

Exodus 68 – No One Goes to Heaven

Exodus (Names) – Changing the World
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Covering the Tabernacle

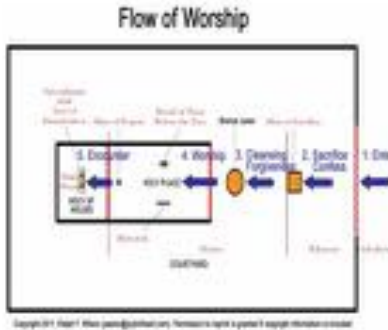
- Exodus Chapters 37-38 discuss making of the articles
 - Sarcophagus with Seat of Examination (Cherubim)
 - Table: Bread of the Faces Before the Face
 - Menorah
 - Altar of Prayers
 - Altar of Sacrifice
 - Bronze Laver

Accounting for Offerings

- Our text finishes with an accounting of materials given
 - Affirms accountability principle - Oft neglected today
 - Credits the essential staff - Oft neglected also
 - Keeps the priesthood honest via accountability (Church)
- Churches that have “fuzzy” accountability will oft have questionable fiscal ethics - *It's human to appropriate*

Flow of Old Testament Worship

- Attention of believers limited to sacrifices
- Believer outside because of God's holiness
- Believer **never** moved beyond the Bronze Altar, only priesthood moved



Schematic of God's Holiness

- This never changed in the Old Testament period (Is. 53:16)
 - The same for everyone - Jew and Gentile
 - Teaching all nations of God's holiness, their sinfulness
- The Tabernacle (Temple) pointed to coming sacrifice of Christ - {No purpose to Tabernacle since His death}
- Promised inclusion of all believers in His holiness

Religions Teach Exclusion

- Joseph honored as Egyptian vizier due to his augury (Ge 41)
 - His loyalty to Egypt cemented by marriage to Egyptian priest's daughter (Joseph considered a priest of his God)
- When he buried Israel in Canaan his entourage was to insure his return to Egypt (Ge 50:4-14)
 - He was basically a steward (Slave) of Pharaoh's house
 - He had to ask *permission* to go via Chain of Command

Jews Never Integrated into Egypt

- Egyptians never proselyted the Hebrews into their faith
- Religions designed to maintain the purity of ethnicity
 - *Holy ones*, as Joseph, given some, but not full, standing
 - Cultures warred against cultures based on better god(s)
 - Nations do same based on type of government (faith)
- Mosaic Law *strangers* same as Jews; yet, Jews ignored this

God Has Divisions of Responsibility

- Do not confuse Inclusion with democracy or Divisions of responsibility with exclusion
 - Democracy seeks to *make* gods of everyone (De 32)
 - Division of responsibility maintains accountability (Ez 5:25-30)
 - Even the Godhead has divisions of responsibility
 - Marriage is a living organism of accountability beginning with the head and moving downward to the children

Paul Acknowledged Divisions (Ro 9:11)

- Paul *borrow*s Old Testament imagery - Potter (Ro 9:18, 21)
 - As Creator, God is sovereign, subject only to His will
 - He chooses whom He will select and for what purposes
 - God chose Israel as His people among the Gentiles
 - God chose to elect Gentiles after setting Israel aside
 - God will choose to raise up Israel at appointed time
 - God is glorified by His gracious Gospel of Christ

God Choose Israel

- God called Israel His *firstborn* among all peoples (Ex 4:21-23)
 - Via Ezekiel God says His covenant is *forever* (Ez 37:24,28)
 - Israel called to serve Him - **Permanent** calling (He 11:28,31)
- If God's calling for Israel is stated as forever, but is *not* forever; then, all of God's promises are *worthless!* (He 14:20-24)
- No one has assurance of salvation if God is *mutable*

Did Not God Reject Israel?

- God rejected false Jews, those who say they are Jews but are not; for with responsibility comes accountability (Ze 11:7-14; Review Ro 9:11)
- But in the Day of God's calling, Israel (true Jews) will be called back to Him, repent and made one with God (Ze 12:10-14; 13:7-9)
- Nations worship God via Israel in Millennial Kingdom (Ze 8:20,25; 14:16-20)

Veil Torn at Christ's Death (Mt 27:51-53)

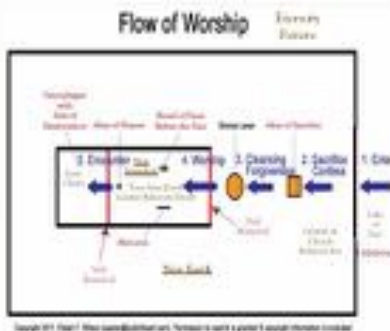
- Torn Veil refers to: {Presages future return of Christ}
 - Veil between Holy Place and Holiest Place
 - Veil at the entrance of the Tabernacle (Sacrifice allowed believer to pass the Courtyard Veil to the Altar)
- While this gives access for all believers to the Father via prayer, and to Christ's presence, I believe' it has additional significance to saved Israel (He 10:19,21)

God's Holy Sanctuary (Miqdas)

- God says His miqdas is with Israel *forever*; i.e., forever
 - Forever is *without* qualification; immutable (Ez 37:28)
 - The Gentiles (*goyim/ethnoi*) will *forever* know He is with Israel due to His holy presence (Looks back to God's pillar of cloud/fire in wilderness) (1K 1:78-79, Jc 1:11-14)
 - This is *not* confined to the Millennial Kingdom (Rv 21:22-27)
 - Applies to New Jerusalem also - Eternity future {forever}

Now Flow of Worship is True

- New Jerusalem descends from Heaven, sits above new earth (Rv 21:14, 21:21, 21:3)
- There will be no Tabernacle - Christ's miqdas is Light
- Israel will live in His miqdas *forever* (Covenant)
- Saved ethnoi will worship in New Jerusalem *periodically*
- Lost, ethnoi and false Jews, are outside of this creation



Where is the Father? In Heaven!

- Father is in Heaven - Outside of creations (Jv 11:4, Ac 7:48-50)
 - Christ is Creator within Father's creation (Jc 1:1-5, Jc 1:1-5, 9:31)
 - No man has ever seen the Father except the Son (Jc 1:17-18)
 - All who have seen the Son have seen the Father (Jc 14:6-11)
 - Christ is intercessor between Father and man (1Ti 2:5-6)
 - All who are saved are indwelt by Father, Son, Spirit (Jc 14:15-17, 23:26, 1Jc 2:20-23)

Being With Holy Christ

- Salvation is being unified both with Holy Christ and Holy Father via Holy Spirit - One Body/Godhead (Jr 17:24-26)
- Therefore, in eternity future all believers will be with Christ and therefore with the Father via the Spirit in the new heaven and earth above which sits the New Jerusalem where Christ dwells with His covenant people and visited by us Whom He saved for His glory

NO Violation of Any Promises (Mt 20:1-16)

- God gives to each believer as He promised
 - Parable discusses there are different groups of believers
 - Each group receives its due - Being in His Presence
- Begrudging God His generosity and His Will is sin
 - He gives as He promises according to His good pleasure
 - He is creator; who are we to complain about our grace?

All Will Be in Eternity Future

- Father gives as He wills: All are the *Bride of Christ*
 - Those saved before the Law have access to His miqdas
 - Those saved under the Law have access to His Miqdas
 - Those saved in the *First Fruits* have access to His Miqdas
 - Those saved in Millennial Kingdom access His Miqdas
- Is there unrighteousness with God? No, all will be in eternity future with Him *forever* as He promised! (Jr 9:11)