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| SERIES | EXODUS |
| BIBLE | EXODUS 25:1 – 31:17 |
| TITLE | THE GOD WHO IS PRESENT - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TABERNACLE |
| OVERVIEW | <p>As we look at the book of Exodus we come to the instructions of the tabernacle. But what is important to understand is that this is God making a way for man to come to Him. He determines what His worship is and isn't. This is His desire is to "be" with man. For believers to know and experience what it is to be in the presence of God. Today we can easily depend on aesthetics or lighting to create an "orchestrated excitement" that can fool us into thinking that God is accepting the worship that we give Him. But what is it that God said He would accept? The Tabernacle directed the people of God to the Most Holy Place the place His presence dwelled. It also points to the same today, that we would know what it is to be present with God.</p> |
| SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN | <p>GOD DESIGNED THE WAY TO HIS PRESENCE (CH 25)</p> <p>EXODUS 25:8-9 ⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. ⁹ Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.</p> <p>God began with the ark because it was the most important piece of furniture in the tent proper. It was the throne of God where His glory rested (v. 22; Pss. 80:1 and 99:1)</p> <p>Many other elements were fashioned for the tabernacle for God's ultimate purpose of dwelling with His people. However there was one place that meant the most. The Most Holy Place.</p> <p>PSALM 61:4 Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! Selah</p> <p>The phrase "under His wings" sometimes refers to the wings of the cherubim rather than the wings of the mother hen. To be "under His wings" means to dwell in the holy of holies in close communion with God. See Pss. 36:7–8 and 61:4.</p> <p>THERE IS WORSHIP THAT GOD ACCEPTS AND REJECTS (Ch 28)</p> <p>Consider the "instructions" God gave for what is acceptable.</p> <p>Ex. King Saul's worship was rejected and ultimately he was rejected by God as king because of his disobedience.</p> <p>Note that the priests ministered first of all to the Lord, even though they also ministered to the Lord's people. The priests represented the people before God and ministered at the altar, but their first obligation was to serve the Lord (vv. 1, 3, 4, 41). If we would serve the people rightly, we must serve the Lord acceptably.</p> |

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| | <p>We must be careful to get lost in genre's of music or dates of composition. What God desires is obedience, this is the greatest worship we can give the King of kings.</p> <p>WE ARE A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS (Ch 30)</p> <p>God wanted His people to be "a kingdom of priests" (19:6). Today, all of God's people are a priesthood (1 Peter 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6), but in OT days, the nation of Israel had a priesthood that represented them before God. What the priests were, the whole nation should have been. What kind of people make up "a kingdom of priests"?</p> <p>This means we are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A praying people (30:1-10) 2. A grateful people (30:11-16) 3. A cleansed people (30:17-21) 4. An anointed people (30:22-33) <p>In the NT we understand that as individual believers we are all temples of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>This brings a responsibility to every believer to make sure the worship we give to God as a royal priesthood is in alignment not with culture or trends but with His parameters He provides as acceptable.</p> |
| GOSPEL | <p>The reality is that man has been given a way to have fellowship with God through Jesus Christ alone. There are many claims that the way to God is many but in fact there is only one.</p> <p>When someone puts their faith in Christ, that person is made a temple of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit seals that person until the day of redemption as belonging to Christ.</p> <p>Faith is Jesus allows us to walk through this immediate life "with" God. His presence is made manifested in us and through us.</p> |
| NEXTSTEPS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive Christ as Lord through faith. 2. Find a mentor to take you through the green book that helps us understand what God lays out as acceptable worship living. |