

Sermon Reflections

Won't You be My Neighbor, Part 2 • Exodus 25-27

Summary: God is a relational God who moves in close. Stop running. Stop ignoring him. Draw near to the relational God.

The Lord gave Moses detailed instructions for selecting materials and regarding the construction and furnishing of the tabernacle. Each specification points to the character of God, his desire to dwell with his people and more, and we are called to action...

1. Worship His Highness (Ex. 25:1-9)

- If your home indicates something about you, and a pastor's study indicates something about the man, what does the tabernacle declare about God?

2. Welcome His Presence (Ex. 25:10-40)

- The tabernacle furnishings show us the Lord wants to be close. How is that represented in these articles? The Ark and Mercy Seat? (Exodus 25:10-22, especially v. 22) The Table of Presence? (Exodus 25:23-30, esp. v.30) The Lampstand? (Exodus 25:31-40)

3. Honor His Holiness (Ex. 26-27)

- The curtain to the inner room had cherubim worked into it. What is notable about cherubim whenever we find them referred to in scripture? Also, what or who are they protecting? (Exodus 25:18-20, Genesis 3:24)
- Bronze was the metal used for items in the outer court. For the inner court, everything was of gold or covered with gold. What is the significance of the use of different metals?
- When the priest entered the tabernacle by way of the outer curtain, the first thing he saw was the altar. What is the implication of seeing the altar?
- To the Hebrews the tabernacle represented the presence of God, and it was the place to honor His holiness. We are under another covenant, so where is the Lord's presence known today? Where is His holiness to be displayed? (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 2 Timothy 2:21, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:14-16)
- Discuss the terms "consecration" and "sanctification."
- Pastor Zaman said that living in holiness is harder than constructing a building to certain specifications. What are some reasons that you know that statement is true?

4. Embrace His Plan (Genesis – Revelation)

- Elaborate on how the Lord Jesus fulfills what the tabernacle foreshadowed. For example: mercy seat, bread of heaven, light of the world, Lamb of God, High Priest, the presence of God, others?