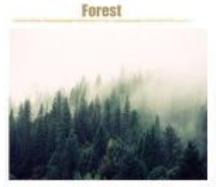
Exodus 66 – God's Way? Offerings or Taxes

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What Should We Look At?





God's Focus is our Focus

- When God gives detail then we look at details (trees)
- When God gives overarching views then we take the "long view" (forest) {Remember: no trees - no forests}
- Previously we looked at the tabernacle in detail {trees}, now we will look at the flow of events {forest} as God brings Exodus to a conclusion

How Important is the Sabbath?

- There is no question God considered the Sabbath vital
- O The issue: why was the Sabbath important? OR EZTARSO TIZZO
 - Man treats the Sabbath important due to works that demonstrates "self-righteousness"
 - Christ treated the Sabbath important as a time to learn of God's mercy, grace and forgiveness; rules defined the Sabbath encouraging people to learn of God

Could God Have Given the Tabernacle?

- God could have given them the Tabernacle as the articles were copies of what already existed in Heaven
- Yes; but, sinful man would have been <u>prevented</u> from entering and learning God's salvation (Go 3/22/24, Re 21/22/27)
- God will bring New Jerusalem from heaven (new earth and heaven) to fellowship with His people forever @c 20.10.00

God Allows Participation for Man

- God gave the pattern and requirement to build but:
 - He asks for voluntary contributions (offerings) in the form of goods and services to build the Tabernacle
 - He did not require people to give material or labor (taxes) as this would have taught a works-based salvation
- Message of the Tabernacle: Joy in communing with God rather than warring against God in sin

Offerings Give to God What is His

- People willingly gave material and labor to God which Scripture said was God's gift to them @child
- O Demonstrates relationship of God's grace to man:
 - People were giving to God what God had previously given to them (Reflecting God's grace to Him & others)
 - Talents (from God) and materials (from Egyptians) were "theirs" to give to God for their benefit (Tabernacle)

Willing Hands - Light Work

- Old adage means work goes faster when people work together accomplishing the goal {Offerings}
 - Total time at Mount Horeb to the Tabernacle being built was about nine months
 - Moses spent two 40-day periods on Mount Horeb
 - Tabernacle took about five months to complete
- Forced labor takes longer with greater waste (Taxes)

What Are Offerings?

- Talent, material and time given by God, through others, that one gives back to God, through others, because of the new nature 08-12:50
 - Maturation of this new nature is demonstrated by giving willingly to the work of the ministry, needs of others
 - Realizing that offerings are not yours but God's that He shares with others through you so that you can grow in His grace; accomplished through (χάρισμα) Holy Spirit

Offerings Allow Participation

- As people give to God what God has given to them, He credits them as serving through their offerings on the control
- Offerings: voluntary giving from a willing heart accession
 - First: giving one's self to God Salvation and maturation in Christ posses
 - Becoming more Christ-like following Christ's example in giving to needs of others: spiritual and material

Offerings Demonstrate One's Nature

- How one gives demonstrates the truth of one's nature
 - Those who are not saved or are immature in Christ (Corinthian Church) do not give willingly; thus, giving is works that hardens one's heart against God 046440
 - Those who are maturing in Christ learn how they are maturing by how they give to others of material and time; thus, giving not only demonstrates but causes maturation in Christ-likeness @ 234488

What Are Taxes?

- Reasonable taxes on transactions repay the government for providing an environment in which mutually beneficial transactions can occur @102140
 - Duties Examples
 - Sales taxes
- Governments that enslave their people via taxes show that Satan is their authority; you still pay taxes 04/22/15/22

Theocracy Requires Taxes

- People required to pay tithes (taxes) to God
 - Theocracy was their government
 - God leveed tithes which are taxes for the government to function for their benefit but fixed the tithes (10%)
 - There was a "temple tax" for maintenance of the structures also us some
 - These values were fixed, encoded in God's Laws

Monarchy Demands Taxes (1548)

- When Jews demand a king "like the other nations"
 Samuel warns them that taxes will enslave them
 - Sons for war; Daughters for wives and service
 - Farm land for king and for those who serve him
 - O Tithe of all earnings for king to give to others
 - Taxes of herds and flocks for king's consumption
- People enslaved to government which owns everything

God to Set Man Free From Sin 6.88380

- Tabernacle was to teach man of:
 - God's holiness
 - Man's sinfulness
 - God's plan of salvation based solely on God as sacrifice
- God offered Christ, His Son, for sin demonstrating how man was to give to others; as He gave to them

People demonstrate God's

message of grace to others

Difference Between God and Satan

God gave to the people God asked people to give Tabernacle built Satan doesn't give to man Satan demands from man Satan forces compliance People devour each other

as Satan devours them

Idolatry is Slavery to Sin (86 27.346, 27.38)

- Israel was to be a beacon of hope of God to all the nations of the salvation He would provide in Christ
- Israel consistently demonstrated that she sided with the nations, rejecting God's freedom from sin in favor of slavery to sin for some aspect of power now
- Except, ultimately Satan never shares power

True Jews Always Choose God

- Though the nation rejected God, there were always a remnant of true Jews who consistently chose God (%) 2:279
- There will come a time when God will return to His people and true Jews will repent and call Him their God @c 12:10:11
- Then all the nations will come to Jerusalem to learn of God, though in time nearly all will rebel do 14.16411, Re 20.2-101

False Teaching on Giving

- Many churches misuse Scriptures on giving because of ignorance {eisegesis}, teaching that as you give money to God, He will give more money back to you - Bribery {Faith Promise is in this category}
- Tithing, 10% of income, is adaptation of Mosaic Law to churches; but, we are under grace, not law – Works

Assumptions of False Giving

- The basis for false teaching on giving starts with the belief you own everything (Reductio ad Absurdum)
 - You are the source of your material possessions
 - You gave yourself talents and abilities
 - You control time
- O These are lies of Satan robbing you of God's truth

Point of Fact: No One Owns

- Cach person is a recipient of the illusion of choice:
 - God's blessing of talent, abilities, body and soul
 - God's unfolding of His plan during your lifetime (Salvation)
 - O Satan's interference in God's plan for his own goals
- Giving as works only results in loss of God's grace (12 19/11/27)
- Giving willingly to God via others confers more grace to you