

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #84

“The Ark of the Covenant” – Exodus 25:9-22

I. Introduction.

A. Pastor Don’s appreciation of fine furniture.

1. Detailed and skillful craftsmanship is a beautiful thing to behold.
2. Loss of the USA industry.

B. Today’s study.

1. Furniture of the Tabernacle.
2. The last piece is first in description.
 - a. The Ark of the Covenant.

C. Review of last week.

1. Exodus 25:8-9
 - a. DeHaan – most important structure ever built.
2. Verse 9, “Pattern”
 - a. More than a blueprint – Micah 1:2-3; Heb. 9:23-24
 - b. Built precisely according to God’s design – Heb. 8:5.
3. The footprint of the Tabernacle.
 - a. See overhead illustration.
4. General meaning – God was coming to L_____ among His P_____.
 - a. Fulfilled earthly by Christ – John 1:14a.

D. Reading of the text: Exodus 25:9-22.

II. Exposition

A. Exodus 25:10-15

1. Last in order, but first to be made.
 - a. The Ark – most important.
2. Dimensions: About four feet by three feet.
3. “Acacia Wood” or “Shittim,” verse 10.
4. Gold overlay – pure gold, verse 11.
5. Four feet, so that the box would not rest upon the ground with gold rings added to support permanent poles for transport. God’s holiness is in view.
 - a. Note Uzzah debacle – II Sam. 6:6-7; I Chron. 13:9-10

B. Exodus 25:16-22

1. Verse 18, Cherubim

- a. Powerful, heavenly creatures – Eze. 1:5-11, 13-14; 10:20
- b. God enthroned above them.
Ps. 99:1; 80:1; Rev. 11:10; II Kings 19:15; Heb. 9:5a
- c. No image for space above cherubim – Num. 7:8-9

2. Verse 16, “Ark of Testimony” or “Covenant”

- a. Contained the terms (Ten Commandments) of the covenant made by God with Israel – Ex. 31:18
- b. The tablets were under God’s feet – Ps. 132:7-8.

1. Footstool

2. Cassuto’s remark

3. Verse 17, “Mercy Seat”

- a. History of the term
- b. Not a throne but a reference to a S_____ of power.
- c. Interface with the “Day of Atonement”
 1. First: Blood employed for priest – Lev. 16:11,14
 2. Second: Blood employed for the people – Lev. 16:15, 16a, 17b

d. Important! Note location of the blood.

1. Underneath: the L_____

2. Above: God’s H_____

3. In between: the B_____

e. AT – ONE – MENT

1. Hebrews 9:22

f. Jesus hug between the holiness of God above and the law beneath – Hebrews 9:11-12

g. The saving work of Christ is in view in the term “Mercy Seat”.

1. HILASTERION used in Heb. 2:17; Rom. 3:25 and I John 4:10.

III. Points for Reflection

A. God is with us.

B. The dual nature of Christ is in view with the materials used for the Ark.

C. Do not forget the other contents of the Ark.