



Lesson 3 – The Tabernacle

Read Exodus 26

The tabernacle as pitched in the wilderness was a beautiful structure. Around it was a court enclosed with linen curtains, which were suspended by silver hooks from pillars of brass trimmed with silver. Viewed from any side, the tabernacle was beautiful. The north, south, and west sides were formed of upright boards, ten cubits high, covered with gold within and without, and kept in position by silver sockets underneath, and by bars overlaid with gold, which passed through golden rings, and extended around the building.

1) What was at the East Side of the Tabernacle?

Exodus 26:36 And thou shalt make an _____ for the door of the tent, of _____, and _____, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.

2) What was woven into the curtains for the ceiling?

Exodus 26:1 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with _____ of cunning work shalt thou make them.

When the Priest would enter the Holy Place, he would look up and see the angelic host looking down upon him. A reminder that God has his help readily available to those who seek Him.

3) What did John see when he looked into the Temple in Heaven?

Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many _____ round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

At the door Earthly Tabernacle, the door of the building where God promised to dwell, was a beautiful “**shadow**” of the entrance to the heavenly sanctuary. Here, with a rainbow of glory encircling His throne, the Father sits, while ten thousand times ten thousand angels pass to and fro at His command.

4) What was the second layer of the ceiling over the Tabernacle?

Exodus 26:7 And thou shalt make curtains of _____ to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

5) What were the third and fourth layers of the Tabernacle ceiling?

Exodus 26:14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of _____ skins dyed red, and a covering above of _____ skins.

Each layer has a meaning and or purpose. The first layer gives us a reminder that we are never alone. God and the Heavenly host are but waiting to help us. The second layer denotes the wearing of sackcloth. People wore sackcloth to show mourning and humility. The third layer is a layer of Ram's skins dyed red. This was symbolic of the Sacrifice of Jesus. Rams were used in



many places of Scripture for offerings. Abraham sacrificing Isaac, the sanctification of priests, and various other sacrifices. And the last gave waterproofing and beauty to the structure.

- 6) What was continually with the Wilderness Sanctuary as a reminder of God's protection?
Exodus 40:38 For the _____ of the _____ was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Over the tabernacle rested the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, which guided the Israelites in all their wanderings. During the desert heat, there was a cool, refreshing shelter beneath the shade of the cloudy pillar for those who served in the tabernacle or worshiped in its court, while outside was the scorching heat of the desert. When the Pillar moved, so did the camp of Israel.

- 7) What does Psalm 91:1 tell us?
Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the _____ of the Almighty.
- 8) What did David tell us in Psalm 89:15?
Psalm 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the _____ of thy countenance.

God's immediate, visible presence lighted up the entire encampment so that all could walk safely through the darkness. What an expressive type was thus given of the Christian's walk! There may be no visible light; but when the light of God's presence surrounds him, his pathway is light.

The weakest trusting child of God can have the blessed privilege of being guided by the light of God's countenance, safe from the pitfalls of Satan if he will surrender his heart to God.

- 9) What was said about us in John 10?
John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice, and I _____ them, and they _____ me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to _____ them out of my Father's hand.

The only way any can be lost is by letting go of their hold upon that infinite hand.

Read Matthew 22:1-14

- 10) What chilling words did Jesus tell all who will listen?
Matthew 22:14 For many are _____, but few are _____.



The work of Christ is illustrated by the parable of the marriage of the king's son. All the guests, both bad and good, **"The King come! in to examine the guests."** are gathered at the marriage; but when the king comes in to examine the guests, all are ejected except those who are clothed with the wedding garment of Christ's righteousness. **"Many are called, but few are chosen."**

There were two apartments in the sanctuary or tabernacle. In the first apartment, a service was performed daily throughout the year which typified the work of inviting the guests and gathering them to the marriage. On one day at the end of the year, a service was performed in the second apartment which typified the work of choosing out from among the many that have accepted the call, those who are worthy of eternal life, as illustrated in the parable by the king examining the guests.

11) Read Hebrews Chapter 8 verses 1 through 5:

- 1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high _____, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
- 2 A minister of the _____, and of the true _____, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
- 3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to _____.
- 4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the _____:
- 5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of _____ things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the _____.

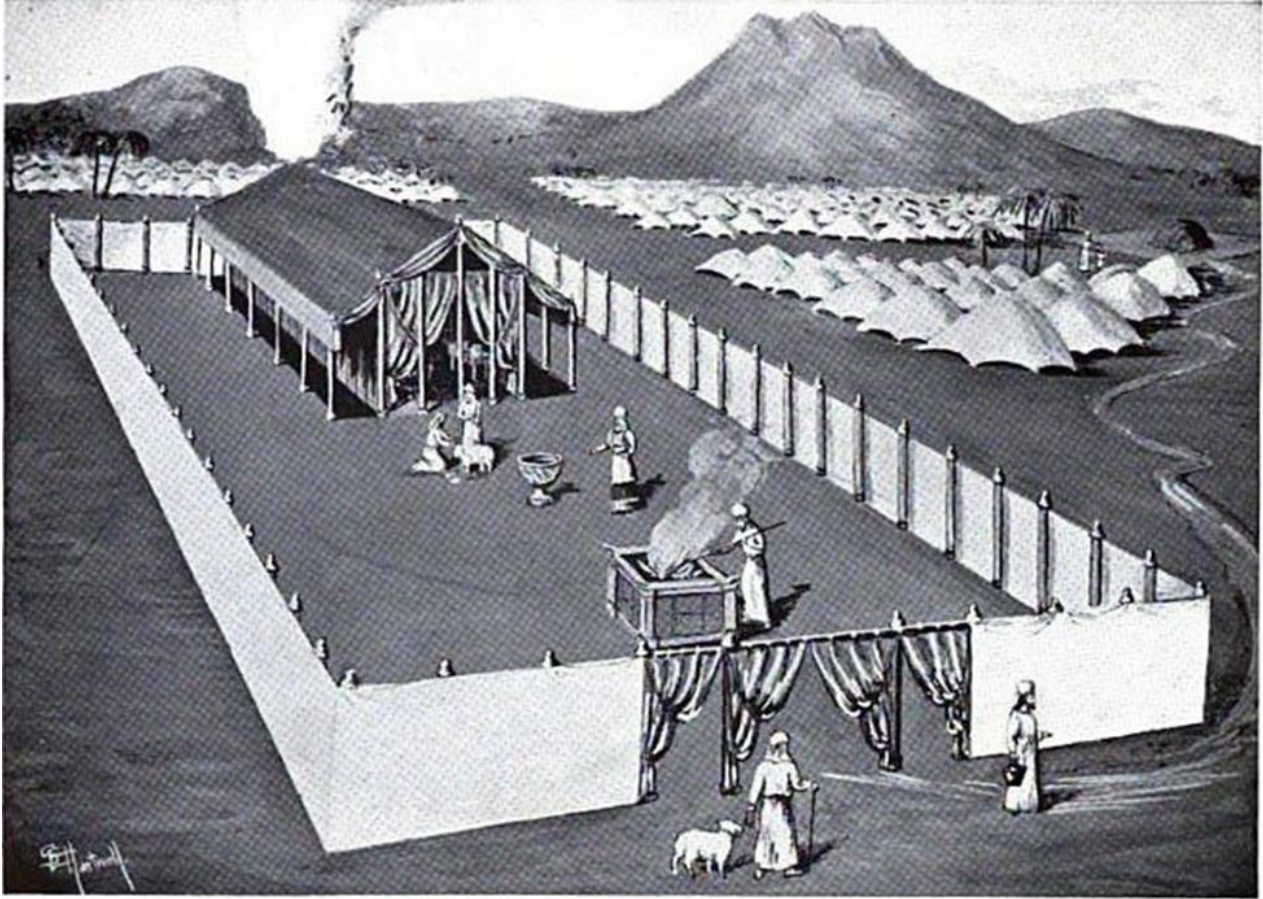
Within the golden walls of the tabernacle, priests of divine appointment performed a work representing in types and symbols the plan of redemption.

The work of Christ has two distinct phases, one performed in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, the other in the second apartment. He offers salvation free to everyone. Many accept and start out on the Christian pathway. Christ reaches down His infinite arm to encircle and support everyone who calls upon His name, and no power of earth or Satan can force a child of God out of His protecting care.

Do you see that there are many layers of meaning put into the Sanctuary? _____

Are you interested seeing Jesus revealed through these types? _____

Will you now ask Him to give you this light? _____



The Tabernacle in the Wilderness