

## SESSION 16: THE TABERNACLE

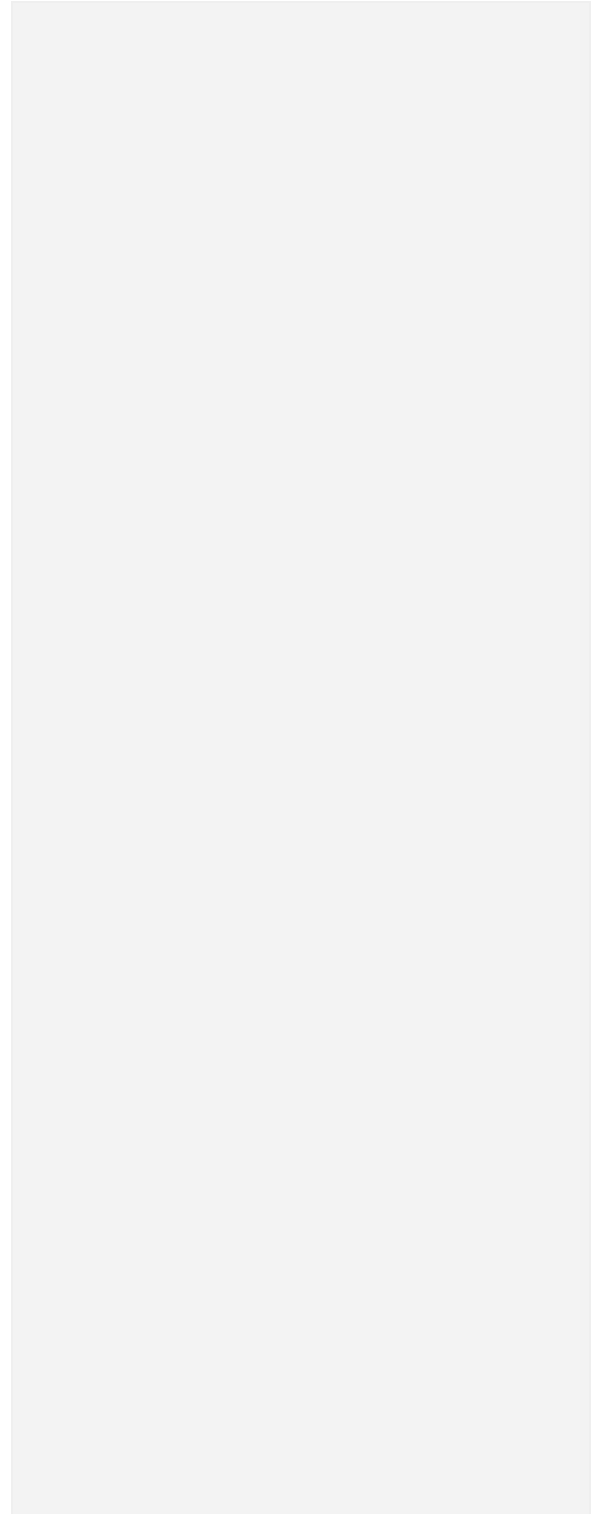
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### A. Importance of the Tabernacle

- A. Covenant was more than an agreement to follow orders
  - a. Israel was a holy nation
  - b. God would be in the midst.
- B. The Tabernacle explains how God will be in the midst
  - a. Tabernacle - How God would be near to His people
  - b. Leviticus - How people could be near to God.
- C. Note the pattern.
  - a. God acts first
    - i. Abraham
    - ii. Israel delivered from Egypt
    - iii. God in the midst.
  - b. Israel is asked to respond.
    - i. Abraham - Leave and follow
    - ii. Israel - enter a covenant.
    - iii. Israel - offer the sacrifices.

### B. Structure of the Tabernacle

- 1. Tabernacle was a collapsible, movable structure
  - a. Small 75x150 ft. (25x50 m.)
  - b. Each part carried by priests.
- 2. Most of the "structure was a courtyard, open to the air.
- 3. Central building was quite small - 15x45 ft. (5x15 m.)
  - a. Two parts
  - b. Holy place first - 15x30 ft. (5x10m.)



- c. Holiest of All - 15x15x15 ft  
(5x5x5 m.)
4. Structure laid out east west with the worshiper facing west.

### **C. What do we encounter as we go progressively inside the tabernacle?**

1. Outer court
  - a. Bronze Altar
  - b. Bronze Laver (Bowl)
  - c. *Bronze speaks of judgment.*
2. Holy place
  - a. Table of shewbread on right.
  - b. Golden lampstand on left
  - c. Golden altar straight ahead
  - d. *Gold speaks of purity.*
3. Holy of holies (Holiest of All)
  - a. Ark of the covenant
    - i. Aaron's rod
    - ii. Jar of manna
    - iii. Table of the Law:
  - b. Mercy seat. - on top of the ark
    - i. Two covering cherubim
    - ii. Presence of God manifested

### **D. What the Tabernacle would signify to Israel.**

1. SACRIFICE- Tabernacle was a place of sacrifice not of group worship.
2. SEPARATION- Curtains kept God hidden from view.
3. HOPE- A way was made to deal with sin and come near.