

[Online Soon textbook]

God's Design

Exodus 25:8-9, 20-22

A sanctuary is where God dwells and meets His people. A tabernacle is where God's people come before Him to ask for forgiveness of their sins and worship. Today, our body is God's temple where His spirit resides. God delicately designs the sanctuary, the tabernacle and the temple that connects the heaven and the earth.

1. What did God say about the purpose of His sanctuary? (v. 8, v. 22)
Exodus from Egypt was not just for physical freedom from slavery. God wants deeper fellowship with His people. Whenever you worship God, do you have a longing to meet Him? How has been your fellowship with God? How do you want to worship Him differently after the end of Covid pandemic?
2. God meticulously and personally designed the Tabernacle (Ch. 25-31)
Take a look at what were inside of the Tabernacle (altar for burnt offering, basin for washing), and of the Holy Place (altar of burning incense, gold lampstand, the bread of the Presence), and of the Most Holy Place (Ark of the Covenant). Then, discuss what each may mean and how it is related to Jesus Christ.
3. God, who came to the portable tabernacle when the Israelites were wandering in the desert and to the sanctuary built under King Solomon's reign, says our body is His temple that His Spirit lives in. (1 Corinthians 3:16) Discuss how you may need to change yourself to faithfully serve as the temple being designed by God, and pray for one another.