

Mattered

Intro:

[Jn 4:19-24](#)

We are quick to dismiss the physical but Jesus didn't
Physical location mattered, and it still does

This is not a virtual church service - it is a video of a sermon
If it were a virtual church we could make it way better lol video

Problem:

[1 pet 2:4-8](#)

The church is not a building...does not mean the church is not a physical embodied thing...it also doesn't mean buildings are bad

[Rom 12:1-2](#)

Spiritual worship is still a physical thing. It is something we do with our physical bodies. It is something that takes place in physical locations.

[Jn 13:34-35](#)

It is something that takes place through physical interactions...which brings us back to exodus and a very basic yet profound point

Main Idea:

The curtains mattered

The framework mattered

The veil mattered

Implication:

The physical matters

[Heb 11:8-16](#)

The physical tabernacle mattered, its physical foundations mattered, its physical door mattered...it still does
...Just because this is not our home doesn't mean that home doesn't matter

[Heb 12:18-29](#)

Our physical meeting together is a physical manifestation of the city of God...it may be in a movie theatre it may be in an event center, it may be in hiding from house to house but one day it will be in a physical kingdom with physical walls and a physical foundation the will never be shaken...

Application:

[Rev 21:1-22](#)

Physical walls, foundations, gates mattered...they still do
(1 cor 15:20-26 A physical resurrection body demands with physical resurrection buildings)

[Jn 14:1-3](#)

the tabernacle and the temple proclaimed God was with us in a physical sense - the incarnation proved it - Jesus says He has been preparing a physical place for us for the last 2000 years - and He has proved He is serious

Articles for further study:

<https://equip.sbts.edu/publications/journals/augustine-collegiate-review/acr-11-summer/redeeming-home-christian-theology-place-placeless-world/>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/finding-place-search-for-calling-home/>

Previous sermons relating to this one:

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons/?sapurl=Lys00TViL2xil.21pLytxN243bnJ0P2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==>

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons/?sapurl=Lys00TViL2xil.21pLyueWh4cGhqP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==>

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons/?sapurl=Lys00TViL2xil.21pLyuc3hxY24zP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==>

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons/?sapurl=Lys00TViL2xil.21pLytjbXBmYzJzP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==>

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Text:

The curtains mattered

Exodus 36:8 ¶ **And all the craftsmen among the workmen made the tabernacle with ten curtains.** They were made of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarns, with cherubim skillfully worked.

Exodus 36:9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits. All the curtains were the same size.

Exodus 36:10 ¶ He coupled five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he coupled to one another.

Exodus 36:11 He **made** loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain of the first set. Likewise he **made** them on the edge of the outermost curtain of the second set.

Exodus 36:12 He **made** fifty loops on the one curtain, and he **made** fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was in the second set. The loops were opposite one another.

Exodus 36:13 And he **made** fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to the other with clasps. So the tabernacle was a single whole.

Exodus 36:14 ¶ **He also made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle. He made eleven curtains.**

Exodus 36:15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits. The eleven curtains were the same size.

Exodus 36:16 He coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

Exodus 36:17 And he **made** fifty loops on the edge of the outermost curtain of the one set, and fifty loops on the edge of the other connecting curtain.

Exodus 36:18 And he **made** fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent together that it might be a single whole.

Exodus 36:19 And he **made** for the tent a covering of tanned rams' skins and goatskins.

[Gen 1:1...31](#)

(ex 26:1-6 (God said...and it was so 36:8)

(ex 26:7-14 (God said...and it was so 36:14)

(ex 26:15-29 (God said...and it was so 36:20)

(ex 26:30-37 (God said...and it was so 36:35)

Matter matters - it was very good

[Ex 25:8-9; 29:45-46](#)

Spiritual worship was a physical thing

[1 kings 7:51; 8:12-53](#)

Spiritual worship took place in a physical location

[Jn 1:14; 2:13-22](#)

Behold the bombshell in Bethlehem that both the tabernacle and the temple pointed to - the physical body of Christ in time and space

[1 Cor 3:16-17; 6:19](#)

The physical tabernacle still matters

The framework mattered

Exodus 36:20 ¶ **Then he made the upright frames for the tabernacle of acacia wood.**

Exodus 36:21 Ten cubits was the length of a frame, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each frame.

Exodus 36:22 Each frame had two tenons for fitting together. He did this for all the frames of the tabernacle.

Exodus 36:23 The frames for the tabernacle he **made** thus: twenty frames for the south side.

Exodus 36:24 **And he made forty bases of silver under the twenty frames, two bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under the next frame for its two tenons.**

Exodus 36:25 For the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he **made** twenty frames

Exodus 36:26 and their forty bases of silver, two bases under one frame and two bases under the next frame.

Exodus 36:27 For the rear of the tabernacle westward he **made** six frames.

Exodus 36:28 He **made** two frames for corners of the tabernacle in the rear.

Exodus 36:29 And they were separate beneath but joined at the top, at the first ring. He **made** two of them this way for the two corners.

Exodus 36:30 There were eight frames with their bases of silver: sixteen bases, under every frame two bases.

Exodus 36:31 ¶ He **made** bars of acacia wood, five for the frames of the one side of the tabernacle,

Exodus 36:32 and five bars for the frames of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the frames of the tabernacle at the rear westward.

Exodus 36:33 And he **made** the middle bar to run from end to end halfway up the frames.

Exodus 36:34 And he overlaid the frames with gold, and **made** their rings of gold for holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

[eph 2:19-22](#)

our physical foundation still matters - the physical Word not a feeling or an energy etc.

(1 cor 3:9-15 not built on the idea of Jesus or the lesson of Jesus...

[1 Jn 4:2](#)

built on the physical cornerstone of the incarnate work of God in space and time...in flesh

The veil mattered

Exodus 36:35 ¶ **He made the veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; with cherubim skillfully worked into it he made it.**

Exodus 36:36 And for it he **made** four pillars of acacia and overlaid them with gold. Their hooks were of gold, and he cast for them four bases of silver.

Exodus 36:37 **He also made a screen for the entrance of the tent, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, embroidered with needlework,**

Exodus 36:38 and its five pillars with their hooks. He overlaid their capitals, and their fillets were of gold, but their five bases were of bronze.

[Heb 10:19-25](#)

the physical veil door still matters - His actual physical death, actual physical blood matters...but keep looking

Holy places, house of God, both references find their crescendo not in Heaven but in the physical gathering of the saints here and now. Our physical togetherness matters...