

# Sermon Handout

Far Above, But Near at Hand  
Exodus 25:1-27:19; 30:1-31:17

## I. The structure of the narrative Exodus 24:12-34:28

A 40 days in God's presence (going up) 24:12-18

B Instructions concerning the tabernacle 25:1-27:19

C Maintaining lamps daily 27:20-21

D Consecrating the priesthood 28:1-29:37

C<sup>1</sup> Maintaining offerings daily 29:38-46

B<sup>1</sup> Instructions concerning the tabernacle 30:1-31:17

A<sup>1</sup> 40 days in God's presence (coming down) 31:18-34:28

## II. Materials & Construction of God's Tabernacle Ex 25:1-27:19

a. Gathering the materials 25:1-9

The pattern was shown to Moses 25:9, 40; 26:30; 27:8

b. The ark of meeting 25:10-22

c. The table for bread 25:23-30

d. The lampstand for light 25:31-38

e. The tabernacle 26:1-37

f. The brass altar 27:1-8

g. The courtyard 27:9-19

## III. Instructions concerning God's Tabernacle Exodus 30:1-31:17

a. The incense altar 30:1-10

b. Atonement levy 30:11-16

Flat rate for every male of 20 years; every household represented

c. The brass laver for washing 30:17-21

d. The anointing oil for consecration 30:22-33 (unique v. 33)

e. Incense for the altar 30:34-38 (unique v. 38)

f. Appointment of supervisors for the work 31:1-11

g. Sanctification of the Sabbath 31:12-17 (God sanctifying all the people 31:13)

## IV. The Lessons

a. God's ways, not our ways (YHWH worship v. calf worship) Is 55:6-9

b. God transforms our vanity into a means of consecration Ex 38:8

c. The empty ark-cover – transcendence and immanence (“I will meet you”)

No throne nor idol in the Holy of Holies; a footstool only.

God is with his people, but not represented by any created image.

d. The veil separated the table, light & incense from the place of mercy.

After Jesus, light shines from the throne, he joins us at the table, prayers go directly to God's presence. Heb 4:14-16