

**GOD GOES
CAMPING**

OVERVIEW: LESSON THREE

GOD'S GRACIOUS ARRANGEMENT

"DRAWING" ON YOUR IDEAS



Already we have seen the connections between the Old and New Testaments regarding the tabernacle. In your own words, describe the relationship the tabernacle has with each testament.

WATCH & FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS

1. Why should we study a tent that was built _____ years ago?
 - a) The tabernacle reveals the _____ and _____ of God.
 - b) It shows the pathway to _____ for the _____. This is because believers are _____ and have many _____ of a _____ nature.
 - c) The tabernacle lets us see the distinctive _____ of Old Testament _____. It takes the _____ ideas and makes them 3D for us.

2. Studying the tabernacle will provide a kind of _____ for our study of the New Testament. For example, we see that we are cleansed both by _____ (Reference _____) and by _____. (Reference _____)

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3. The illustrations are so prevalent and _____ that, if we don't study them, we _____ ourselves in seeking to grasp what the Lord is saying to us.

4. There is no benefit in _____ to the old ways. They provide the _____, but we have the _____. The shadows cast by God's design give us the general _____ of and _____ with the New Testament _____.

READ & REFLECT ON: Exodus 35:4-19

What thoughts stand out as you read this portion of Scripture? How do these thoughts relate to this study and your life?

ACTIVITY: THINKING IT THROUGH

The video mentioned how the Bible uses the tabernacle to communicate truth in 3D. Using the listing in the passage, generate a list of materials, objects, or procedures for which you are interested in discovering the spiritual truths they represent.

Materials, Objects & Procedures	What I Discovered...
_____	_____
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Has this exercise caused your mind to connect to other portions of Scripture? If so, which ones? What connections did you make to them?

SOME HELPFUL QUOTES

“How a holy God can dwell among an unholy people is explained by the provision of a brazen altar in the courtyard, and the mercy seat in the most holy place. God hereby provides the righteousness in which He can meet with His own, while safeguarding His own holiness and righteousness.” —Precious Seed (*Day by Day Through the Old Testament*, p. 55)

“Without the detail of the Tabernacle it would be impossible to understand the book of Leviticus and the worship which is ordered there. Without the Tabernacle the sacrifices could not have been offered, and the priesthood could not have carried out the duties with which they were charged... The Epistle to the Hebrews would almost be a closed book to the reader if there was no knowledge of the Tabernacle, as the teaching is to a great extent built on the service which took place there...” —John Grant (*What the Bible Teaches: Exodus*, p. 299)

“The holiness of God and the sinfulness of man contrast sharply with each other... In the Holy of Holies God was shut in so sinful man could not get to Him. On the other hand, a wall of linen cloth around the tabernacle shut out sinful man. Man could approach God, but only through a prescribed way—no exceptions were tolerated. The way to God was through the shedding of a sacrificial animal's blood. This was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, who shed His blood on the cross; thereby, opening the way to God for us.” —Theodore Epp (*Portraits of Christ in the Tabernacle*, p 47)

“Here, then, is approach to God... Christ, the Truth, the Way, the Life; Christ the Way for the sinner in his sins, when he turns to God; Christ the Way for the saint to enjoy the privileges of communion. Christ by His death bringing us into the presence of God; Christ on the cross the foundation of our peace; Christ as the laver to cleanse His disciples' feet, fitting them to enjoy that communion which God craves for all His people. Let it be a straight path for us ever. Let it be a beaten path for us as priests to enter the sanctuary of God with thanksgiving, praise, and worship.” —Samuel Ridout (*Lectures on the Tabernacle*, pp 511-512)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which of the three reasons to explore the tabernacle grabbed your attention the most? Explain why you think that is.
2. Identify and explain the idea that was most profound or most helpful to you in the third lesson. What questions do you have from this lesson?
3. In your own words, explain why we should not return to these customs of the Old Testament even though God placed such an important emphasis on them.
4. How has your impression of this series and the topic changed over the course of the first three lessons? Why?