

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I want you to turn again to the **Book of Exodus chapter 25**. Some of us have been looking at the tabernacle and understanding how relevant this is to our life today. For we read in **verses 2 and 8** -

2 . . . Speak unto the children of Israel . . .

8 And let them make me. . . - this is God speaking - . . . a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus chapters 8 and 9 compares the exodus records with **Hebrews**.

I love **Hebrews** and **Exodus**, if we could just keep reading them one for the other. Perhaps you have never read **Exodus**. May I encourage you to ask the Spirit of the Lord to make it alive and real. Just start reading it. And read **Hebrews** at the same time. You will be amazed how much comes together from the Lord.

In **Hebrews 8**, we read -

1 . . . We have such a high priest . . . - speaking of Jesus - . . . who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

You know, it is interesting - in **John 5:39 and 46** —

39 Search the Scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life . . . - *Jesus said this to those who were very religious and right and felt they did everything correctly - . . . and they are they - those Scriptures - . . . which testify of me.*

46 For had you believed Moses, you would have believed me: for he wrote of me. Yes, all the way through the Old Testament, it is all about Jesus. It is pointing to Jesus. But, isn't it amazing? We can be so religious and so right and so set in our ways that we miss the illumination of the Spirit of the Lord. We think we can come our way to come to know the Lord, whereas there is only one way. He is the door - we must come through Him. The triune God gave to Israel the tabernacle, the priesthood and the offerings in order that sinful man might recognize the promised Saviour and understand the significance of why He came, what His mission was about, and why He died.

In **1 Peter 1:10, 11**, we read -

10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. In other words, it is clearly declared that it was all there, but people who have a

mindset that they can reach God their way somehow can miss it. I trust that you have a heart humble enough to listen to the Spirit of the Lord. He is drawing you to Himself, because Jesus made it possible for you. Humble yourself and come to Him and say, *On Your terms I come as a sinner. And I praise You for the life I can have in You.*

Yes, I want you to understand that in the Old Testament, you will find that the New Testament is concealed, which means it is hidden, whereas in the New Testament, we find the Old Testament is revealed, which means it is open for us all to see. In **John chapters 12 through 17**, there is an amazing progression according to the order of approach to God in the tabernacle type. So the **Book of Exodus** and the tabernacle is so important. Three divisions spoke of the glories of God as they foreshadowed the earthly tabernacle with a heavenly meaning. The brazen altar; the holy place; the Holy of Holies.

It is interesting that in **John chapter 12**, in which Christ speaks of His death, He is answering to the very point of the tabernacle - the brazen altar of burnt offering, which was a type of the Cross. "It is there," He is saying. "It was spoken of and I am going to fulfill this. He speaks of this in **John chapter 12**. In **chapter 13**, passing from the brazen altar toward the Holy of Holies, the laver -- the place where the water was held to wash, made of mirrors --- was the next place to be reached. We read in **Exodus 30, verses 17-21**, - if you would like to

read that yourself afterward. His ministering priests are now sanctified. The high priest approaches and enters the high place in high communion. That high communion can be relevant to reading in **John's Gospel chapters 14-16**. You see how **John's Gospel** linked also to all that has been spoken of what is going to happen. Entering into the Holy of Holies in **chapter 17:1**, the great High Priest, Jesus, prays to the Father. He intercedes and He prays blessing. We are going to look later into that, but it is amazing how those chapters in **John** link to what we are seeing about the tabernacle.

But what about you today? You say, "Oh, all these things do not make sense to me! The Word of God is not alive." Please send for that book, *Food for Faith*. It will help you to understand how to open the Bible as God speaks to you and you, in turn, will be His vessel for His glory.

Amen.