

EXODUS

Out of Egypt to Meet with God

A Heart for the Contribution

Exodus 25:1-9

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, you are good Giver and your are our greatest treasure. You seek us out, LORD, we are not seeking for you. Father, we don't long for nor desire your presence, the eternal blessings of faith, repentance, hope and joy from your hand. Instead, we are devoted to empty and temporary treasures. Our hearts are given to these things and committed to finding our soul's satisfaction in them. We confess, Father, none of these empty ambitions have delivered. Rather they have left us more thirsty, more empty, more weary. Our idols have blinded us the more we commit to them. LORD deliver us from our love for the world, the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of possessions has enslaved us. May we cease from our frantic lives grabbing for more of the world and instead rest and receive from your hand the good you have for us. May our hearts prayer and longing be, "But as for me it is good to be near God. You are indeed our strength and our portion, LORD. May we come this morning to everything else as rubbish that we may know Christ and the power of His resurrection. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

1. Take for Me a Contribution (vv. 1-7)
2. Make for Me a Sanctuary (vv. 8-9)

Central Textual Truth

God's people are to give a contribution that the LORD may dwell in their midst.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to give a contribution in gratitude for God dwelling with us in Christ.