

The study of the tabernacle is one of the most rewarding in Scripture. The arrangement and services of the tabernacle are far more exactly prescribed than are the individual items of the law.

1. Tabernacle Scriptures:

- a. Instructions to build 25:1-9..note the stress on "pattern" in verse 9. The Tabernacle and the temple are two buildings in the Bible for which God was the actual architect.
- b. The tabernacle furniture 25:10-40
  - (1) the "ark" 10 ff
  - (2) the cherubim 18ff
  - (3) the table 23 ff
  - (4) the candlestick 31 ff
  - (5) the incense altar Ex. 30:1-10

The "mercyseat" was, in effect the lid of the ark. The cherubim are not furniture but seemed to fit in that designation for our general study. The descriptions are minute, right to the way in which the objects were carried about when the tabernacle was moved. Since the worship of the Lord is the feature of it all, it is easy to think that all of this furniture had special significance and if we take a bit more time we may look at some of it.

- c. The tabernacle properties 26:1-27:21
  - (1) the curtains 26:1 ff
  - (2) the boards of the building 15 ff
  - (3) the structure devices 26 ff
  - (4) the tabernacle vail 31 ff
  - (5) the tabernacle door 36 ff
  - (6) the altar of sacrifice 27:1 ff
  - (7) the pillars and hangings of the court 9 ff
  - (8) the gate 16 ff
  - (9) the laver 38:8 ff

For all of these the amounts of silver, gold, brass, etc., are enormous. But the children of Israel came out of Egypt rich and there were a lot of them..and they are giving freely. It all adds up into a great worshipful effort. It is somehow sad that the enthusiasm we feel in undertaking a project often diminishes after the project is complete.