



Immanuel

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

“Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

“Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, Believer on in the world, received up in glory.” 1 Timothy 3:16

1. Jesus was not only God in the flesh, but He was also God indwelling flesh.
2. In that way we are like Jesus, we are God human indwelling flesh.
3. Jesus tabernacled among us. He was God’s tent in the earth. In the same way, we are God’s tent in the earth (2 Corinthians 6:16).

The Tabernacle

1. Jesus was the tabernacle (tent) God lived in for thirty-three years.
2. The tabernacle with its furnishing and rituals are a type of the life, death, and present-day resurrection ministry of Jesus (Hebrews 9, 10).

Ten Points About the Tabernacle

1. The Tabernacle Was a Temporary Structure

Unlike the temple, the tabernacle was only used for a short time during the wilderness and the reign of David. The temple was built in Solomon’s reign and the tabernacle was never used again.

- a. The tabernacle in the wilderness was a type of Jesus earthly ministry. Like Jesus, it was present for less than forty years.
- b. The tabernacle in David’s day was a type of the church.
- c. The temple in the reign of Solomon was a type of the eternal kingdom of Jesus on earth.

2. The Tabernacle Was Used in the Wilderness

This was a type of the world’s condition at the coming of Jesus to the earth. Israel was under Roman control and religious control. They needed a Joshua to take them out of the wilderness into Canaan.

3. Outwardly, The Tabernacle Was Unattractive

It was made of boards and animal skins. It was a type of the human body of Jesus, “there is no beauty that we should desire Him” (Isaiah 53:2).

4. The Tabernacle Was God’s Dwelling Place

God’s presence was over the tabernacle, and His throne was over the mercy seat between the cherubim. The Shekinah glory could be seen above the tabernacle and experienced by the high priest who went into the holy of holies.

5. The Tabernacle Was Where God Met Men

It was called the “tent of meeting.” If an Israelite wanted to meet God, he came to the door of the tabernacle. Many times, Moses went there when he faced opposition from the people and pressure from the enemy (Exodus 25:12-22).

- a. Jesus is the meeting place between God and man (John 14:6).
- b. Jesus is the one Mediator between God and men (1 Timothy 2:5).
- c. Jesus is the only intercessor between God and men (Hebrews 7:25).

6. The Tabernacle Was in the Center of Israel’s Camp (Numbers 2:17)

- a. Jesus was the center of the plan of God’s plan for salvation and the center of His ministry in the earth.
- b. He is the center of God’s will today for mankind to find salvation and for each Christian to find meaning for their life. We are to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to us.

7. The Tabernacle Was the Place the Law Was Preserved

The first set of tablets were broken by Moses. The second set were preserved in the ark in the tabernacle. Man broke the law first and only in Jesus is the law fulfilled and kept (Psalms 40:7-8).

8. The Tabernacle Was the Place Where Sacrifice Was Made

Only in Jesus is our sacrifice made. Every sacrifice made in the Old Testament was fulfilled in Jesus when His body was beaten and nailed to the cross. His body was made for Him so He could die for us. Jesus’ blood was the only permanent solution for man’s sins (Hebrews 10:5-6).

9. The Tabernacle Was Where the Priestly Family Was Fed (Leviticus 6:16)

- a. Jesus is the Bread of Life.
- b. Jesus, the word, is to be eaten daily by all believers.
- c. There is no other place we can go for spiritual food.

10. The Tabernacle Was the Place of Worship

- a. The congregation, the priests, and the high priest worshipped the Lord from the tabernacle.
- b. God spoke to the Israelites and leaders of Israel from the door of the tabernacle.
- c. It is through Jesus we offer praise and worship to God (Hebrews 13:15, Ephesians 2:18).