

# GOD'S LIVING ROOM

EXODUS 25:1-9



God made us because he wanted to live with us. He wanted us to do life with him. That's what we see in the Garden of Eden. God and our first parents do life together.

But sin entered and ruined that relationship. Adam and Eve ran away from God and hid from him. And that's where the human race find itself today, isn't it? We don't want to live with God. We don't know how to live with God. We don't know if he wants to live with us.

That's why, after giving Israel the law, he got them to build a living room for him. Why? **"Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst"** (8). Let's visit God's living room and learn about living with God

## LEARNING

### GOD'S LIVING ROOM IS HOLY (8)

**"Let them make me a sanctuary"** (8). 'Sanctuary' means a holy place. Its holiness was underlined by the design of the Tabernacle. For example, God set six circles of holiness around his living place which got smaller and smaller as they got nearer the center of the Tabernacle. The biggest circle had virtually no restrictions about who could be there. But as they got nearer the Tabernacle and the circles got smaller, the restrictions on who could be there increased in number. The ever-increasing restrictions reminded the Israelites that God is holy, and the nearer to God we get, the holier we must become.

A HOLY PLACE FOR GOD  
IS A SCARY PLACE FOR US.

"That sounds a bit scary. I'm not really sure I want to live in God's living room." That's where the second part of verse 8 is so welcome and welcoming. **"Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst"** (8).

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## GOD'S LIVING ROOM IS INVITING (8)

God wants to live with us. The Tabernacle is frequently called 'the Tent of Meeting' (Ex. 38:8, 30). It was God's way of living in the midst of Israel and meeting with Israel. **"And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat"** (Ex. 25:22).

But it's not just that God wants to live with us, God wants to live like us. Because Israel lived in tents, God lived in a tent. He lived with them, and he lived like them. He came right down to their level and lived in the desert as they did in tents like they did. This was an incredible privilege for Israel. God living with them was amazing enough, but God living like them was awesome.

GOD LIVED WITH US AND LIKE US,  
SO THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH AND LIKE GOD.

### LOVING

All this was only a shadow of good things to come (Heb. 10:1). The good thing to come was Jesus. **The Word became flesh and dwelt (lit. tabernacled, tented) among us...full of grace and truth** (John 1:14). In Jesus, God lived with us and like us in an even more astounding manner. He was **Immanuel, God with us** (Matt. 1:23). He was **the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man** (Heb. 8:2). He camped among us, full of grace and truth! Let our mouths be full of praise and thanks. If we want to meet with God, Jesus is the only place in the universe we can do this. He is our sacred space, our sanctuary, our living room, our Tabernacle

### LIVING

Live with God because he wants to live with you and has made it possible through Jesus Christ.

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