

Sermon Notes – May 4, 2025

Review

- ⇒ We learned last fall that the original name of the book of Exodus came from the first verse (**1:1**): “These are the Names.”
- ⇒ We also saw that Exodus is a continuation of the story that began in Genesis, and, of course, it is the second book in the “Pentateuch” – the first five books in the Bible that are typically attributed to Moses.
- ⇒ Last Sunday we returned to **Exodus 19:1-6** and then moved on to **Exodus 24**. We recalled God’s pronouncement of His intent that Israel would be His “segulah” – His treasured possession. God’s people said “Yes” to His offer, and the new relationship was formalized with written documents and the sacrifice of animals to cover the sins of the people. The rest, as they say, is history!

Today’s Text: Exodus 25-27

Today we begin the detailed process of learning about the new meeting place that God wanted His people to build. The Tabernacle was simple in design, rich in symbolism, and powerfully pedagogical – that is, intended to teach significant spiritual truth. The materials used for construction, the spatial arrangements, and the duties of the temple personnel are the subject of much teaching in the book of Hebrews and ultimately point to the person and work of Jesus.

God Is Creating Something New: “Echoes Of Eden”

- ⇒ Let’s READ **25:1-9** to get started...
- ⇒ What familiar words and what familiar rhythm do you notice leading up to this text? (**24:16 & Genesis 1-2**).
- ⇒ Over the next seven chapters, God makes a series of speeches. Any ideas how many? What might the last one address?
- ⇒ The purpose? It’s a place to meet with the living God.
- ⇒ The light? Well, a lampstand that looks remarkably like a ____!

God Is Teaching Profound Theological Truth

- ⇒ Starting in **25:10**, the instructions are given from the _____, starting with the “Holy of Holies,” where atonement is made.

2. Considering Exodus 25-27 as a whole, in what order does God present His instructions for the tabernacle? Does He start with the front door and move inward? Or does He start with the inmost part and move outward? Why do you think He does it the way He does?

3. Notice the various materials used. Where are the most valuable materials used? Where are the least valuable used? How might this be significant?

4. What details in the Tabernacle design seem to echo the design of the Garden of Eden in Genesis 2-3? What was the purpose of the Garden of Eden? How is the purpose of the Tabernacle similar?

5. What stands out to you from the sermon that you heard on Sunday?

Preparing for next week’s sermon (Looking Ahead)

6. Next Sunday is Mother’s Day. Our key text will be I Peter 1:1-9. READ the text – and 4:12-19 – and think about both the author and the recipients. What unique perspectives might each bring to the writing and the reading of this letter?

7. Today’s text seems surprisingly positive given that it is written to people scattered throughout the Roman empire because of their faith. What specifically does Peter say about:

* Hope: _____

* Our inheritance: _____

* Trials: _____

* Joy: _____

Time to PRAY (Or do this at the beginning of your group time)

Share prayer requests that relate to the people in your group & PRAY for them!



Worship Next Sunday: May 11, 2025

“Parenting in Light of the Fall”

(1 Peter 1:1-9) Pastor Jay Mosser

Answer Key: ▪ tree ▪ inside out ▪ separated ▪ branches ▪ mediator ▪ death ▪ all time ▪ chairs

