

Exodus 25:1-31:18  
*How does God Get us Back to Heaven*  
July 10, 2011  
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction:

- A. How Can We Possibly Understand God? (Ps. 33:9)
- B. The Tabernacle is God's Illustration
  - 1. A picture of Heaven on Earth
  - 2. A picture of God's presence
  - 3. A picture of Jesus

**John 1:14**

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and **dwelt** (tabernacled) among us, and we have *seen his glory*, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- C. The Tabernacle Pictures God's Salvation
  - 1. God's Salvation from Egypt
  - 2. The Saving Work of Jesus: Jesus returns His people to Heaven

**Hebrews 8:1b-2**

...we have such a *high priest*, one who is seated at the right hand of *the throne of the Majesty in heaven*,<sup>2</sup> a minister in the holy places, in the **true tent** that *the Lord set up, not man*.

**Revelation 21:15-16, 18** (Cf. Rev. 21:1-3; Jn. 17:20-24)

<sup>15</sup> And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup> The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia (About 1,380 miles). Its length and width and height are equal. ... <sup>18</sup> The wall was built of jasper, while **the city was pure gold**, clear as glass.

**Key Idea**

*The tabernacle was to remind Israel of their salvation from Egypt and to provide the proper categories for us to understand the true salvation that was accomplished by Jesus.*

## II. A Memorial of God's Salvation from Egypt

- A. Sacrifice/Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:21–23)
- B. Water/Red Sea & Cloud (1 Cor. 10:1–2)
- C. Lampstand

### Exodus 13:21–22

<sup>21</sup> And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a **pillar of fire to give them light**, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup> *The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night **did not depart from before the people.***

- D. Bread of the Presence/Manna

### Exodus 16:12

“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be *filled with bread*. **Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.**’”

- E. Mercy Seat/Mt. Sinai

## III. Enters the Real Tabernacle

- A. Hebrews: The True High Priest & Sacrifice

### Hebrews 9:11–12

<sup>11</sup> But when *Christ appeared as a **high priest*** of the good things that have come, then through **the greater and more perfect tent** (*not made with hands, that is, not of this creation*) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but *by means of his own **blood***, thus securing an eternal redemption.

### Hebrews 9:24

For *Christ has entered*, not into holy places *made with hands*, which are **copies of the true things**, but into **heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

## B. The Gospel of John (John 1:14)

### 1. Sacrifice

#### **John 1:29**

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “**Behold, the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!

### 2. Water/Spirit

#### **John 3:5** (Cf. John 4:10; *Titus 3:5*; *Ezekiel 36:25–27*)

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of **water** and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

### 3. Light

#### **John 8:12** (Cf. John 1:4–5, 9; 3:19–21; 9:5)

“**I am the light** of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

### 4. Bread (John 6:1–15 – Jesus feed the 5,000)

#### **John 6:32–36**

<sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not **Moses** who gave you the *bread from heaven*, but my Father gives you the **true bread from heaven**. <sup>33</sup> For **the bread of God** is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life**; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to *you that you have seen me and yet do not believe*.

### 5. God’s Presence

#### **John 10:24–30** (Cf. Matthew 27:51)

<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? *If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.*” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, “***I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do***

in my Father's name bear witness about me,<sup>26</sup> **but you do not believe** because you are not part of my flock.<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.<sup>30</sup> **I and the Father are one.**"

#### IV. Behold the Glory of God and Worship!

A. The Tabernacle is Jesus & is about Jesus

B. Submit to Jesus & Rely upon Jesus

#### Hebrews 10:19–22

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the **blood** of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts **sprinkled clean** from an evil conscience and **our bodies washed with pure water**.

#### Ephesians 5:25–27

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, **as Christ loved the church** and gave himself up for her,<sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,<sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

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