

*Christ In The Old Testament*  
*“No Other Way”*  
*Exodus 35:17-18; 27:9-19*

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles Tonight:
  - To Exodus 35 - Where:
    - We Continue To Follow The Outline:
      - Given There:
        - About The Construction Of The Tabernacle!
  - And - I'd Like For Us:
    - As We Begin:
      - To Read Through & Review:
        - Where We've Been!
    - Because - Starting In 35:4:
      - “Moses Spoke Unto All The Congregation Of The Children Of Israel, Saying . . .”
        - Read Through 19!
2. So Far - From These Verses:
  - We Looked At:
    - The Tabernacle Structure Itself - Or:
      - The Tabernacle Of The Congregation:
        - In 35:11 - And How It Teaches Us About:
          - The Two-Fold Nature:
            - Of Christ!
        - And How He Possesses:
          - Two Natures:
            - As Both God & Man!
  - We Then Looked At:
    - The Ark Of The Covenant & Its Mercy Seat:
      - In 35:12 - And How It Teaches Us That:
        - Jesus Christ Is The Greatest Treasure:
          - In All The World!
  - We Also Looked At:
    - The Table Of Shewbread:
      - In 35:13 - And How It Teaches Us That:
        - Jesus Is God's Ultimate Connection:
          - Between Heaven And Earth!
  - From 35:14 - We Also Looked At:
    - The Golden Candlestick - Menorah:
      - And How It Teaches Us That:
        - Christ & Christians:
          - Are Still God's Lights To This Dark World!
  - From 35:15 - We Learned That:
    - The Incense Altar:
      - Teaches Us That Christ Is:
        - The Great Intercessor - Who:
          - “Ever Liveth To Make Intercession” For His People! (Hebrews 7:25)
  - Then - In 35:16 - We Looked At:
    - Both The Altar Of Burnt Offering - And:
      - The Bronze Laver!
    - And These Two Objects:
      - Teach Us That Christ:
        - Is The Only One Who Can:
          - Pay For Our Sins - As Well As:
            - Purify Us From Our Sins!
3. Well - Tonight:
  - We Will Be Looking At:
    - The Court Of The Tabernacle:

- As Its Described For Us There:
  - In 35:17-18 - Which Again Included:
    - “The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court, / The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords!”
- The Court Of The Tabernacle:
  - Was The Broad Area That:
    - Surrounded And Enclosed:
      - The Tabernacle Itself!
- And - God Gave Moses:
  - Detailed Instructions:
    - About The Court:
      - Back In 27:9-19! So:
        - Let’s Head There Next!
          - Where Moses Is Told:

4. Exodus 27:9-19:

- “And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward [there shall be] hangings for the court [of] fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side: / 10 And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets [shall be of] brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets [shall be of] silver. / 11 And likewise for the north side in length [there shall be] hangings of an hundred [cubits] long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets [of] brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets [of] silver. / 12 And [for] the breadth of the court on the west side [shall be] hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. / 13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward [shall be] fifty cubits. / 14 The hangings of one side [of the gate shall be] fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. / 15 And on the other side [shall be] hangings fifteen [cubits]: their pillars three, and their sockets three. / 16 And for the gate of the court [shall be] an hanging of twenty cubits, [of] blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: [and] their pillars [shall be] four, and their sockets four. / 17 All the pillars round about the court [shall be] filleted with silver; their hooks [shall be of] silver, and their sockets [of] brass. / 18 The length of the court [shall be] an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits [of] fine twined linen, and their sockets [of] brass. / 19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, [shall be of] brass!”

- So - The Court Of The Tabernacle:
  - Stood Right In The Middle Of The Camp:
    - Of The Children Of Israel:
      - Wherever God Led Them!

5. And - It Is This Court:

- That Would Serve As:
  - An Introduction:
    - Of Christ - To His People:
      - In The Middle Of The Wilderness!
- And - It Did So:
  - Because It First Pointed To Him As:

1. ***The Enclosure Of God!***

- On Several Occasions:
  - God Referred To Himself:
    - As A Shepherd - And:
      - To His People:
        - As Sheep!
  - We Can See This:
    - In Psalm 78:52 - Where:
      - Harkening Back To This Time In The Wilderness:
        - We Are Told That The Lord - “Made His Own People To Go Forth Like Sheep, And Guided Them In The Wilderness Like A Flock!”
  - And - God’s Purpose Was To:
    - Provide For & Protect His Flock:
      - In His Special Fold!
  - And - The Hangings & Curtains:
    - First Mentioned In 27:9 - That Enclosed:

- The Court & Tabernacle:
  - Was A Picture Of Christ Himself:
    - As The Enclosure Of God's Special Fold:
      - Around His People!
- And - This Can Be Seen Because:
  - The Court Of The Tabernacle Was:
- A Place of Separation:
  - In The Wilderness!
    - In Fact - This Is What:
      - Would Have Stood Out To The People:
        - In Middle Of That Stark, Barren Wilderness!
  - The Gleaming White Curtains:
    - Made Of "Fine-Twined Linen":
      - 5 Cubits Or 7.5 Feet High, That Surrounded:
        - The Tabernacle Tent Itself:
          - Which - Would Rise Another 5 Cubits Or 7.5 Feet Above Them!
  - What A Contrast:
    - This White Enclosure Would Have Been:
      - To The Harsh, Reddish-Brown Landscape:
        - Of Rock & Sand:
          - All Around Them!
      - It Would Have Shown:
        - The Great *Difference* Between:
          - Their Home & God's Home!
      - But - Instead Of It Being:
        - An Imposing Sight - It Was:
          - A Welcoming Sight!
        - Because - The White, Soft Linen:
          - Was A Picture Of Christ!
      - Even Though - When Jesus Came:
        - He Was "Separate From Sinners!"
          - Even Purer Than The White Curtains:
            - Would Indicate!
        - He Also Said - In Matthew 11:28:
          - "Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest!"
      - And Now - You Can Go To Christ:
        - As A Place Of Separation:
          - In The Harsh Wilderness Of This World!
            - But - The Court Of The Tabernacle Was Also:
      - A Place Of Stability!
        - Why Would The Lord Instruct Moses:
          - About The Bronze Pillars & Sockets (Bases / Foundation) / Fillets (Silver / Bands) / Hooks (Silver) / And Pegs (Bronze)!
            - If Anyone Knew How To Make A Tent:
              - They Did!
        - It Was To Show Them:
          - That Even Though:
            - The Winds Of The Wilderness:
              - Might Howl & Blow Upon The House Of God:
                - It Was Built Strong & Would Stay Firm!
            - And - Even Its Strength:
              - Could Be Seen:
                - From A Distance!
          - Even So - Christ Is:
            - A Stable & Strong Enclosure:
              - To All Who Believe In Him:
                - And Go To Him:
                  - As Their Refuge & Fold In The Wilderness!

- In John 10:27-29 - Jesus Himself Said:
  - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: / And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand. / My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand!"
- As The Enclosure Of God's Fold:
  - Jesus Is A Place Of:
    - Great Separation & Stability For Us:
      - In The Midst Of This Wilderness:
        - In Which We Live!
    - But Also - The Court Of The Tabernacle:
      - Was Meant To Be:
- A Place Of Sanctuary!
  - The Very Size Of The Court:
    - Was To Show The Availability:
      - Of **Refuge**:
        - For God's People!
    - 100 Cubits Long - 150 Feet!
    - 50 Cubits Wide - 75 Feet!
    - 5 Cubits High - 7.5 Feet!
      - So - An Area Of 11,250 Square Feet!
        - With Plenty Of Room:
          - For The Priests To Serve God's People!
    - Now - When The Temple Was Made:
      - There Were 4 Courts:
        - A Court For The Priests / Israel - Men / Women / Gentiles!
      - In The Tabernacle:
        - There Was Only One Court!
  - And - What Went On In That Court:
    - Showed Further The Accessibility:
      - Of Refuge:
        - For God's People!
    - The Two Objects:
      - That Were Visible In The Court:
        - Were The Real Means:
          - For Refuge!
  - What Were Those Objects?
    - The First Object:
      - The Alter Of Burnt Offering!
        - Offered Atonement:
          - For Sin!
      - And - This Is What Took Care Of:
        - Man's Sin - On God's End!
          - So That Sinners Could Access Refuge From Their Sin!
    - The Second Object:
      - The Bronze Laver:
        - Offered Absolution:
          - For Sin!
      - Which Took Care Of:
        - Man's Sin - On Man's End!
          - So That Sinners Could Experience Forgiveness From Their Sin!
  - Of Course - All Of This:
    - Points To Christ!
      - He Is The Exclusive Enclosure:
        - Of God's Fold!
    - Only In Him:
      - Can You Find:
        - The Separation / Stability / Sanctuary:

- You Need - For Refuge:
  - From Your Sin & From This World!
- And - Its All Because:
  - Of What Jesus Himself Accomplished:
    - In The Court!
  - Through The Sacrifice Of His Body - And:
    - The Shedding Of His Blood:
      - He Provided The Atonement & Absolution We Needed - So That:
        - You Can Find Refuge In The Fold Of God!
- Jesus Is The Great Enclosure:
  - Of God's Fold!
    - But Also - We Can See:
      - From The Court Of The Tabernacle - That Christ Is:

## 2. ***The Entrance To God!***

- And His Fold!
  - Because - On The East Of The Court:
    - From 27:16 - There Was A:
      - "Gate" Or "Door" - Also Made Of Curtains / Hangings!
    - These Curtains:
      - Were Placed On 4 Pillars With Their Sockets - And:
        - Were 20 Cubits / 30 Feet Long!
  - And - In Contract To:
    - The White Curtains Around It:
      - This Entrance Was Made:
        - "Of] blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework!"
  - Now - We've Seen This Description Before!
    - Back In 26:36 - God Told Moses:
      - To Make The ***Door*** Of The Tabernacle:
        - In The Same Way!
          - "And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, [of] blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework!"
      - And - In 26:31 - God Told Moses:
        - To Make The ***Vail*** Of The Tabernacle:
          - Which Separated The Holy Place From The Holy Of Holies:
            - In The Same Way - With Only One Difference!
              - "And thou shalt make a vail [of] blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made!"
    - So - The Entrances:
      - To The Court / To The Tabernacle / To The Holy Of Holies:
        - Were All Made:
          - Of The Same!
      - And - Shows Us That:
        - There Really Is Only One Entrance & One Way:
          - Into The Presence & Fellowship:
            - With God!
        - Matthew Henry Describes These 3 Entrances:
          - As - "A Figure Of Christ, And The Graces Of The Spirit In Him, And Of His Bloodshed, Sufferings, And Death; Who Is The Door Into The Church, And To The Ordinances Of It, And Leads On To The Holy Place, And Even To The Holy Of Holies!"
    - So - The Exclusive Entrance Into The Fold Of God:
      - Was - And Still Is:
        - The Lord Jesus Christ!
      - There Is No Other Way:
        - To God - Except:
          - The ***Door*** Of Christ!
      - In John 10:7-9 - Jesus Said:

- “Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. / All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. / I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture!”
- The Entrance To The Court:
  - Of The Tabernacle:
    - Points Us To Christ:
      - As The Door Of Salvation!
  - If You Went Into The Tabernacle:
    - The First Thing You Would Have Seen:
      - In Front Of You - Was:
        - The Altar Of Burnt Offering!
      - Which Was Where Sacrifice / Atonement:
        - Was To Be Made!
    - You Couldn’t Go Any Further:
      - Even If You Were A Priest:
        - Without It!
  - But - Since Jesus Christ:
    - Came And Accomplished:
      - His Sacrificial Work:
        - “Once For All!”
    - The Blood Of His Sacrifice - And:
      - The Water Of His Sanctification:
        - Paved The Way For Us:
          - To Go Even Further:
            - Into The Court & Fold Of God!
  - Jesus Is The Door:
    - Of Our Salvation!
    - But - Also:
- The Entrance To The Holy Place:
  - Of The Tabernacle:
    - Points Us To Christ:
      - As The Door To Service:
        - For The Lord!
  - In The Holy Place:
    - We Found The:
      - Table Of Shewbread!
      - 7-Branch Lampstand / Menorah! And:
      - Incense Altar!
  - All 3 Of These Objects:
    - Were Tended To By The Priests:
      - In Their Holy Services:
        - To The Lord!
    - The Objects Themselves:
      - Pointed To:
        - The Work Of Christ:
          - On Behalf Of His People!
  - But Still - The Priests Of God:
    - Were Invited To:
      - Participate In His Service!
    - By - Making The Bread:
      - Offered On The Table Of Shewbread!
    - By - Trimming The Wicks & Lighting The Lamps:
      - Of The Menorah! And:
    - By - Making & Burning The Incense:
      - Morning & Evening:
        - And Placing It On The Incense Altar!
  - So - Christ Enables Us & Empowers You:
    - When You Believe In Him:

- To Serve The Lord!
  - In Your Work For The Lord!
    - With Whatever Gift You Have!
  - In Your Witness For The Lord!
    - As “The Light Of The World!”
  - In Your Worship Of The Lord!
    - Through Praise & Prayer!
- Jesus Is The Door:
  - For Your Service!
    - But - Also:
- The Entrance To The Holy Of Holies:
  - In The Tabernacle:
    - Points Us To Christ:
      - As The Door Of **Security**:
        - In The Lord!
  - In The Holy Of Holies:
    - We Found The:
      - Special Place Of God’s Presence!
        - Above The Ark & Its Mercy Seat, And Between:
          - The Cherubim!
  - The Great Vail:
    - Separated The Holy Of Holies:
      - From The Rest Of The Tabernacle:
        - And Prevented Anyone:
          - But The High Priest From Entering Into The Place Of God’s Presence:
            - Only Once Per Year!
  - But - Christ - Through The Vail Of His Own Flesh:
    - Has Granted Those Who Believe In Him:
      - Eternal Access Into The Presence Of God:
        - For Fellowship With Him!
- So - It Is Jesus Christ:
  - Who Is The Great Entrance:
    - To God’s Fold!
      - Even - The Exclusive Entrance:
        - To Salvation / Service / Security:
          - All From The Lord!
  - And That Is Why - Now:
    - In Hebrews 10:19-22 - We Are Told:
      - Hebrews 10:19-22 - “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, / By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; / And [having] an high priest over the house of God; / Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water!”

**Conclusion:**

1. If You Remember:
  - The Main Difference:
    - Between The Three Entrances:
      - Found In The Tabernacle:
        - Was That The Inner Vail:
          - Was Wrought With:
            - Cherubims!
  - And - Even This:
    - Shows Us What Christ:
      - Would Do - For Them - And:
        - Has Done - For Us!
2. When Adam & Eve:

- Were Expelled From The Garden Of Eden:
  - In Genesis 3:24 - We Are Told That:
    - God - "Drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life!"
- But - Here - On The Vail Of The Tabernacle:
  - Opened To Us By Christ:
    - There Were Cherubims:
      - With No Swords In Their Hands!
    - Instead - Through Christ:
      - As Both The:
        - Exclusive Enclosure & Entrance Of God's Fold:
          - We Have A Heavenly *Welcome!*

3. Have You:
  - Found Your Refuge:
    - In The Tabernacle Of Christ?
      - Have You Entered Into:
        - The Court Of Salvation:
          - Through Christ - The Door?
      - He Is The Exclusive Entrance!
        - Acts 4:12 - "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved!"
    - But - If You Have:
      - Entered Into Salvation:
        - Through Faith In Christ:
          - As The Door - Are You Still:
            - Going Further In?
        - The Door Of Christ:
          - Is Open For You!
            - To Serve God! And:
              - To Have Fellowship With God!
4. Through Christ:
  - You Have No More Flaming Swords:
    - To Fear! Instead - You Have:
      - A Heavenly Welcome:
        - Through Jesus Christ Himself!

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