

Exodus Part 33 (Exodus 40)

The Tabernacle Erected

Exo 40:1 Then the LORD said to Moses:

Exo 40:2 "Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month.

Exo 40:3 Place the ark of the covenant law in it and shield the ark with the curtain.

Exo 40:4 Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps.

Exo 40:5 Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the covenant law and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

Exo 40:6 "Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting;

Exo 40:7 place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it.

Exo 40:8 Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.

Exo 40:9 "Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.

Exo 40:10 Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy.

Exo 40:11 Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them.

Exo 40:12 "Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

Exo 40:13 Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest. Exo 40:14 Bring his sons and dress them in tunics.

Exo 40:15 Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue throughout their generations."

Exo 40:16 Moses did everything just as the LORD commanded him.

Exo 40:17 So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year.

Exo 40:18 When Moses set up the tabernacle, he put the bases in place, erected the frames, inserted the crossbars and set up the posts.

Exo 40:19 Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering over the tent, as the LORD commanded him.

Exo 40:20 He took the tablets of the covenant law and placed them in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it.

Exo 40:21 Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the covenant law, as the LORD commanded him.

Exo 40:22 Moses placed the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain

Exo 40:23 and set out the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

Exo 40:24 He placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle

Exo 40:25 and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

Exo 40:26 Moses placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the curtain

Exo 40:27 and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD commanded him.

Exo 40:28 Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

Exo 40:29 He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the LORD commanded him.

Exo 40:30 He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing,

Exo 40:31 and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet.

Exo 40:32 They washed whenever they entered the tent of meeting or approached the altar, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 40:33 Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

The Glory of the Lord

Exo 40:34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exo 40:35 Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exo 40:36 In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out;

Exo 40:37 but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out--until the day it lifted.

Exo 40:38 So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.

Exodus 40 relates to the New Testament by presenting the tabernacle as a temporary dwelling place for God's glory, directly foreshadowing Jesus Christ as God dwelling among humanity (John 1:14) and the Holy Spirit indwelling believers. The completion of the tabernacle mirrors Christ's finished work, transitioning from a localized, physical tent to a spiritual presence.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'")

John 1:16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Key connections include:

- **Jesus as the True Tabernacle:** The glory that filled the tabernacle in Exodus 40:34–35 finds its fulfillment in Jesus, who "tabernacled" (dwelt) among us, revealing God's glory.

Revelation 21:2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Matthew 1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

Matthew 1:23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

John 2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

John 2:20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"

John 2:21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

Hebrews 8:1 Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

Hebrews 8:2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.

- **The Indwelling Spirit:** The cloud that filled the tent and led the Israelites in Exodus 40 is a prototype of the Holy Spirit leading believers today.

1Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1Corinthians 6:11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

1Corinthians 6:20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

2Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2Corinthians 3:18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 1:14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

- **Finished Work:** Just as Moses finished the tabernacle exactly as commanded before God filled it (Exodus 40:33), Jesus finished the work of salvation before sending the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

2Corinthians 1:21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us,

2Corinthians 1:22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2Corinthians 5:2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,

2Corinthians 5:3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

2Corinthians 5:4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

2Corinthians 5:5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

- **The Heavenly Tabernacle:** The book of Hebrews explains that the earthly tabernacle, set up in Exodus 40, was a shadow of the true, heavenly tabernacle where Jesus serves as High Priest.

Colossians 2:16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

Colossians 2:17 **These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.**

Hebrews 10:1 **The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves.** For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

Hebrews 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.

Hebrews 10:3 But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins.

Hebrews 10:4 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 10:5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

Hebrews 10:6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, my God.'

Hebrews 10:8 First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"--though they were offered in accordance with the law.

Hebrews 10:9 Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

Hebrews 10:10 **And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

Hebrews 10:11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Hebrews 10:12 **But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,**

Hebrews 10:13 **and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool.**

Hebrews 10:14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

Hebrews 10:16 "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

Hebrews 10:17 Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

Hebrews 10:18 And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

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Hebrews 8:2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.

Hebrews 8:3 Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer.

Hebrews 8:4 If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law.

Hebrews 8:5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

Hebrews 8:6 But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

Hebrews 8:7 For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.

Hebrews 8:8 But God found fault with the people and said: "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

Hebrews 8:9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

Hebrews 8:10 This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Hebrews 8:11 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

Hebrews 8:12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Hebrews 8:13 By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

