

Heart of the Matter

The Tabernacle

Exodus 25:8-9

When you remember the Lord's intentions as evidenced in the Blockbusters of the Old Testament, you become convinced that He longs to be connected with you! His heart beats for you. He loves you and He pursues you. He wants to live with you, be involved with you, be around you. He wants to *dwell* with you. This has been His plan from the beginning.

Today we begin a new series centered on the Tabernacle. A unique structure full of significant items God told the Israelites to build. Why? So He could *dwell* among them. Let's begin to understand what the Lord's intentions are with us...

1. The Tabernacle is a symbol of God's intentions with man: He wants to dwell with us!

- There are parallels between . . . Heaven --- Eden --- Tabernacle
- God's presence is seen by man.
Revelation 22:1-2, Genesis 2:8-10 and 3:8, Leviticus 26:11-12
- Man's service is seen by God.
Revelation 22:3, Genesis 2:15, Numbers 3:7-8
- The parallels reveal the consistency of God.

2. The Tabernacle is a sanctuary - a place consecrated to God.

- Our hearts must become a sanctuary.
Jeremiah 17:9
- We must respond to God's covenant.
Genesis 24:4-7

Big Idea:

God is determined to be connected with me!