The Tabernacle Experience

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Foundational Scriptures

Psalm 15:1 — "LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"

Exodus 25:8–9 — God commanded Israel to make a sanctuary so He could dwell among them, according to His pattern.

Hebrews 8:5 — The Tabernacle served as an example and shadow of heavenly things.

The Purpose of the Tabernacle

- A little bit of heaven here on earth.
- A picture to Israel and the world of the coming Messiah, who would offer the sacrifice for all mankind.

The Tabernacle: An Overview (Exodus 25–31)

Exodus 25: Giving; Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat; Table of Shewbread; Golden Candlestick.

Exodus 26: The Tabernacle structure.

Exodus 27: Brazen Altar; courtyard; oil.

Exodus 28–29: Priestly garments and consecration.

Exodus 30: Altar of Incense; Brazen Laver.

Exodus 31: Workers Bezaleel and Aholiab.

The Dimensions and the One Door

Courtyard: 150 × 75 feet. **Tabernacle:** 45 × 15 × 15 feet.

Holy Place: 30 × 15 feet. **Holy of Holies:** 15 × 15 × 15 feet.

There was **only one entrance** into the outer court: an east-facing gate, 30 feet wide.

John 10:9 — "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved…"

Moses Meets with God (Exodus 33:7–11)

After Israel sinned with the golden calf, Moses pitched the tabernacle outside the camp. The pillar of cloud descended, the people worshipped, and the LORD spoke with Moses "face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend" (v. 11). Joshua remained at the tabernacle.

Psalm 15 — Who Shall Abide in His Tabernacle?

I. Consistent Walk with God — Psalm 15:2

Walk uprightly, work righteousness, and speak truth in the heart.

II. Consistent Walk with Man — Psalm 15:3

Do not backbite, do evil to a neighbour, or take up a reproach.

III. Consistent Walk as God's Possession — Psalm 15:4–5

Honor those who fear the LORD; keep your word even at personal cost; act justly and refuse dishonest gain. "He that doeth these things shall never be moved."