

The Tabernacle
Exodus 25-31;35-40
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The structure of the book of Exodus

- Chapters 1-18 – **deliverance** (salvation)
- Chapters 19-25 – **covenant** (righteousness)
- Chapters 26-40 – **tabernacle** (worship)

What is the tabernacle?

1. It's a **tent**; temporary and man-made.
2. It's the place where God **dwells** with His people.
3. It's the place where the **atonement sacrifice** was made.

The tabernacle as a type of Christ

- What do we mean by “type”?
 - Typology in Christian theology and **biblical** exegesis is a doctrine or theory concerning the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament. (Wikipedia)
 - We can define a type as a “**prophetic symbol**” because all types are representations of something yet future.
 - More specifically, a type in scripture is a person or thing in the Old Testament which **foreshadows** a person or thing in the New Testament.
 - The **presence** of God – the incarnation; Immanuel, God with us.
 - Elements
 - The altar, the lampstand, the wash basins.

- Access to God – there was only one **entrance**; Jesus is the only way to God.
 - John 14.6; Matthew 27.51
- **Portable** – God goes with us --
 - where ever we go, Jesus is right there with us

The believer as the dwelling place of God

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| • John 14.17 | Romans 8.9-11 |
| • 1Corinthians 3.16 | 1Corinthians 6.16-19 |
| • 2Corinthians 5.1-5 | Galatians 2.20 |
| • Ephesians 2.21-22 | 1Timothy 3.15 |
| • 2Timothy 1.14 | 1John 2.14 |
| • 1John 3.24 | 1John 4.12-16 |

What are the implications of this?

- We have **direct access** to God anywhere, anytime.
- We have a responsibility to live **holy** lives.
- We can do all things...
- We have something more **permanent** to look forward to...

So in conclusion...

- The tabernacle is the **presence** of God among His people.
- It points **forward** to Christ.
- God is alive in us, available to us, present with us **at all times**.