

The Tabernacle – Lesson3

THE ANALOGY (similarity) BETWEEN THE TABERNACLE AND NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

Text: **Exodus 25:8, Psalm 77:13, Hebrews 8:2**

- I. God appointed the holy place for the construction of the Tabernacle and the foundation of the New Testament Church.
 - A. The Tabernacle: God appointed the Holy Place for it's construction. **Exodus 3:5, 12, 18.**
 - B. The foundation (Jesus) of the New Testament Church was appointed by God.
1 Cor 3:11; Isaiah 28:16; Eph 2:20; Matt 16:18; Acts 10:37-43.
- II. Devine blueprint
 - A. The Tabernacle was built after Devine blueprint. **Exodus 25:9; Hebrews 8:5**
 - B. The New Testament Church was built by God.
 1. **Ephesians 3:9-10** (from the beginning was planned, now known by the church).
 2. **John 17:4** (finished the work thou gave me to do).
 3. **Matt 16:18** (I will build my Church).
 4. **Hebrews 8:2** (God pitched not man)
- III. Sanctified (made holy) by God
 - A. The Tabernacle was sanctified by the Glory of God. **Exodus 29:42-46.**
 - B. God sanctified His Church by giving it His glory.
 1. **John 17:22** (all the glory God the Father gave to Jesus, He gave to His church).
 2. **Hebrews 2:11** (He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified).
 3. **Hebrews 13:12** (Sanctified by His blood).
 4. **Hebrews 10:14** (His one offering made us acceptable forever in God's eyes).
 5. **Rev 1:6** (Made us kings and priests, holy).
- IV. No fleshly (sensual pleasure) worship
 - A. The Tabernacle was to have NO sensual (pleasure) worship.
 1. **Exodus 30:34-38.** The perfume was not to be used for personal fleshly use (like we would use perfume today), it was strictly for worship, pure and holy.
 - B. The New Testament Church is not to have also.
 1. **John 4:23-24** (God is spiritual, worship must be spiritual, not flesh pleasing, and be based on truth of His word).
 2. **2 Cor 3:17-18** (God has allowed that veil or barrier to be removed between Himself and us (liberty) and as He is spiritual and glorious, so are we (in the same image).
 3. **Ephesians 2:22** (We are the Church, a habitation of God through the Spirit).
 4. **Colossians 2:2-23** (God has all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge(v.3), we are complete in Him(v.10), we have buried the old fleshy person(v.12), now part of the Body (v.19), no longer subject to satisfying the flesh (v.23)).
 5. **Hebrews 2:3** (We need to heed to the spiritual things we have, not to neglect the salvation and life we are to live for God, to no longer be subject to the flesh).

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6. **Jude 17-19** (As we get closer to the Lord's return, will we fall back to our sensual ways, turning our backs on God, walk after ungodly lusts?).
- V. Fed by God
- A. The people for whom the Tabernacle was constructed were fed in the wilderness.
Psalm 78:19-26. God supplied the needs of the people with water and food (manna and quail) while they were in the wilderness.
Deut 8:2-4 Clothes never wore out.
Water (Ex. 17:6, Num 20:11) 1 Cor 10:3-4 water was picture of spiritual.
Manna (Ex. 16:4, 14-15, 31, 33-35)
Quail (Ex 16:12-13, Num 11:31)
 - B. So our Lord fed the people from which He built the New Testament Church.
 1. **Matthew 15:32-38; Mark 8:1-9** Jesus fed the 4,000 with 7 loaves of bread and some fish.
 2. **John 21:1-14** After Jesus resurrection he helped feed the disciples.
 3. **Matthew 17:24-27** Jesus supplied money to pay taxes.
 4. **Matt 4:4** God feeds us spiritually via His Word.
 5. **John 4:31-38** Jesus food was the Father's will.
- VI. Anointed before God's glory filled it
- A. Aaron and his sons were anointed before Tabernacle was filled with the glory of the Lord.
 1. **Exodus 28:40-41** Before Aaron and sons could minister as priests, they had to be anointed, consecrated, and sanctified.
 2. **Exodus 29:5-7** Anointed with oil by pouring on his head.
 3. **Exodus 30:30-33** the anointing oil could not be used for anything else.
 4. **Exodus 40:12-15** Washed with water, than anointed. Set apart for God's service.
 5. **Numbers 7:1** After being erected, before it could be used, this anointing had to occur.
 - B. It was also true with the Lord and His Church
 1. **Matthew 3:16-17** Jesus was baptized, anointed, to do the work of a priest.
 2. **Luke 4:18-19** (from Isaiah 61:1-2) Jesus came as the anointed One.
 3. **Hebrews 1:9; 2:9, 11** Jesus was anointed by God as we are, but Jesus higher (above thy fellows) more superior .
 4. **John 20:21-23** Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection and breathed on them the Holy Spirit (anointed). This was to comfort and encourage them until the day of Pentecost, they did not receive Comforter here, was done on day of Pentecost.
 5. **2 Cor 1:21-22** Anointed us. Given us "earnest" portion of Spirit to seal us.
 6. **Eph 1:13-14** Earnest of our inheritance. We have to be saved before God's glory can fill us.
- VII. God spoke out from after it was assembled
- A. God spoke from the Tabernacle. **Leviticus 1:1**
 - B. God is forever with His Church, speaks to us through the Word and Spirit. As we (church members) preach the gospel, we are speaking His words, should be as if God Himself is speaking.
 1. **Matthew 28:18-20** Jesus promised to be with us to the end of the world.

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2. **Mark 16:15** As we preach the gospel, we are conveying God's words. **Heb 4:12** The Word of God is what is alive that we are using. **Isa 55:10-11** Word is alive, it grows where planted. **Acts 7:38** "Lively" is alive.
 3. **John 13:20** As we go in the name of God, it is as if God goes.
 4. **Revelation 1:12-20** Jesus will forever speak as the Head of His Church (alive for evermore), He holds the keys to Heaven and Hell.
- VIII. The place of testimony (definition of testimony: evidence in support of God, declaration of the precepts of God, support of or proof of)
- A. The Tabernacle was the place of testimony. **Numbers 1:50** Everything about the Tabernacle was a testimony to God, even the Levites themselves.
 - B. The New Testament Church is the place of testimony.
 1. **1 Corinthians 1:6** The work that Jesus came and accomplished, the results are seen (should be reflected) in us.
 2. **Revelation 12:17; 19:10** The testimony of Jesus. The gospel (teachings of, message of, doctrines).
- IX. Lord walked in.
- A. The Lord walked in the Tabernacle.
 1. **Acts 7:37-38** "He that was in the church in the wilderness". God was visible as the cloud by day and fire by night.
 2. **Leviticus 26:11-12** Set His Tabernacle among them, I will walk among you.
 3. **2 Samuel 7:6-7** David's desire to build the Temple, God had always dwelt and walked in the Tabernacle.
 - B. The Lord walks in His Church.
 1. **Revelation 1:13** The Lord has always been in the midst of His Churches.
- X. We are to encamp next to.
- A. The Levites were to encamp near it
 1. **Numbers 1:50-53** The Levites made the work of the Tabernacle their whole life. They lived next to it.
 - B. The Lord's church members are to do the same
 1. **Hebrews 10:25** If we are not near it, how can we assemble with it?
 2. **Ephesians 3:21** If we are not present during services, how can we give Him glory?
 3. **James 4:7-8** Living lives close to God means God is close to us.
 4. **Acts 2:44-47** Were together, had things in common, one accord, Church was a priority.
 5. See Last paragraph of the Church Covenant. We are to always be members of, and in attendance, the Lord's Church.
- XI. God is always present to lead the people.
- A. The cloud was always above to lead the people.
 1. **Numbers 9:15-23** God was the Cloud by day, pillar of fire at night. When the cloud moved, they moved.
 - B. The Holy Spirit is always ready to lead His Churches today.
 1. **Matthew 28:20** "I am with you always". **Psalms 23** Shepherd is always with His sheep.

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2. **Acts 1:8** At the day of Pentecost the “Holy Spirit is come upon you”, the Comforter resided with the Church.
 3. **Romans 8:14, 26** Spirit is here to led us, we are to receptive to Him.
 4. **2 Corinthians 3:17** The Spirit in our midst is the same as Jesus being in our midst, they are both God.
 5. **Luke 11:13** God gives the Holy Spirit to us, as Comforter.
 6. **John 14:26** God is in our midst as the Comforter. **1John 5:7** Spirit is God.
- XII. God is leading.
- A. The Tabernacle and it's people were led from one wilderness to another by the Lord.
 1. **Numbers 10:11-12** Where God led, they followed.
 - B. The Lord is leading His Churches today by the Holy Spirit in their midst.
 1. **Ephesians 5:18; 4:30** We are to be filled with the Spirit, to be led by Him.
 2. **Romans 8:36-39** Nothing can separate us from God.
- XIII. Followed God by following the structure God put in place.
- A. The tabernacle people, by tribes in their own particular service, marched under their own standard, or leader.
 1. **Numbers 10:14-28** There was structure when they moved. God expects things to be done orderly and without confusion.
 - B. New Testament Churches should follow their leader, as he follows Christ.
 1. **Acts 20:28** Paul admonished the leaders of the churches to feed the congregations, to watch over it.
 2. **1 Corinthians 4:16** As Paul followed God, they were to follow him.
 3. **Ephesians 4:11-16** God gives the Church leaders such as pastors to help the body, help it mature and be strong for God. **Heb 13:7, 17**
 4. **1 Tim 5:1,17-19; 1Cor 14:33,40** God has a structure in place to not have confusion.
- XIV. No other place of worship.
- A. The Tabernacle people were commanded not to build any other place of worship.
 1. **Joshua 22:19, 29** Any other worship outside of what God instituted was rebellion and idolatry. **1 Kings 12:25-33** Man made church put of convenience. **1 Kings 13:34** Was sin.
 - B. All “church-makers” today are forbidden.
 1. **Matthew 15:8-13** If God did not start it, it was/is not God's. **Acts 8:11-17** example of church starting a church (lineage).
 2. **1 Corinthians 3:11** The only foundation God recognizes is the one Jesus laid (Matt 16:18).
 3. **2 John 9** For God to be part of it, it needs to follow the doctrine of God. **1 Tim 3:15** The truth is in the church Jesus started, not man made churches.
 4. **Revelation 2:1-4** Leaving God out of our worship means leaving “our first love”, none of it matters to God, He will have “somewhat against us”.
- XV. Have keepers to watch.
- A. The Tabernacle had keepers to watch.
 1. **1 Chronicles 9:17-25** These porters were to watch over the Tabernacle and it's service.

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- B. New Testament Churches have watchers.
 - 1. **Matthew 28:20** teaching them to observe (watch over).
 - 2. **Mark 13:34** As church members we are to be a porter, to watch over, be busy working while the Master is away.
 - 3. **John 10:1-5** There is only one way to enter the door of the Church, only one Porter, that Good Shepherd is Jesus. Only one Porter for the sheep to follow.
 - 4. **2 Timothy 4:5** Watch and endure, share the gospel (evangelize).
 - 5. **Ezekiel 33:7-8** Watchman is like a keeper. (**Acts 20:31, 2 Thess 2:3** watching, not deceived).

XVI. Laws to govern.

- A. There were laws demanding certain actions so they could abide in the tabernacle
 - 1. **Judges 17:6** Man needs laws, left to himself we go against God.
 - 2. **Psalms 15:1-5** walk uprightly, act a certain way, heart in right place.
 - 3. **Numbers 15:30-36** Break the laws and you were put outside the camp, and killed at times. There was no sacrifice or offering for intentional sins (Achan and family).
 - 4. **Numbers 12:14-15** Miriam's sin, going against Moses caused her to be put out of the camp for 7 days, to be removed from where God was, away from the Tabernacle.
- B. The Lord's Churches also have laws.
 - 1. **1 Corinthians 5:1-13** Practice Church discipline to keep the Church blameless, unspotted (**Eph 5:25-27** part of bride). **Matt 16:19** eternal ramifications if outside the church. **Heb 10:26-31** church members outside the church are not in a good place. **Acts 5:5** mistreat the church can lead to bad things.