In this same way, we are to wash daily in God's Word **EPHESIANS 5:25,26; ACTS 17:11**.

The Holy Place: there was the door to enter (**JOHN 10:9**); the Table of Showbread (**JOHN 6:51**); the Golden Lampstand (**JOHN 8:12**); the Altar of Incense (**HEBREWS 7:25**). All speak of Jesus!

The Holy of Holies: the veil (**HEBREWS 10:19, 20**); the Ark and Mercy Seat (**HEBREWS 4:14-**

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16). Jesus covers God's Law for us! Enter His presence through Christ; the Tabernacle points to Jesus in every single aspect of worship! **PSALM 95:1-7**

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