

/Let us begin the thirteenth lecture on Exodus. / In chapter 25, God commands Moses to build a sanctuary. / How did they make the sanctuary? God commanded Moses to build a sanctuary from the contributions the people brought.

/Please read verses 1-2. / The LORD said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.

/God spoke to Moses. / God told him to take offering from the people. / When the people gave their offering, God told Moses to receive from each man whose heart moved him to do so. /23:15.

/God told them that they were not to come empty-handed when they came before him. / What kind of hearts must we have when we are bring offerings to God?

/In 2 Corinthians 8:7, it says that offerings are the outcome of grace. / Those who received grace from God will want to give offerings to God. / These offerings refer offerings other than tithes.

/Those who receive grace from God will want to give something to God. / Offerings are given to God. / Is it right to give offerings to God so that other people will see, or to be acknowledged by others? / That would be hypocrisy.

/Verses 3-7. / These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

/God told Moses offerings that he would receive from them. / First, they were gold, silver, and bronze. / These were used to make the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant. / They were also used to make lamps, table for the bread of the Presence, and the altar of incense.

/Gold symbolized faith. / The gold symbolizes how we should serve God with faith. / Silver represents purity of believers. / Silver especially reveals the fruit of our acts of faith.

/In Song of Songs is the carriage of Solomon. / Its posts were made of silver. / That symbolizes our acts of faith. / Bronze represents God's judgment. / God is God who judges.

/Second, there were blue, purple, and scarlet yarns. / Moses was also told to receive fine linen from the Israelites. / The color blue symbolizes life. / Purple symbolizes honor. / Scarlet symbolizes glory.

/“Linen” represents purity before God. / This also showed the humility of people. / Third, there were goat hair, ram skins dyed red, and hides of sea cows.

/They were all covers for God's tabernacle. / These covers kept wind or rain from entering in the tabernacle. / On the outside, God's house appeared unattractive.

/That was because it was covered with animal skins. / However, how did the inside look? / There was cloth stitched with angels.

/The place was extremely glorious and beautiful. / God's church, both in the Old and New Testaments, have the same appearance. / God's church does not look attractive on the outside.

/However, its insides are full of beautiful things. / That is a special characteristic of God's world. / Fourth, there was acacia wood, which was used to build God's tabernacle.

/Acacia wood is also mentioned in verse 10 and it has thorns. / This wood represents us weak believers. / It is a type of tree that hurts other people. / It indicates people with bad character.

/Usage of acacia wood meant that God would use such people for his works. /Fifth, there were oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense. / The oil was used for the lamps that lit up God's tabernacle.

/The spices were for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense. / Sixth, there were jewels. / Verse 7 tells us that they were onyx stones, and gems to be mounted on the ephod and

breastpiece.

/How were the people to offer these to God? / God receives things that are offered with gladness.

/Verses 8-9. / "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

/God told Moses to make the sanctuary just as he showed them. / God does not accept things that are not done in accordance with the Bible. / There are things that are done not in accordance with the truth. / What do we call this?

/We call it humanism. / There are thoughts of people, claims of people. / There are experiences and knowledge of people. / People say these things. / "In my opinion..." / "In my experience..." / "What I know is..."

/How many of these have any relation to God's will? / We must think about what it is that will please God. / God does not accept what is not done according to the truth.

/Verses 10-15. / "Have them make a chest of acacia wood-- two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it. The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed.

/God told Moses to make an ark. / As previously mentioned, they were to make an ark out of acacia wood. / The length of the ark was to be two and a half cubits long. / It was to be a cubit and a half wide. / It was to be a cubit and a half high.

/Its inside and outside was to be overlaid with our gold. / Gold symbolizes faith. / Poles were to be made to carry the ark. / Two rings were made on each side.

/In verse 12, it says that they were to make four rings of gold. / The poles were to be made to inserted in the rings and it was to be made of acacia wood. / These two poles were to be overlaid with gold.

/In 1 Peter 1:7, gold symbolizes faith. / The Ark of God symbolizes the church of the New Testament period. / The church is where God is with us. / It is where God reigns.

/In God's church, there are people who are used as rings and those who are used as poles. / All these things were overlaid with gold. / Everything was in harmony through faith. / We must become one.

/The priests carried the Ark of the Covenant on their shoulders and walked. / In God's church, our sacrifices and sweat accompanies us. / Exodus 3:2. / Moses went closer to meet God, who appeared in a thorn bush. / 1 Corinthians 1:27.

/What kind of people does God call? / He calls the foolish, / the weak, / the incapable, / and those who are mocked and ridiculed by the world. / God calls such people and uses them.

/It may be hard for us to understand. / However, God shames the strong through such people. / There are people who are wise. / There are people who have abilities. / There are people who can do things.

/God does not use those people. / We must acknowledge that we are incapable when we go near God. / God does not help us when we think that we are capable of doing something.

/The poles were to remain inserted in the rings at all times. / The people were always to be prepared to leave when God commanded. / In today's time, God requires us to obey.

/We obey when God commands. / God told Moses to put two stone tablets in the ark.

/Verse 16. / Then put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

/God told Moses to make a mercy seat.

/Verses 17-22. / "Make an atonement cover of pure gold-- two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide. And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover. Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you. There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.

/The mercy seat was to be placed on top of the ark. / The two cherubim faced each other and their wings touched the other. / The mercy seat signified the redemption of the coming Jesus Christ. / It symbolized the atonement of Jesus Christ.

/God builds a church on top of Christ's merits. / God meets us believers with Christ's atonement as the foundation. / Those who believe in the atonement of Christ are those who belong to God.

/Joshua 3:3. / 1 Samuel 4:3. / Next, God commanded them to make a table of the bread of the Presence.

/Verses 23-30. / "Make a table of acacia wood-- two cubits long, a cubit wide and a cubit and a half high. Overlay it with pure gold and make a gold molding around it. Also make around it a rim a handbreadth wide and put a gold molding on the rim. Make four gold rings for the table and fasten them to the four corners, where the four legs are. The rings are to be close to the rim to hold the poles used in carrying the table. Make the poles of acacia wood, overlay them with gold and carry the table with them. And make its plates and dishes of pure gold, as well as its pitchers and bowls for the pouring out of offerings. Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.

/The table is also known as the table of the bread of the Presence. / This is the table where bread for God was placed on. / Where did people put the sheep, ox, or goat after they killed it? / They put it on the altar of burnt offering.

/This table was to be made of acacia wood. / It was to be overlaid with pure gold. / In verse

29, there were plates, dishes, and pitchers and bowls. / The bread of the Presence was to be set on the table.

/There are many believers among us who are used by God. / Some people are used as dishes, / some as pitchers, / and some as bowls. / Each of us has our own responsibilities God entrusts us with.

/We call them spiritual gifts. / What are “spiritual gifts”? / In Greek, it is “kharisma.” / It is God-given talent. / Each of us has gifts that God gave us. / Each of us has our own faith.

/Thus, we must do our best and be faithful to God. / 2 Timothy 2:20. / There were articles in a large house. / There were articles of gold, silver, / wood and clay, / and what articles did the master use?

/It says that the master used the clean articles. / What are clean articles? / They were articles that were empty of the self. / They refer to believers who do not have greed. / God uses believers when they get rid of greed.

/Next, Moses was told to make a lampstand and other parts.

/Verses 31-40. / "Make a lampstand of pure gold and hammer it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms shall be of one piece with it. Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand-- three on one side and three on the other. Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms are to be on one branch, three on the next branch, and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand. And on the lampstand there are to be four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms. One bud shall be under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair-- six branches in all. The buds and branches shall all be of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold. "Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it. Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold. A talent of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories. See that you make them according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

/God told Moses to make a lampstand. / It was made of pure gold. / They were to hammer out the gold. / It was not to be melted and put together. / It was to be completed by hammering. /

Revelation 1:20.

/The pure gold lampstand symbolizes the Lord's church. / Jesus walks around in the church. / A church must be established on faith. / The lampstand had many branches. / There were three on one side and three on the other side.

/One branch was elevated in the middle. / Thus, there were to be seven lamps in total. / It was cleansed every morning. / At night, it was to have enough oil so the fire will not be put off.

/In verse 37, it says that the lamps were to be set up to give light. / Revelation 4:5. / The seven lamps symbolize God's Holy Spirit. / In verses 38-40, there are wick trimmers and trays. / They were all made of pure gold.

/We must be faithful in our positions when we are used at God's church.

/We will now proceed to chapter 26 and study the tabernacle.

/Please read verses 1-6. / "Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim worked into them by a skilled craftsman. All the curtains are to be the same size-- twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide. Join five of the curtains together, and do the same with the other five. Make loops of blue material along the edge of the end curtain in one set, and do the same with the end curtain in the other set. Make fifty loops on one curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain of the other set, with the loops opposite each other. Then make fifty gold clasps and use them to fasten the curtains together so that the tabernacle is a unit.

/God told Moses to make ten curtains of finely twined linen. / This linen was used to cover the tabernacle of God. / The tabernacle symbolizes the church in the New Testament times. / Aside from the linen, the curtain was made with blue, purple, and scarlet yarns.

/Images of angels were elaborately sewed on the curtains. / The curtains were so beautiful that they were indescribable. / They were twenty-eight cubits long. / They were four cubits wide. / There were ten curtains.

/Five curtains were to be joined together. / Five curtains were joined together and the other five were joined together. / Next, loops were to be made. / There were fifty loops, as mentioned in verse 5. / The two sets of five curtains were connected through these loops.

/Then it covered the tabernacle. / In the tabernacle, the first thing that was seen was the beautifully worked linens. / The angels was skillfully worked into the linen.

/It was beautiful and glorious. / Next, God told Moses to make another set of curtains to cover the tabernacle.

/Verses 7-14. / "Make curtains of goat hair for the tent over the tabernacle-- eleven altogether. All eleven curtains are to be the same size-- thirty cubits long and four cubits wide. Join five of the curtains together into one set and the other six into another set. Fold the sixth curtain double at the front of the tent. Make fifty loops along the edge of the end curtain in one set and also along the edge of the end curtain in the other set. Then make fifty bronze clasps and put them in the loops to fasten the tent together as a unit. As for the additional length of the tent curtains, the half curtain that is left over is to hang down at the rear of the tabernacle. The tent curtains will be a cubit longer on both sides; what is left will hang over the sides of the tabernacle so as to cover it. Make for the tent a covering of ram skins dyed red, and over that a covering of hides of sea cows.

/God told Moses to make curtains to cover the tabernacle. / These were to be made with animal skin. / First, the curtains were made of blue, purple, and scarlet yarns. / Then it was covered with goat hair.

/Then it was covered with ram skins dyed red. / Lastly, it was covered with hides of sea cows. / The skins of the animals symbolized the sacrifice of the coming Christ. / It showed how God was going to build his church on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

/This symbolizes our church. / It is not right for a church to forget the sacrifice of Christ. / The church is built on the merit of the blood of Jesus Christ.

/If a church is built on people, and Jesus is not present, what will happen? / "An elder built



this church.” / “A deacon built this church.” / How can that church become a church of Jesus?

/Our church must glorify Jesus Christ. / The Bible says that the master of the church is the Lord. / In Ephesians 1:22, who does it say is the head of the church? / Jesus Christ is the Head of the church.

/If Jesus is not the Head, then the church cannot be a church of the Lord. / 1 Corinthians 1:18. / The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing. / God's church appears unattractive on the outside. / Next, God told the people to make frames and silver bases.

/Verses 15-25. / "Make upright frames of acacia wood for the tabernacle. Each frame is to be ten cubits long and a cubit and a half wide, with two projections set parallel to each other. Make all the frames of the tabernacle in this way. Make twenty frames for the south side of the tabernacle and make forty silver bases to go under them-- two bases for each frame, one under each projection. For the other side, the north side of the tabernacle, make twenty frames and forty silver bases-- two under each frame. Make six frames for the far end, that is, the west end of the tabernacle, and make two frames for the corners at the far end. At these two corners they must be double from the bottom all the way to the top, and fitted into a single ring; both shall be like that. So there will be eight frames and sixteen silver bases-- two under each frame.

/Frames were made. / This was a large plank. / One cubit is about 45 centimeters. / Each frame was ten cubits long. / This was about 4 meters and 50 centimeters. / It was a cubit and a half wide. / These were used as walls placed around God's tabernacle.

/Two bases were to be made for each frame. / Thus, all the frames were connected. / There were two bases in each frame. / There were twenty frames on the south side of the tabernacle. / The wall was about 4 meters, 50 centimeters in height.

/There were twenty frames on the north side of the tabernacle. / There were six frames behind the tabernacle, the west side. / The frames surrounded the tabernacle. / Then there were two silver bases in each frame.

/The bases were to be made firm with silver. / Silver symbolizes Christ's holiness. / The frames were fitted so that they did not fall.

/The frames surrounded the tabernacle. / What do the frames symbolize? / It distinguished the holy things from unholy things.

/Verses 26-30. / "Also make crossbars of acacia wood: five for the frames on one side of the tabernacle, five for those on the other side, and five for the frames on the west, at the far end of the tabernacle. The center crossbar is to extend from end to end at the middle of the frames. Overlay the frames with gold and make gold rings to hold the crossbars. Also overlay the crossbars with gold. "Set up the tabernacle according to the plan shown you on the mountain.

/Moses was told to make crossbars of acacia wood. / Five were made for one side of the tabernacle, and five for the other side. / Another five were made for the west and also for the far end of the tabernacle.

/All these frames were to be overlaid with gold. / There was a total of 15 crossbars. / The crossbars surrounded the tabernacle and it held the tabernacle to keep from falling.

/Next, God told Moses to make a curtain. / The frames were made. / These frames were wood that was used to make God's tabernacle. / The frames were used to make walls for the tabernacle, and now, it was to be covered with a curtain.

/Next, there was a wall outside the tabernacle, outside the court. / The veil separated the holy things from unholy things.

/Verses 31-33. / "Make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it by a skilled craftsman. Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold and standing on four silver bases. 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.

/The curtain was to be made of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen. / Cherubim was skillfully worked into it. / It hung on four posts. / These posts were made of acacia wood overlaid with gold.

/The four posts held the large curtain. / This curtain separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy place. / Galatians 2:9. / In God's church, there are people who are like posts. / In the early church, Peter, James, and John were posts. / Even in today's time, there are believers who are like posts in the church.

/They are not believers who give large sums of offerings. / They refer to believers who have faith. / They hold up the church like posts.

/Verses 34-35. / Put the atonement cover on the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy Place. Place the table outside the curtain on the north side of the tabernacle and put the lampstand opposite it on the south side.

/God told Moses where the things were to be placed in the Most Holy Place. / The ark of God was put in the Most Holy Place. / The mercy seat was on top of the ark of God. / There was a place outside the curtain. / This was the Holy Place.

/To the north of the Holy Place was the table for the bread of the Presence. / The lampstand was placed on the south. / The lampstand and the table faced each other.

/The Holy Place was outside the Most Holy Place. / The lamp was never to be turned off. / Bread was always prepared on the table for God.

/Verses 36-37. / "For the entrance to the tent make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen-- the work of an embroiderer. Make gold hooks for this curtain and five posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold. And cast five bronze bases for them.

/A curtain was to be made for the entrance to the tent. / It was to be made with blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen. / Five posts were made for the curtain. / This was the entrance.

/The priests passed through the curtain and entered the tabernacle of God. / The elaborately embroidered curtain was the entrance. / The priest looked toward the west when he went before God.

/We go before God with all our worldly burdens and worries. / We go to God with hurt and tired bodies.

/The priests entered the tabernacle, and offered and worshiped God, and then they received great grace from God. / Then after they meet God, the priests exited while looking toward the east.

/The priests entered while looking toward the west, but they exited while looking toward the bright east. / There is an abundance of grace and joy that comes from God. / We have hope for the future.

/God gives us grace. / What is grace? / Grace can be seen as the truth. / What is in grace?

/God's comfort and power are surely included in grace. / God's comfort and power will be with those who are filled with grace.

/Thank you very much.