

Sermon Notes

Series: Exploring Exodus: Redemption from the Depths to Glory

Text: Exodus 25:1-22; 31:1-11; etc.

Title: A Fitting Home for a Holy King

2 observations

I. THE REALITIES THAT INCREASE OUR AWARENESS

SEVERAL

A. THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

Several

Deliberate Instructions– *you shall make; you shall do; they shall make* occur 73 times in 62 verses in the ESV between 25:1-30:38.

Divine Intentionality– his inexorable purpose to meet with, dwell among his people, 25:8-9, 20-22; 29:45; 1 Ki 6:16; 2 Cor 6:16; Rev 21:3

Different Ingenuity- from the inside out; from the innermost to the outer realm; from the most important to the significant; from the most holy to the holy; from the ark, 25:10-22, to the tabernacle, 26:1 ff.

B. THE CRUCIAL POWER

31:1-10

1-6- special, supernatural endowment for such a critical task. 6-10– comprehensive scope of their responsibility

No room for creative individualism.

C. THE CROWNING PARTICULARITY

25:20-22

See Ex 29:42-43; 30:6, 36 and also Pss 80:1; 99:1. The pre-eminent purpose for its construction.

II. THE RESIDENCE THAT INSPIRES OUR AWE

25:1-9

i.e. of God, that a holy, transcendent God would choose to dwell among sinful men. A foundational truth of biblical Christianity and therefore, it is of profound practical importance.

A. THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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Their Direction – to God, not to the ministers, No love offering

The Motivation – free; willing; from the heart; voluntary not compulsory.

Their Character – the best that we have, Cf. Our supreme model, Jn 3:16; 2 Cor 9:15; Eph 2:8

Their Source– given to them by God. Ex 3:21-22; 11:2-3; 12:35-36; Ps 105:37; also Eph 1:3; Rom 8:32. In Christ we have all we need for life or death, time or eternity.

B. THE SUPREME PURPOSE

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The Principle– God dwelling among his people. Major OT term for sanctuary. From the word meaning holy, hence the holy place designated by Yahweh (the holy One of Israel) as his dwelling-place.

The Practice– place at which his people worshipped him with praise, offerings, sacrifices, etc., under supervision of priests.

The Passion- God's passion to be with to be with his people. He places Adam in Garden/temple but Adam apostatizes. He comes in human flesh in Christ, Jn 1:1, 14; etc. Christ brings us to his eternal Presenceand out of it; Christ tabernacles with his people

Note beauty of/in Worship– Yahweh's emphasis on beauty shown in the precious materials he required. The Lord God cares for and establishes a high premium for visual beauty in his dwelling-place, worship.

The Pre-eminence– central aspect of life; meeting-place of heaven and earth, Lev 16:2b and 1 Ki 8: 30; microcosm of heavenly realm, 25:9,40; etc.; meeting -place of divine transcendence and immanence, cf. 1 Ki 8:12-13 with 27 (immensity of God).

C. THE SUPPLIED PATTERN

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The heavenly blueprint. Ex 25:40; Heb 8:5; 9:11, 24. No earthly pattern can suffice!!! Jesus is our Tabernacle yet we indwell him mutually, Jn 14:20. A Trinitarian indwelling, Jn 17:21, 26; 1 Cor 6:19-20; 3:16. In him we have the most intimate relationship with God!!