

Exodus 25

3/4/18

Sunday Morning

Last week we saw that the elders (judges) ate in the presence of God

1. This was supposed to have an impact on them & be life changing

Exodus 24:9 Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, V.10 and they **saw** the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself.

V.11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they **beheld** God, and they ate and drank. ("beheld" – to see, perceive with the intelligence, to see by experience)

* "**Yet** He did not stretch out His hand"

2. Then God called Moses to the top of mountain **V.12**

V.12 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction."

V.15 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

V.16 And the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

V.17 And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top.

1. "To...sons of Israel... was like a consuming fire on the mountain top"
 - a. They couldn't see how Moses could live thru all that was going on
 - b. Christ **becomes** a consuming fire to those who really see Him!

V.18 And Moses entered the midst of the cloud as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

1. "Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights"
 - a. Moses didn't eat or drink for 40 days

Exodus 34:28 So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

b. God's presence sustained him

Exodus 25:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

V.2 "Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution.

1. "to raise a contribution for Me"

a. This is a **Heave Offering**

b. An offering which is lifted up & given to God

V.3 "And this is the contribution which you are to raise from them: gold, silver and bronze,

1. "you are to raise from them: **gold, silver and bronze**"

a. This is an offering of material to build the Tabernacle

b. It will take approx.

i. Gold – 1 ton

ii. Silver – 3.25 tons

iii. Brass – 4 to 5 tons

V.4 blue, purple and scarlet material, fine linen, goat hair,

V.5 rams' skins dyed red, porpoise skins, acacia wood,

V.6 oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense,

V.7 onyx stones and setting stones, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

1. "rams' skins...porpoise skins, acacia wood, oil for lighting, spices...for...fragrant incense

a. It will take a massive amount of material to build the Tabernacle

b. God gave Israel their back wages of 400 years' – when they left Egypt

c. God told Abraham He would do that a half millennium earlier

Genesis 15:13 And *God* said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

¹⁴ "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out **with many possessions.**

d. The materials named come out of the wealth they brought out of Egypt

V.8 (NP)

V.8 "And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

1. "that I may dwell among them"

a. When David wanted to build a house for God – God didn't allow him to do it b/c he was a man of war

i. But also you see that the idea was a **more man based desire** to build a place for God

2 Samuel 7:1 Now it came about when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,

² that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains."

³ And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your mind, for the LORD is with you."

⁴ But it came about in the same night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,

⁵ "Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD, " Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?

⁶ "For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle.

⁷ " Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"

ii. The Tabernacle was different – God expressed a desire to dwell among His people

iii. He yearning for a closer connection still exist – which is coming some day

iv. The Holy Spirit dwells w/in us & in future we will reside w/ Him

John 17:24 (NP)

John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.

- v. Maybe the **hardest** thing for a **carnal believer** is –
knowing how great the love that they spurned

V.8 x "And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

V.9 "According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.

1. "According to all that I am going to show you...the pattern...tabernacle...all its furniture"
 - a. The wording makes it "appear" that God possibly allowed Moses to **see** the heavenly Tabernacle – there is a heavenly Tabernacle
 - b. God makes it clear that Moses is to **be very careful** to make it **just** as he saw!

V.9 x "...just so you shall construct it."

- c. Starting with **V.10** God tells Moses **what** He wants made & **how** he wants it made
 - i. God gives the **color, material, shape & dimensions** of every article involved

Exodus 25:40 "And see that you make *them* after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.

Exodus 26:30 "Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.

Exodus 27:8 "You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make *it*.

Numbers 8:4 (NP)

Numbers 8:4 Now this was the workmanship of the lampstand, hammered work of gold; from its base to its flowers, it was hammered work; according to the pattern which the LORD had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

Hebrews 8:5 who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

- d. For years **skeptics** said Moses didn't write the Pentateuch b/c men hadn't invented writing yet.
- e. This proves to me at least what I have long believed – I believe that men **had higher IQs** than men do today & were far more advanced! – all you have to do is watch television for a while to know that is true@!
 - i. **All** Moses saw he was able to recreate, to the letter, on a smaller scale

V.10 "And they shall construct an Ark of acacia wood two and a half cubits long, and one and a half cubits wide, and one and a half cubits high.

1. "And they shall construct an Ark of acacia"

- a. Notice God starts the description of the Tabernacle from inside the Holy of Holies – that is His residing place
 - i. **His presence** will dwell **above the Mercy Seat** in Holy of Holies
 - ii. If a cubit is 18 inches – the Ark was 45"x 27"x 27"
 - iii. Try not to let the Indiana Jones movie slant your thinking
- b. The **Ark represents the person of Christ**
- c. It also represented His presence
 - i. It was **the most sacred piece of furniture** in Tabernacle
 - ii. It went before Israel **born on the shoulders** of the **priest** during wandering in wilderness
 - iii. When crossing the Jordan River as soon as the feet of the priest carrying the Ark touched the water it receded

- iv. The **Ark led the way** as men circled around Jericho to bring the walls down
- v. The Army of Israel took **the Ark** into battle w/ Philistines where it was captured
- vi. Philistines put it in the **temple of Dagon** & image of Dagon kept being knocked over then broken
- vii. Philistines **sent it back to Israel**, on a **wooden cart** pulled by milch cows, after being infected w/ a plague of tumors
- viii. Years later King David decided to take **to Jerusalem**
- ix. He was using an ox drawn wooden cart similar to Philistines

2 Samuel 6:3 And they placed the ark of God on a new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.

4 So they brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark.

5 Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD with all kinds of instruments made of fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.

6 But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it.

7 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.

- x. Did Uzzah mean disrespect to God? Doesn't seem so
- xi. But **David & people** were **influenced** in how they handled the Ark by the Philistines
- xii. The world will influence how we see God if we're not very careful

- d. The Tabernacle is given the most detailed description of anything in the Word

- e. I believe that is b/c it represents Christ – if not – why so much detail?
 - i. In the Ark will be **placed 3 items**
 - ii. The **10 Commandments** – which speak of His **perfection**
 - iii. **Jar of Manna** – which speaks of Him being the **Bread of Life**
 - iv. **Aaron's rod** that budded – speaks of His **resurrection**

V.11 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and you shall make a gold molding around it.

- 1. "you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out"
 - a. It is **a wooden box** overlaid w/ pure gold
 - b. No better picture could be drawn concerning the hypostatic union (Christ is **both man** (wood) & **God** (gold))
 - c. The **gold** remained **pure** the **acacia** – **wood** remained **wood**
 - d. No theologian could describe as well how Christ could be both God and man – w/ both being unblended (no intermingling of natures)

V.12 "And you shall cast four gold rings for it, and fasten them on its four feet, and two rings shall be on one side of it and two rings on the other side of it.

V.13 "And you shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

V.14 "And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark with them.

V.15 "The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it.

- 1. "The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark"
 - a. The Ark was not to be touched
 - b. God is untouchable!
 - c. It is amazing how casual people can be when it comes to the person of God
 - d. God certainly hasn't given that picture of Himself
 - e. The ark was **never** to be **carried** – it was to be **born** above the heads of men

Isaiah 55:8 (NP)

Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

- f. God has set ideas concerning man's relation to Him

V.16 "And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

V.17 "And you shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide.

1. "a mercy seat of pure gold"
 - a. The mercy seat was made of **pure gold** – **Gold speaks of Deity**
 - b. It is a separate piece of furniture
2. "two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide"
 - a. It is considered a separate piece of furniture
 - b. It is 45" long 27" wide
 - c. What is missing?

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being **rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us,

- d. It will sit on top of the Ark of the Covenant acting as a lid
- e. When it is sitting on top of Ark it is **covering the Law**
- f. It is a mercy seat b/c it sprinkled w/ blood – the blood makes it a mercy seat

V.18 "And you shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat.

1. "make them of hammered work"
 - a. **No fire** was to be used in making Mercy Seat
 - b. The Mercy Seat speaks of Deity
 - c. Fire speaks of judgment – **no judgment of God**

V.19 "And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.

V.20 "And the cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the mercy seat.

1. "make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end"

- a. The cherubim guard the holiness of God

V.20 "And the cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another..."

- b. I take it that they have always guarded God's holiness

Genesis 3:24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.

- c.

V.21 "And you shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I shall give to you.

1. "you shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony"
 - a. It is stated this way to show that the **Mercy Seat** is covering the **Law**!

V.22 "And there I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

1. "there I will meet with you...from above the mercy seat...between the two cherubim"
 - a. The **entire basis for fellowship is based on the Mercy Seat**
Romans 3:23 (NLT) For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.
 24 Yet God, with undeserved kindness, **declares** that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.
 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,
 26 for He was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for He Himself is fair

and just, and He declares sinners to be right in His sight when they believe in Jesus.

27 Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith.

28 So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

b.