

A Minister's Manual

Chapter 2

Audio Lesson: Old Testament Survey lesson 16



Objective: to learn how the tabernacle represents New Testament truths and is relevant to believers today.



The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

—Colossians 1:26, 27

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

—1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

In the book of Genesis, we read that when man commits sin, the worst consequence is a divorce—a separation—between God and man. The solution to this fundamental problem, the reconciliation of that divorce, is really what the Bible is all about—and that is what the tabernacle in the wilderness was all about. It was a place where God dwelled and where sinners could come to be forgiven and reconciled to Him.

When Jesus died on the cross, He became the Great High Priest and, in heaven, He moved through the worship pattern of the heavenly tabernacle. Before His death, the sinner could not approach God. Only the priest could enter God's presence and intercede for the sinner. But when Jesus Christ died on the cross, He made it possible for all of us to go right into the presence of God.

Not only did Jesus enter the heavenly tabernacle for us, His Spirit also lives in us. The New Testament says that our bodies are now the temples of God. That is a miracle that we live with every day: Christ is in us. We have all we need to live the way God has called us to live.



1. True or false? The Hebrew name for the book of Leviticus means “and He called.”
2. True or false? Leviticus is a book about ancient ideas and does not have any practical application in it for us today.
3. True or false? God’s presence really did inhabit the Holy of Holies in the tent of worship.

Unless otherwise noted, choose one answer for each question.

4. Why is the book named “Leviticus”?
 - a. Leviticus is the name of the main character.
 - b. Leviticus is an ancient Hebrew word for “rules.”
 - c. Leviticus means “pertaining to the Levites who were the priests.”
 - d. Leviticus is the place where the Israelites were camped when the book was written.
5. Which of the following are New Testament applications of the tent of worship? (choose all that apply)
 - a. God’s Spirit dwells in human beings who believe in Jesus.
 - b. Church buildings should always be built to look like the tabernacle.
 - c. The tabernacle is a shadow of heavenly things, and Jesus is the true high priest.
 - d. We can go boldly into God’s presence anytime.
6. What does the New Testament say about sins against the body?
 - a. They are not important because the body does not matter.
 - b. They are easy to overcome.
 - c. They are serious because God dwells in the bodies of those who are saved.
 - d. People who sin against the body cannot be saved.

7. What book in the New Testament links the two testaments by explaining the real meaning of the tabernacle?

- a. Matthew
- b. Acts
- c. Hebrews
- d. Revelation

8. What relationship does the earthly tabernacle in Leviticus have with heaven?

- a. It is a shadow of things in heaven that are real.
- b. It is a temporary place to worship that we will not need in heaven.
- c. It will be rebuilt in heaven.
- d. There is no connection between the tabernacle and heaven.

9. Who can go into the Holy of Holies in heaven?

- a. No one
- b. Only Jesus
- c. Only priests
- d. Everyone who believes in Jesus

10. Which of the following are good attitudes to have when we pray in the presence of God? (choose all that apply)

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| a. Fear | b. Boldness |
| c. Guilt | d. Arrogance |
| e. Worry | f. Confidence |
| g. Gratitude | h. Anger |
| i. Doubt | j. Faith |

11. What should you do in your quiet time with God? (choose all that apply)

- a. Confess.
- b. Accept his forgiveness.
- c. Thank him for his word.
- d. Thank him for his provision.
- e. Pray for what you need.
- f. Offer to serve him however he wants.
- g. Listen to him.
- h. Tell him how good you have been.
- i. Tell him what he should do.

12. How does God feel about the things we say to Him?

- a. He is too busy to listen.
- b. He is bored with our problems.
- c. He is interested sometimes.
- d. He is always very interested.

13. What are the devotional applications of the Tabernacle to believers? (choose all that apply)
- a. The Gospel – Good News – teaches that God provided a way back to Him.
 - b. Our bodies are the tabernacle of the Spirit of God.
 - c. God is with us, He is in us, and His Spirit is upon us.
 - d. We must go to a Tabernacle to pray to God.



When you believe that God dwells in you—that you are a Holy of Holies—how should that change how you live each day...with your family? With your friends and neighbors? At work or school?



Thank God for setting you apart for His use, and ask Him to make you aware of His presence in your life. Ask Him how He wants to minister to others through you.



Going Deeper

1. What was the book of Leviticus and why was it written? How did it get its name and how was it to be used by the priests? _____

2. Discuss devotional, practical and relevant spiritual truth in this book that you can apply to your life and worship today. _____

3. How does the truth you find in the ninth chapter of the book of Hebrews relate to the tent of worship that we read about in the last part of the book of Exodus and in the book of Leviticus? _____

4. How do the words of the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20), which tell us that our bodies are the temple (tent) of God, relate to the truth we find in the book of Leviticus about the tent of worship? _____

5. If the tent of worship was just a shadow of the tabernacle in heaven, which one is more important, or is it not a matter of either/or but of both/and? _____

6. What is the great overriding, central Good News or Gospel that God is proclaiming through this tent of worship? _____

7. What should be your bottom-line devotional and practical application of this entire book of Leviticus? _____
