

## The Tabernacle: God's Continued Presence and His Conditions of Worship

Exodus 25-27

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25-31 & 35-40 are basically identical.

- Only difference is order. 25-31 seem to go in order based off of importance. 35-40 seem to go in the actual order of how it would be built.

### **Contributions for the Sanctuary :: 25:1-9**

He did not just ask the people to donate whatever they thought would be good or to donate out of their excess. God told them exactly what He wanted.

The reason the people could give freely from the heart is that what he was given was not his anyways, what he was giving belonged to Egypt.

### **Tabernacle**

The tabernacle was where God would manifest his physical presence while they wandered through the wilderness.

There were 3 different divisions within the tabernacle: the courtyard (or Outer Court), the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies (or the Most Holy Place).

### *Ark of the Covenant :: 25:10-22*

Only furniture in the most holy place, which was the innermost part of the tabernacle. The ark dwelled here and it was where God would meet and speak with Moses.

*The Table for the Bread :: 25:23-30*

The table was set up in the Holy Place (not the most holy place).

It was to hold 12 loaves of bread, symbolizing God's people Israel.

*The Golden Lampstand :: 25:31-40*

This was also in the Holy Place.

This lamp represented God and his holiness. God is light. His light symbolizes his presence and His holiness. His light shines into the darkness of sin. This lamp was to burn continually.

*The Tabernacle Structure :: 26:1-36*

Curtains were to be made and they were a barrier from God's presence and the people.

*The Bronze Altar :: 27:1-8*

It stood in the courtyard so that people approached it as soon as they entered.

*Oil for the Lamps :: 27:20-21*

The priests collected oil for the lamps from the people. It was to be pure oil. The lamp was to remind people at all times of God's presence with them.