

OPEN MY EYES



# GOD'S WORD

Is To Encourage

- John 3:17 – For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.
- Every sermon, message, scripture should be used as a building block for growth and maturity.

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# DAILY BIBLE READING

- Are you reading?
- If so, how are you reading?
- Logos – the written word.
- Rhema – the living, enlightening and rewarding word.

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# DAILY BIBLE READING



Psalms 119:18 – Open my eyes that I may see  
wonderful things in your law.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 1. ABOUT HIMSELF

- He Doesn't Change.
- Malachi 3:6 – "For I am the Lord, I change not."
- Hebrews 13:8 – "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 1. ABOUT HIMSELF

- His Covenant is Conditional – Obedience
- Exodus 19:5-6 – “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep my covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation ...”

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 1. ABOUT HIMSELF

- He Calls for Excellence
- Psalm 16:3 – “As for the godly (the saints) who are in the land, they are the majestic and the noble and the excellent ones in whom is all My delight.”

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 1. ABOUT HIMSELF

- He's the same, yesterday, today and for ever.
- Obedience is better than sacrifice.
- As Christians we should be a people of excellence.
- "Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence."

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 2. ABOUT MOSES

Deuteronomy 34:10-12 – Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt – to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 2. ABOUT MOSES

- That even 120 years is not very long.
- The Apostle Paul addressed it this way  
1Corinthians 9:26 – So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 2. ABOUT MOSES

- The Irresistible Church Links Everything to a Soul.
- In this life, right now is the only opportunity we will ever have:
  - To bring people to Jesus.
  - To help a believer grow in their faith.

**There's no time to waste!**

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

- Exodus 25:8 – “Then have them construct a **SANCTUARY** for me, that I may dwell among them...”

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

An Order of Service.

- God established "Laws of Offerings".
- How to:
  - Approach God.
  - Offer Praise.
  - Ask for forgiveness of sin.

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## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

An Order of Service.

- God established "Laws of Offerings".
- How to:
  - Approach God.
  - Offer Praise.
  - Ask for forgiveness of sin.
- Through the sacrifice of animals, by offering "things from the soil", and by payment in shekels.

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## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

The Principle of Giving “the first and best”.

- Genesis 4:4 – and Able also gave an offering to the Lord. He killed the **first-born** lamb from one of his sheep and gave the Lord the **best** parts of it. The Lord was pleased with Able and his offering.

# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

The Principle of Giving "the first and best".

- If it's an animal – "a male without defect".
- If it's grain – "of the finest flour".
- "The first ripe fruit".
- "The best of the fresh oil and wine".



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## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

Concerning the priests.

- "Here, I Myself have also given you charge of My offerings, all the holy gifts of the children of Israel.
- "Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings the Israelites present to the Lord, I give to you ...".

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## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

God establishes the Tithe

- Numbers 18:21 – “I give to the Levites (Priests) all the tithes in Israel ...”.
- Verse 26 – Speak to the Levites (Priests) and say to them, “When you receive from the Israelites the tithe ...”.
- Tithe – maasrah – a tenth.

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## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

God establishes the Tithe

- Through Jesus, we are no longer bound by the Mosaic Laws (Laws of Offerings)
- Hebrews 10:12 – Whereas Christ, having offered the one sacrifice (the all-sufficient sacrifice of Himself) for sins for all time, sat down (signifying the completion of atonement for sin) at the right hand of God (the position of honor), ...

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## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

God establishes the Tithe

- Yes, through Jesus, we were freed from The Law.
- But God established three other specific requirements for the Tithe.

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## 3. THE FIRST CHURCH

Three Other Specific Requirements:

- The principle of giving “the first and best”.
- To provide for the lively hood of the Priest.
- To provide for the care of the Sanctuary.
- They still exist and support is still through the tithe.
- It was God’s command then and it’s His command now.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

- Exodus 25:8 – ... “According to all that I am going to show you as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just as you shall construct it.”

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

Another form of giving – a New Offering.

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## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

### A New Offering

- It's not mandatory
- It's given freely, willingly and from what you have.

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## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

A New Offering

God's Instructions

- Exodus 35:4-5 – Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the Lord has commanded: **From 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 ...".

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

### A New Offering

### Exodus 35:20-29 Summarized

- 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.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

A New Offering

Exodus 35:20-29 Summarized

They brought:

- Gold jewelry of all kinds.
- Blue, purple or scarlet yarn, fine linen, goat hair, ram skins and other durable leather.

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## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

A New Offering

Exodus 35:20-29 Summarized

They brought:

- Silver, bronze and acacia wood.
- Onyx stones and other gems.
- Spices and olive oil.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

The materials; where did they come from?

- Exodus 12:35-36 – The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people and they gave them what they asked for; so, they plundered the Egyptians.
- God is in control and will provide.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

### The Talent

- Exodus 35:25-26 – All the women who were gifted artisans spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun of blue, purple and scarlet, and fine linen. And all the women whose **hearts** stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats' hair.

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## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

### The Talent

- Exodus 36:1 – "... every gifted artisan in whom the lord has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work with the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the Lord has commanded."

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

### The Talent

The Israelites freely and willingly gave of their Time and Talents.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

A close-up, artistic photograph of a human eye. The iris is a deep, dark blue, and within it, two small, white hearts are reflected. The eye is surrounded by dark, thick eyelashes. The overall lighting is soft and focused on the eye.

## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

Proverbs 27:19 – As water reflects the face, so  
ones' life reflects the heart.

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## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

In the Bible, the term "heart":

- Is used to describe our desires, hopes, interests, ambitions, dreams and affections.
- It's what motivates us – what we love to do and what we care about the most.
- So, you see, what's in our heart is what we really are.

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## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

- The Israelites truly demonstrated where their hearts were.

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## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

- The Israelites truly demonstrated where their hearts were.
- The early Christians in Acts Chapter 2 truly demonstrated where their hearts were.
- Individuals at Grace Community Fellowship of Brazosport have truly demonstrated where their hearts are.

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## 4. THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

- It's a decision
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 – Each of you should give what you have **decided in your heart** to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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## IN SUMMARY

- God hasn't changed.
- His promises are conditional: Obedience and Excellence.
- As with Moses, we are called to Serve.
- We are to Tithe.
- We are to give Offerings freely and willingly.

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# WHAT HE REVEALED

A close-up, artistic photograph of a human eye. The eye is looking slightly to the right. The iris is a light, hazy blue color. In the center of the iris, there is a clear reflection of two dark, solid hearts positioned side-by-side. The eyelashes are dark and well-defined, framing the eye. The overall lighting is soft and somewhat dim, giving it a contemplative or spiritual feel.

As we continue our daily Bible reading, ask God,  
"Open my eyes that I may see the wonderful  
things in your law."

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