

Exodus 25

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Exodus 25:8 - [God says to Moses] "Let them make Me a sanctuary, (sacred place) that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is *the pattern* of the tabernacle and *the pattern* of all its furnishings, *just so* you shall make it."

Exodus 25:1 - Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ² "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring *Me* an offering.

v. 2 - "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it *willingly with his heart* you shall take My offering."

2 Cor. 9:7 - Each of you should give what you've decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

v. 3-6 - And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁴blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; ⁵ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; ⁶oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; ⁷onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.

Exodus 36:4-6 - The people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. Then the craftsmen who were working on the sanctuary left their work and said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do." Then Moses gave an order... And so the people were restrained from bringing more.

1. The Ark of the Covenant

v. 10 - "And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

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v. 11-15 - And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around. ¹² You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side. ¹³ And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. ¹⁴ You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. ¹⁵ The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

v. 16 - And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I'll give you.

Hebrews 9:4 - Inside the Ark was a gold jar containing *manna*, *Aaron's staff* that sprouted leaves, and *the stone tablets* of the covenant.

John 6 - "I am the bread that came down from heaven... Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died... But I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever."

v. 17 - "You shall make a *mercy seat* of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width."

v. 22 - God says: "I'll speak with you from *above the mercy seat.*"

2. The Table of Showbread

v. 23 - "You shall also make a *table* of acacia wood; two cubits shall be its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

v. 30 - And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.

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Lesson #1 - There's room at God's table for everyone.

Lesson #2 - God wants to have fellowship with you

John 1:14 - The Word (God) became flesh and *dwelt* among us. "*Tabernacled*"

- **God pitched His tent with His people in the OT.**
- **Then Jesus came and tabernacled with people.**
- **Today, God wants to pitch His tent in you.**

Lesson #3 - Jesus provides everything you need.

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John 6:26-27, 35 - Jesus replied, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes, but for food that endures to eternal life... I am the bread of life.”

3. The Golden Lampstand

v. 31 - “You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece. And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.”

Reason #1 - Light detects

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Reason #2 - Light dispels darkness

John 1:5 - The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it.

Reason #3 - Light directs

John 8:12 - "I am the light of the world, whoever follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Mt. 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world... let your light so shine among men that they may see your goods works and glorify your Father in heaven."

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Three reasons we need light.

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