

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

It is such a joy to think about the Old Testament and the tabernacle and to link it actually with **John's Gospel chapters 12 through 17**. You know, the Lord impressed upon me the link of these two sections of Scripture. I have always linked **Exodus** with the **Book of Hebrews**, and I greatly commend that you read those books together, because one puts light on the other. But there is such a similarity as we think of our Lord approaching the Cross, and what happened on that great day of triumph, when He shouted, **It is finished!**

You know, when God said He wanted a tabernacle built for the children of Israel in their pilgrimage, He arranged where the twelve tribes of Israel had to pitch their tent. They did not just put them anywhere; they had an order; they had a place; everything was done in order. These twelve tribes of Israel pitched their tent around the tabernacle. Three tribes of Israel were pitched on each side, and hence, the tabernacle was literally in the midst. God had said He would come in the midst of them. Inside the tabernacle was a type of seeking Jesus Christ; how to come to Jesus Christ. The furniture was actually arranged in the form of a cross. Yes, Jesus Christ dwells in the midst because of His Blood-bought children in a similar way as

when God said He would dwell amongst His redeemed people. The tabernacle, the tent of the congregation as it is called in some places was built according to the pattern. It is so important that my life should be according to His pattern. Before I was born, He knew me. Before the foundation of the world, He made me different from any other person. The same goes for you. He wants us to come into Christ and, according to the pattern, that our lives shall be lived out according to that which He has worked out. According to the pattern, the tabernacle was built. Through this pattern, the high priest would approach God on behalf of the people, representing our great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

We read at the end of forty chapters of **Exodus**, that mention is made of the shekinah glory, as God Himself filled the finished tabernacle and overshadowed the tabernacle by the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. Oh, the glory of the light and the wonder of His shekinah glory! We couldn't even begin to understand what such glory and light means. Our bodies are not made to be able to even handle such a thing. But we will one day be in His glory forever, because of the Blood of Jesus Christ and having received Him personally.

You know, there is just a similarity in those chapters **12 to 17 of John** as in the chapters of **Exodus 25** onward. I do encourage you to read in **John 12** and see how Jesus answers to the brazen altar, and how in

**John 13**, in the Holy of Holies, it answers to the laver that was made of brass mentioned in **Exodus 30**. This speaks of Jesus, this laver, our Cleanser. How important this is. It speaks of this in **John 13** and you perhaps have read that chapter. It is the same thought of this daily defilement of our sin. You see, the priests in the tabernacle had to wash their hands and feet before they could enter into the holy place to minister before God. In the same way, Christ cannot have communion with us if we are in a defiled state. We have to be willing to come, perhaps many times in the day, and say, *Lord, cleanse me. Forgive me. Wash me, And fill afresh with Your Spirit.* The cleansing is so important. We wonder why we cannot talk to God. When did you last run to Him for cleansing? When did you last confess that thing which Jesus is putting His finger on in your life and calling it by its name? Not talking about what she did, or what he did, or what they did, or perhaps what the circumstances are around you, but because you did not trust Him. You did not live by faith in coming before Him and praising Him in the worst of that situation to see that, in spite of the horror of what happened; there are going to be souls in Heaven as you take the territory in the Name of Jesus and see a harvest brought forth in His Name out of what was not a very nice experience. Oh, may God turn those situations around in your life and mine that they count for His glory.

You know, in **John chapters 14 to 16**, He represents being with His

priests, as He spoke to His own disciples, as He communed with them and prepared them for His going. I always think of this little phrase that He has made those of us who love and know Him **kings and priests unto God. *Kings and priests unto God*** - what does that mean? My day is to be lived in His holy presence, not working out what I think I am going to do for Him, but allowing Him to work through me what He has planned, that I might be more conscious of being in the Spirit before Him, recognizing Him as King of kings and Lord of lords; and I might abide in Him that He might be glorified through me. Would you do that? I pray so.

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*