

# **Exodus (8)**

## **Tabernacle—God Dwells with Men**

2017/10/27 Bible Study

### **I. Scripture:**

Exodus 25:8 ; 29:45-46 ; John 1:14 ; Revelations 21:3 ;  
Exodus 27:1-8 ; 30:17-21 ; 38:1-8 ; 40:29-32

- II.** God commanded Moses to build a sanctuary, so that He can dwell among the Israelites, "sanctuary" is also called "tabernacle", meaning a dwelling place (Exodus 25:8). After Adam and Eve sinned, the relationship between God and man was destroyed, sin had entered causing the separation of man from God. Nevertheless, God's eternal purpose is to dwell with people whom He has created, and to point out a way by a tabernacle that can be seen, so that men can come back to Him. Every item in the tabernacle is a type, or a symbol. Men can come to God, serve and worship God as they do what God commands.

The outer court has altar and water basin. The altar was overlaid with bronze, the water basin was made of bronze mirror by the maidservants who stood in front of the tabernacle. Bronze refers to God's judgment; the first threshold is the altar as man comes to God, that is to go through God's judgment. Without the shedding of blood, sins cannot be forgiven; without offering of sacrifices, one cannot come to God. The water basin is placed between the altar and the sanctuary. After the offering of sacrifice and sin is removed, you must see yourself through the light reflected from the water basin, examine yourself, use water to wash hands and feet, to cleanse yourself from filth, in order to serve and come near to God.

The Lord Jesus came to earth, "The Word became flesh, dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." We no longer need to offer up sacrifices, for Jesus has offered Himself up once for all, so that what was typified in the old testament time including laws, tabernacle, offering sacrifices have become a reality (Hebrews 10:10). May we not neglect so great a salvation, and may we have a grateful and reverent heart as we experience the altar and water basin, believing the Lord's precious blood is forever effective, confessing our sins as the Lord's enlightens us, and entering the sanctuary, to dwell with Him!

### **III. Thoughts and sharing :**

1. Sin is what hinders man from coming to God, so have you often experienced the altar and water basin? We live on this earth with the corruption of the flesh. Not only are our minds and conduct contaminated by the filth of the world, we, at times, sin against God and man. Please share your recent experience of enlightenment from the Lord and confession of sin.
2. God desires to establish an intimate relationship with men, and to gain a people to become His dwelling place. How do you respond to God's desire? if you and your family are to be God's dwelling place, what adjustments do you need to make in your daily life?