

“GOD TOLD THE ISRAELITES TO BUILD THE TABERNACLE”

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I. Introduction

- A. Why did God give the Ten Commandments?
- B. God’s equivalent - Lust = adultery, hatred = murder
- C. How many times can we break the commands and not be condemned by God?
- D. Why can’t people obey the Ten Commandments perfectly like God demanded?

II. God wrote the Commandments on Stone - Ex. 24:12, 16-18

- A. He did not want them to forget His commandments.
- B. Moses obeyed the Lord and ascended the mountain.

III. God’s command to build the Tabernacle - Ex. 25:1-8

- A. He knew the Israelites would fail to obey God.
- B. The Israelites had already failed.
- C. The Tabernacle was provided as a place where their sins could be forgiven.

IV. The Tabernacle required exact measurements. - Ex. 25:9

- A. They had to worship God in the way He prescribed.
- B. It was to be transportable.
- C. It had two rooms.
 - 1. The Holy Place
 - 2. The Most Holy Place
- D. The ark was to be constructed. - Ex. 25:10-11, 17-20
 - 1. The ark of the covenant
 - 2. The ark of the Lord
 - 3. The ark of God
 - 4. The ark of the testimony
- E. Covered with two cherubim - to represent God’s holiness and His righteousness

F. Ark and mercy seat to be in the Most Holy Place - These were the only two pieces of furniture in the Most Holy Place.

G. A curtain divided the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place as a continual reminder that their sin separated them from God.

H. Surrounded by a courtyard - Ex. 27:9 - There was only one entrance by which they could enter into the courtyard. - Ill. of Noah and one door in the ark.

I. Brazen altar in the courtyard. Ex. 27:1-2 - “When a person brought an animal, he was to place his hand on its head before it was slain. By placing his hand on the offering, he was admitting to God that he was a sinner and deserved to die, but he was asking God to accept the animal’s death in his place. God forgave the sins of those who came trusting in Him and bringing the offering He required.” - Ill. of the difference in offering of Cain and Abel

J. The blood of animals did not pay for sin and could not. It was ONLY a picture of the punishment sinners deserve.

V. God chose Aaron and his sons to serve as priests - Ex. 28:1

A. Only the High Priest could go into the Most Holy Place and that was only one time per year on the Day of Atonement known as Yom Kippur.

B. Aaron took the blood with him into the Most Holy Place - Lev. 16:15

C. Aaron entered the Most Holy Place and sprinkled the blood on the mercy seat

VI. God came to live in the Tabernacle - Ex. 38:42-43; 40:17

“We never have to second-guess God. Everything the people needed to know, He told them. Everything we need to know is in His Word.”