

Mt Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

12.14.2025

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses. Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that which he would have you to see through the study of God's word that we share.

Gods Glory In The Tabernacle

Exodus 40: 1 – 11, 34 - 38

Christ birth signifies Gods presence of his word being made flesh, when he took on a human body, so that he might dwell with humanity, fulfilling the law concerning he himself dwelling among his people, which he brought into the earth his glory, by his Son, Christ Jesus, as becoming the ultimate dwelling place of God, making him truly accessible in a way that the tabernacle in the wilderness could only foreshadow. Therefore, the tabernacle and the elements therein was a divine blueprint, pointing forward to Christ as the perfect fulfillment of God's presence and atonement, giving mankind direct access unto himself.

Exodus 40: 1 – 2,....first day of the first month....set up the tabernacle of the tent....

The original tabernacle was where Gods presence dwelt among his chosen people, and in the same way, Christ birth allowed God to be made present among all of mankind, for he is seen as the true tabernacle among all of humanity.

John 1: 14,....the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us....

Colossians 2: 10,....ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power....

Exodus 40: 3,....thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony....cover....with the vail....

The ark signifies Christ dual nature, both divine and human, and foreshadows him as the ultimate propitiation (offering) where God meets humanity, enabling his true fellowship between mankind and himself. Just as Christ is the full embodiment of God, so did the ark house his presence and his testimony, the vail protected mankind from the direct presence of God, but Christ, through his death on the cross removed the vail, allowing mankind direct communion with God by faith believing in him.

Romans 3: 24 – 26,....being justified freely by his grace through the redemption....in Christ Jesus....whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation (offering)....to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins....to declare, his righteousness that he might be....the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus....

Hebrews 10: 19 – 20,....having....boldness to enter into the holiness by the blood of Jesus....by a new and living way, which he consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say his flesh....

Exodus 40: 4,....thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things....upon it....thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lights thereof....

The table is a picture of Gods desire to dwell with his people, providing constant fellowship, through his sustaining spiritual nourishment, signifying the entirety of his provision, fulfilling the promises of the law with eternal reality.

The candlestick represents the perfect fullness of Gods spirit, whose light enabled the priest to perform their duties, for it was the only source of light, and needed pure olive oil to burn, for it provided the way to the presence of God. This ultimately pointed to Christ as the light of the world, and the church bears that light, signifying Christ divine nature, which enables us as believers to fulfill our spiritual calling, and is the only true source of spiritual enlightenment in the world.

Psalms 23: 5,....thou preparest a table before me....

John 8: 12,....Jesus....saying....I am the light of the world, he that followeth me....shall have the light of life....

2 Corinthians 4: 6,....God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our heart, to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ....

Exodus 40: 5 – 7,....thou shalt set the alter of Gold....for the incense....thou shalt set the alter of burnt offerings....thou shalt set the laverand....put water therein....

The alter of incense represented the prayers of God people rising up to him as a sweet-smelling savor. The altar of burnt offering, where the fire consumed the sacrifice, represented Gods judgement of sin, enabling the atonement of God, and the laver signified the need for sanctification, the ongoing spiritual purification, renewal, and transformation given through, and by the word of God. Therefore, through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, all of mankind have been given the ability to choose, whether or not to become a part of the family of God, being consecrated by his shed blood, so that the glory of God might live within us, by his indwelling Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6: 19 – 20,....what, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own....for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods....

Exodus 40: 8 – 11,....thou shalt set up the court....hang up the hanging....take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein....and it shall be holy....

The anointing was to set apart those things of the world for Gods divine purpose, this physical ritual, now transformed by Christ into a spiritual reality to every believer, who being filled with the Holy Spirit of God, and overcoming sin, signifies his divine dedication, by providing unto us, through the sacrifice of his Son, a life separated from the world, for his consecrated service.

2 Corinthians 6: 16 – 18,....for ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people....wherefore....be ye separate....and I will receive you....and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord....

As believers, we are unique in the fact that we are called to live distinct, holy lives that glorify God, and reflect that glory unto the world, for we are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, because we have been transformed into his chosen people, the embodiment of Christ, in whom God is the head.

Exodus 40: 34 – 38,....a cloud covered the front of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle....because the cloud abode thereon, the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle....when the cloud was taken up....the children....went onward in all their journeys....if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not....for the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night....throughout all their journeys....

The cloud by day and the fire by night symbolized Gods constant personal presence, his guidance, and his protection for his people. It represented his divine direction in the light, and the acceptance of his glory through the darkness of the world. It signifies Gods faithfulness, and points to Christ as the light which guides us as believers through life's journeys.

John 5: 1 – 5,....in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God....all things were made by him....in him was life, and the life was the light of men....and the light shineth in darkness....

Christ provides unto the believer divine truth, guidance, and eternal life, which is set apart from the spiritual darkness of sin, and promises unto those who follow after him, hope, and reveals Gods presence, his will, his plan of eternal life, and his pathway unto righteousness. Christ is the only pathway to the true knowledge of God the Father, offering unto all of mankind a defining, life giving light, so that we might make the choice to overcome all spiritual blindness and fear, so that we might not only accept his saving grace, but that we might learn to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of our salvation.

Let us Pray.

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