

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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Exodus 40:16-38

Introduction: Where is God leading you?

He's leading you to the greatest good if you will not be stiff-necked!

Background: God promised to make a nation for Himself (**Gen 12:1**). He promised to multiply them and send a Rescuer through them.

He shows us what deliverance from bondage looks like when He brought the Israelites out of Egypt (**Ex 1-18**). He shows how much He cares about His people when He gave them the Law (**Ex 19-24**). And then, He reveals how He wants them to live in His presence when He commanded them to build a Tabernacle (**Ex 25-40**).

God delivers His people, **Ex 1-18**

God delights in His people, **Ex 19-24**

God dwells with His people, **Ex 25-40**

1. **Obedience** to the **will** of God, **40:1-33**

God **tells** them to assemble the Tabernacle, **40:1-15**

Tabernacle, 40:2	Jesus tabernacles among us
Testimony, 40:3	Jesus is the Word
Ark, 40:3	Jesus is the King
Veil, 40:3	Jesus' flesh is the veil
Table, 40:4	Jesus is the Bread of life
Lampstand, 40:4	Jesus is the Light of the world
Altar for incense, 40:5	Jesus is the Mediator
Screen for the door, 40:5	Jesus is the Way
Altar of burnt offering, 40:6	Jesus is the Lamb of God
Basin, 40:7	Jesus is the Sanctifier of our Souls
Court and Gate, 40:8	Jesus is the Door of the Sheep
Anointing, 40:9-15	Jesus is Anointed by the Holy Spirit

The people **obey** God and assemble the Tabernacle, **40:16-33**

Tabernacle, **40:16-19**
Testimony, **40:20**
Ark, **40:20-21**
Veil, **40:21**
Table, **40:22-23**
Lampstand, **40:24-25**
Altar for incense, **40:26-27**
Screen for the door, **40:28**
Altar of Sacrifice, **40:29**
Basin, **40:30-32**
Court and Gate, **40:33**

At least 8 times in **40:16-33**, we see the phrase "as the Lord commanded." Then, "So Moses finished the work."

Don't undersell obedience. "Obedience is ever the key to our enjoyment of the Lord's salvation (cf. Acts 5:32)" (*The Message of Exodus*, Motyer, 325).

Church Family Scripture Memory: Exodus 29:45-46

Pastor: “I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God.”

Congregation: “And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.”

“The tabernacle was designed to give people access. It was a place to meet with the living God” (Exodus, Ryken, 1160).

2. Experience of the glory of God, 40:34-38

What is the glory of God? (All the **goodness** of God, **Ex 33:18-19**)

The cloud covered God’s **Protection**

The cloud settled God’s **Presence**

The cloud was taken up God’s **Provision**

Success among the **people** of God is defined by the **Word** of God!

“This is the message of the exodus, as it is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Once we were in bondage to sin, enslaved by its tyranny. But through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – our Passover Lamb – God has delivered us from the Egypt of our sin. Now He is leading us through our earthly wilderness, with all its difficulties and dangers. The great God of the exodus will never leave us or forsake us” (Ryken, 1164).

Conclusion: “Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (**Matt 13:44**).