

STUDIES ON THE TABERNACLE

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Introduction to the Tabernacle & The Gate



(Exodus 27:9-16)

Why this Study is Important

1) *The prominence* given to it in scripture

Fifty chapters in the Old Testament are taken up with the materials, measurements, ministry and the making of the Tabernacle as well as much of the book of Hebrews

The creation of the universe is described in only a few chapters.

2) *The Pattern* for it came from God

Exodus 25:9,40 states that it was God who designed this building.

God showed Moses the pattern on the Mount of God

3) *The Purpose* for which it was built.

Exodus 25:8,22. It enabled a Holy God to dwell among sinful men.

It reveals how sinners can come to the Lord and fellowship with Him.

4) *The Picture* it gives to us.

It is a wonderful illustration of the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 24:26,27; John 1:14).

It is a pattern, an example, a figure and a shadow of the heavens (Hebrews 8:5; 9:8,9,23; 10:1).

All important New Testament doctrines are seen in object lesson form by simply looking at the diagram of the Tabernacle.

5) *What it produced* in Moses.

Exodus 34:29,30 states the face of Moses shone after he spent time on the Mount with God.

It was there he received the plan of the tabernacle.

In studying the Tabernacle we can see the Glory of God (2 Corinthians 3:13-18).

6) **The Presence** of God filled it.

When the tabernacle was built and consecrated the glory of God filled the building (Exodus 40:35).

Exodus 27:9-19

The Court

It was the place of Pardon, Peace, Prayer, Praise and Protection (Psalm 65:4; 84:2; 92:13; 100:4)

The Fence

White Linen represents God's Righteousness (Revelation 19:18).

The brass foundation spoke of the Judgement of God (revelation 1:14.15).

The silver spoke of Redemption.

To those Outside. The fence prevented sinners from approaching unto God (Romans 1:17; 3:21)

To those Inside. The fence provided security. The believer is shielded by the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The Gate (verse 16)

Christ is the Gate to Heaven

It is an illustration of Christ. He is the only entrance to heaven (John 10:9; 14:6).

How he became the Gate to heaven?

The 4 supports held up the curtain to view.

The 4 gospels hold up Christ to our gaze.

The colours illustrate Christ person and work.

1) **Blue** - He is Lord from Heaven (John 1:1,14; 3:13,31; 20:31).

No genealogy is given because as God he had none.

2) **White** Linen - The word for linen in the Hebrew denoted it was white. Linen comes from a plant, which grows in the earth.

Luke sets forth Christ as the perfect man. His genealogy is traced back to Adam (3:38)

3) **Purple** – The King (Matthew 1:1; 2:2; 28:18).

4) **Scarlet** – Psalm 22:6 In Mark Christ is presented as the Suffering Saviour. No genealogy is given.

We are saved by his blood (Romans 3:25; 5:9).

How do we enter through the Gate?

The gate was wide. The gospel invitation is for the 'whosoever will'.

Christ did not say He was a way or a good way or even the best way to God but he declared he is the ONLY way (John 14:6).

Maybe as a child you remember as I do singing in Sunday school the chorus:

'One door and only one and yet its sides are two, inside and outside on which side are you'.

It is not enough to be able to describe a door, one must go through it.

It is not enough to know that Christ is the door or even to urge others to go through him for salvation.

Each person is responsible to **take that step of faith** for themselves and enter through Christ the open door.

We need to be able to say not only that He is **A** saviour, not only that He is **The** Saviour but that he is **My** Saviour, **My** God, **My** King, **My** Friend.