

Exodus

R E D E E M E D F O R W O R S H I P

EXODUS: Worship with Joy and Generosity

EXODUS 25:1-8

1 The Lord said to Moses, 2 "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. 3 These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; 4 blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; 5 ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; 6 olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; 7 and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. 8 "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

- **How do we get close to God, keep Him at the center of our lives, and live like we are God's people?**
- **Starts with offering to come close to God and to worship Him with our offerings**
- **If we replicated the tabernacle today, it would cost at least \$62 million - for a tent!**
- **This giving was extravagant; over the top**

- **When we give like this...**
 - **It represents where all of our wealth came from**
 - **It represents something about the majesty, beauty and worth of God**
 - **It represents the joy of worship**
 - **It sets the pattern for all of life as worship**
- **Will we trust God, or will we trust the things we can keep and hold on to?**
- **Will we worship God generously with every bit of our stuff?**

- **They gave their best generously**
- **They were to give as they were compelled**
- **Every person has to give as they are compelled by the Lord's great and gracious kindness**

- **What are some of the things in this odd tent?**
 1. **The ark with the mercy seat**
 2. **A table**
 - **God wants relationship with His people**
 - **It was daily worship and thanks**
 3. **Candelabra**
 - **In the likeness of a tree**
 - **God is the tree of knowledge and life**
 - **The light of God is lovingly watching over us - so we worship Him!**

EXODUS 26:1-5

1“Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim woven into them by a skilled worker. **2** All the curtains are to be the same size—twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide. **3** Join five of the curtains together, and do the same with the other five. **4** Make loops of blue material along the edge of the end curtain in one set, and do the same with the end curtain in the other set. **5** Make fifty loops on one curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain of the other set, with the loops opposite each other.

- **There were around 23 curtains in the tabernacle, representing many aspects of our life with God:**
 - **The roof with angels - we are under God and there is so much we can't know about God**
 - **Goat's hair - goats on the day of atonement**
 - **Dyed red - our sins are red as scarlet, washed clean by blood**
 - **74 pounds of silver - ransom of lost people**
 - **Poles locked together - firm foundation**
 - **Separated the Holy of Holies- someone needs to go in for sinners**
- **All of it points to the grace and work of Jesus (Hebrews and Romans)**

- **Why was the tabernacle holy?**
 - **Verses 8-9 - the presence of God**
 - **God is everywhere, but He is personally present with His people**
 - **In those of us who trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit is in us!**

EXODUS 25:22

22 There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.

- **Why all of this extravagance and beauty?**
 - **The holy God is opening the way for people to get to know Him**
- **God is saving sinners and rescuing them from slavery and rescuing them from death so they can get to God**
 - **Sinners GET GOD!**
- **At the ark, blood is sprinkled on the lid to remove sins = the mercy seat**
- **God has opened the way for us to get to Him, to know Him, to speak to Him in prayer**
- **Jesus is our mercy seat and His blood opens the way (Romans 3:25)**

- **The mercy seat - God have mercy!**
- **We are the recipient of God's mercy**
 - **What about God's mercy for your One or your Front Row?**
- **Because of God's mercy, we must not worship Him empty handed!**

- **God has opened the way to Him; are you taking advantage of this?**
- **Are you empty handed at worship? Are you giving from obligation or from joy?**
- **Are you offering the best of every part of your life?**
- **Are you entering the inner place to talk to and fellowship with God?**
- **Are you living daily in the mercy of Christ and praying it over your One and Front Row?**