

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can it be said that God is a God of detail? Why? How does this apply to our lives today?
2. What is the “pattern of blessing” not only for the building of the Tabernacle but also for our lives?
3. What do the words “pattern of blessing” imply?
4. The children of Israel experienced the presence of the Lord in visible signs. How do we make similar experiences today?

SUMMARY:

As much as God wanted to call the Children of Israel unto Himself and as much as He wanted to heap blessings upon them, He could not until they through Moses and through their offerings for the Tabernacle, indicated that they wanted that love. As soon as they took the first step, in faith, He could and did indeed heed their cries and answer their prayers.

In the 29th chapter of Jeremiah and in the third chapter of Malachi God’s Word indicates His desire to bless if only His children will cry out to Him with repentant hearts. In the New Testament, the Lord wept over Jerusalem because they would not heed His teachings. Today He still calls the sinner and the wayward to a right relationship with God.

“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

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Second Quarter

THE PATTERN OF BLESSING

LESSON TEXT: *Exodus 40:1-15; 34-38*

LESSON SETTING: The Lord is speaking to Moses on Mt. Sinai, instructing him as to the details of the Tabernacle and its furnishings.

TIME: 14th Century B.C.

I. THE TABERNACLE ERECTED. Exodus 40:1-11

- A. By God’s Commands “Thou Shalt” (vs. 2-11)
- B. The Time (vs. 2) vs. 17
- C. Tabernacle Set Up (vs. 2) vs. 18-19
- D. Furnishings Installed (vs. 3-8) vs. 20-33
- E. The Anointing Oil (vs. 9-11) Exodus 30:23-25

II. AARON’S PRIESTHOOD ESTABLISHED. Exodus 40:12-15

- A. Cleansing for Service (vs. 12) Acts 22:16; 2 Corinthians 7:1; James 4:8
- B. Sanctified (made Holy) (vs. 13) Romans 12:1; Ephesians 5:26; Hebrews 13:12

III. GOD’S BLESSING EXPERIENCED. Exodus 40:34-38

- A. God’s Glory Seen (vs. 34-35) Psalm 19:1; Luke 2:9; 2 Corinthians 3:18
- B. Led by God (vs. 36-37) Deuteronomy 8:2; Psalm 27:11; Psalm 139:9-10
- C. God’s Presence Known (vs. 38) Exodus 33:14; Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 18:20; 28:20

GOLDEN TEXT: *LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS.*
Philippians 2:5

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Leviticus 9:23-24; 10:1-11
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Proverbs 23:21; Romans 14:21-23;
1 Corinthians 6:9-10

QUARTERLY THEME: Journeys of Israel

TOPIC: DEATH THROUGH IRREVERENCE

INTRODUCTION:

Our lesson begins on a joyful note with the people thanking God and praising Him for the outward manifestation of His goodness. They could now see the place, a visible place, where God dwelt among them. Can we picture them in this glorious hour?

Yet how soon the picture changed! Whether or not the act of these young men was a willful disregard of God or whether their act was done on the spur of the moment, we do not know, but we do know that God's judgment was quick and the punishment for sin was severe. In our human reasoning we may feel that God was harsh in His judgment. We might feel that these young men were serving Him. However, we must always remember that we cannot decide how we want to serve God but we must serve Him as He commands.

We know also that God will judge **all** sin and unrighteousness. How terrible will be the judgment of those who come under the cleansing blood of Jesus and know the power of the Holy Ghost to free them from sin, but who go back into the former ways of life. In our walk of life in Christ we must remember that carelessness and self-will dishonor Him. Oh, how careful we should be in keeping His commands and doing His will.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Obedience to God's command brings His presence and blessing.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THEM THAT COME NIGH TO ME, AND BEFORE ALL THE PEOPLE I WILL BE GLORIFIED.* Leviticus 10:3

The words spoken by Moses after Nadab and Abihu were consumed by fire give testimony of how jealously God preserves the things that pertain to Him. These censers were to be filled with a fire that had come from God, a holy fire but our text says they filled them with a "strange fire".

God could not be glorified by this fire. Its smoke did not ascend as sweet incense to God. In fact, quite the contrary. It was an abomination in God's sight. How dangerous it is on the part of Christians to "interpret" the scriptures. Rather how important it is to look into God's Word and ask "what saith the Lord." These men perhaps had "interpreted" or "thought" that it did not make any difference what kind of fire was used as long as it was used to worship God. So likewise people today often say these outward things are not necessary as long as we worship God.

Let us beware lest we fall short in the absolute obedience to God's Word and Will.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 2 – 8

- M. *Death Through Irreverence. Leviticus 9:23 through 10:11
- T. Dead to Sin, Alive to Christ. Romans 6:8-23
- W. The Inner Conflict. Romans 7:10-25
- T. Living Means Christ; Death, Gain. Philippians 1:12-26
- F. Death to Sin Means Resurrection. Ephesians 2:1-10
- S. Death Finally Defeated. Revelation 20:6-15
- S. Death Completely Abolished. Revelation 21:1-8