

# *The Structure of the Tabernacle*

## The Lessons We Will Learn:

1. God wants to dwell with His people.

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- Exodus 25:8

*"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us..."*

- John 1:14

*"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.'"*

- Revelation 21:3

2. God is specific about how we worship Him.

3. God is holy and expects us to be holy as well.

*"Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the Testimony behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place."*

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## The Idea for the Tabernacle

On Mt. Sinai...

## The Symbols We Should Know...

### *The Materials:*

Silver — Redemption

*"To Sarah he said, 'I am giving your brother a thousand shekels of silver. This is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you; you are completely vindicated.'"*

- Genesis 20:16

Gold — God

Bronze (brass) — Judgment

*"So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived."*

- Numbers 21:9

Wood (Acacia) — Mankind

### *The Colors*

White — Purity

Black — Sin

Red — Blood

Blue — Heavenly, authority

Gold — God, purity

Purple — Royalty

## The Construction of the Tabernacle

The Base of the Tabernacle — Silver Sockets

The Posts — Silver tops

The Frames (or walls) of the Tabernacle — See-through and held together by rods. Wood overlaid with gold.

### *The Size of the Tabernacle*

- The Structure Itself — 45' X 15' X 15'
- The Holy Place — 30' X 15' X 15'
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## The Coverings of the Tabernacle

Layer #1 — Finely twisted linen with blue, purple and scarlet yarn and gold clasps

Layer #2 — Black; 18 inches wider than the other layers; Goat hair; bronze clasps

Layer #3 — Red; Ram skins;

Layer #4 — The waterproof layer. The hides of a sea cow, dugong or porpoise.

## What Do We Learn About God?

1. Our God is practical.
2. Our God is specific.

*"Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."*

- Exodus 25:9

3. Our God is interested in symbols and visual aids that help us remember Him and see our relationship with Him.
4. Our God is more concerned about quality than quantity.
5. Our God is unchanging.

## What Do We Learn About Ourselves?

1. On the inside we are perfect and beautiful. On the outside, ...

*"What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?"*

- Romans 7:24

2. My relationship with God is based upon redemption.

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