DRAWING NEAR TO A HOLY GOD

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Exodus 26:1-37 (NASB95)

1. GOD DESIRES TO DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE.

Exodus 26:1–36 (NASB95) 1"Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twisted linen and blue and purple and scarlet material; you shall make them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman. 2"The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains shall have the same measurements. 3"Five curtains shall be joined to one another, and the other five curtains shall be joined to one another. 4"You shall make loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain in the first set, and likewise you shall make them on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second set. 5"You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite each other. 6"You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and join the curtains to one another with the clasps so that the tabernacle will be a unit. 7"Then you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains in all. 8"The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have the same measurements. 9"You shall join five curtains by themselves and the other six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the front of the tent. 10"You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the first set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second set. 11"You shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and you shall put the clasps into the loops and join the tent together so that it will be a unit. 12"The overlapping part that is left over in the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that is left over, shall lap over the back of the tabernacle. 13"The cubit on one side and the cubit on the other, of what is left over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall lap over the sides of the tabernacle on one side and on the other, to cover it. 14"You shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red and a covering of porpoise skins above. 15"Then you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright. 16"Ten cubits shall be the length of each board and one and a half cubits the width of each board. 17"There shall be two tenons for each board, fitted to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18"You shall make the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side. 19"You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under another board for its two tenons;
20and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards, 21and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board. 22"For the rear of the tabernacle, to the west, you shall make six boards. 23"You shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the rear. 24"They shall be double beneath, and together they shall be complete to its top to the first ring; thus it shall be with both of them: they shall form the two corners. 25"There shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board. 26"Then you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle, 27and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the rear

side to the west. [28]"The middle bar in the center of the boards shall pass through from end to end. [29]"You shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold. [30]"Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.

GOD INITIATES THE RELATIONSHIP.

WE MUST FOLLOW HIS DESIGN.

2. HONOR GOD'S HOLINESS. (31-35)

[31]"You shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman. [32]"You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks also being of gold, on four sockets of silver. [33]"You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies. [34]"You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies. [35]"You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

OUR SIN CREATES SEPARATION.

OUR GOODNESS CANNOT REMOVE THE BARRIER.

3. COME TO HIM THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. (36-37)

[36]"You shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver. [37]"You shall make five pillars of acacia for the screen and overlay them with gold, their hooks also being of gold; and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

JESUS REMOVED THE BARRIER.

Matthew 27:51–54 (NASB95) [51]And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. [52]The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; [53]and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. ,[54]Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

JESUS GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD.

Hebrews 10:19–22 (NASB95) [19]Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, [20]by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, [21]and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22]let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

JESUS MAKES FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD POSSIBLE.

John 1:14 (NASB95) [14]And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.