



Go for God!

“Let God Build Your Faith!”

EXODUS Chapter 25

> Is there a FALSE FAITH?

- There is **PERSONAL FALSE FAITH**, a faith developed in your own ideas about God and eternity. “If I was God, this is how life should be.”
- There is **WORLDLY FALSE FAITH**, a belief in majority rules. “All roads lead to heaven.”
- There is **RELIGIOUS FALSE FAITH**, meaning what does my religion believe. “This is what my religion teaches and they are the experts.”

> What is TRUE FAITH?

A belief in or confident attitude toward God, **involving commitment to His will for one's life.**

Genuine saving faith is a personal attachment to Christ, best thought of as a combination of two ideas—reliance on Christ and commitment to Him. **Saving faith involves personally depending on the finished work of Christ's sacrifice as the only basis for forgiveness of sin and entrance into heaven.**

But saving faith is also a personal commitment of one's life to following Christ in obedience to His commands: *“I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day”* (2 Tim 1:12).

Faith is part of the Christian life from beginning to end. As the instrument by which the gift of salvation is received (Eph 2:8-9), faith is thus distinct from the basis of salvation, which is grace, and from the outworking of salvation, which is good works. The apostle Paul declared that salvation is through faith, not through keeping the works of the law (Eph 2:8,9).

Finally, **in the New Testament, faith refers to the teachings of the Bible**, the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3). In modern times, faith has been weakened in meaning so that some people use it to mean self-confidence. But in the Bible, true faith is confidence in God or Christ, not in oneself. (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

Exodus Chapter 25 – “Building Instructions”

Intro: Moses is on Mount Sinai and receives instructions from God for the **Tabernacle, the Ark, the table of showbread, and the Golden lampstand.**

The Tabernacle is a tent, which served as a place of worship for the nation of Israel during their early history.

On Mount Sinai, after the Lord had given the commandments, judgments, and ordinances to Moses, He instructed Moses to construct the tabernacle. **This was to be a center for worship and a place where the children of Israel could focus upon the presence of the Lord.**

~ LET GOD BUILD YOUR LIFE WITH FIVE FAITH BUILDERS:

> FAITH BUILDER #1 - The Offering (v1-2)

- **God began the description of this building by giving His people the opportunity to participate in its construction.** They did this by giving an offering of the needed materials, including a combination of rare and beautiful fabrics and precious metals, along with supplies easily available in the wilderness.

- **Is from a willing heart (2 Corinthians 9:7-15)**

> FAITH BUILDER #2 - The Tabernacle (v3-9)

- **New Testament Typology – Hebrews Ch. 8.** (John 1:14 - *And the Word became flesh and dwelt (dwell* - *Greek -skenoo* - "to pitch a tent" (*skene*), "to tabernacle,") *among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*)

> FAITH BUILDER #3 - The Ark (v10-22)

- **It's materials and their typology: C.I. Scofield brings out 3 points,**

(1) The *acacia wood & gold*, is a type of the **humanity and Deity of Christ;**

(2) In its *contents*, the ark is a **type of Christ**, as: (a) having God's law in His heart (Ex. 25:16); (b) the wilderness food (or portion) of His people (Ex. 16:33); and (c) Himself the resurrection, of which Aaron's rod is the symbol (Num. 17:10; Heb. 9:4).

And (3) in its use the ark, especially the *mercy seat*, is a type of God's throne. That it was, to the sinning Israelite, **a throne of grace** and not of judgment was due to the mercy seat formed of gold and sprinkled with the blood of atonement, which vindicated the law, and the divine holiness guarded by the cherubim (Gen. 3:24; Ezek. 1:5).

The cover of the ark (mercy seat) was sprinkled with atoning blood on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:14), representing that the righteous sentence of the law had been executed, **changing a place of judgment into a place of mercy** (Heb. 9:11-15; cp. "throne of grace," Heb. 4:14-16; **place of communion**, Ex. 25:21-22).

- **New Testament insight is found in Romans 3:21-26 - *But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.***

- **CHERUBIM** are winged angelic beings, often associated with worship and praise of God. The cherubim are first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 3:24. When God drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, He placed cherubim at the east of the garden, **"and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."**

According to the prophets, cherubim belong to the category of unfallen angels; at one time, however, Satan or Lucifer was a cherub (Ezekiel 28:14,16), until he rebelled against God (Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-19).

Symbolic representations of cherubim were used in the TABERNACLE in the wilderness. Two cherubim made of gold were stationed at the two ends of the MERCY SEAT, above the ARK OF THE COVENANT in the HOLY OF HOLIES (Exodus 25:17-22; 1 Chronicles 28:18; Hebrews 9:5).

Artistic designs of cherubim decorated the ten curtains (Exodus 26:1; 36:8) and the veil (Exodus 26:31; 2 Chronicles 3:14) of the tabernacle. (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

> ***FAITH BUILDER #4 - The Table of Showbread (v23-30)***

The *Showbread* was holy or consecrated bread placed in the sanctuary of the tabernacle or Temple every Sabbath to symbolize God's presence and His provision for His people. The ritual always involved 12 loaves of bread, representing the 12 tribes of the nation of Israel. It was called showbread because it was kept continually before God's presence in the tabernacle. (John 6:22-58)

> ***FAITH BUILDER #5 - The Golden Lampstand (v31-40)***

Typically the *gold* represents deity. The *lamp* represents the light of God as the symbol of God's presence and righteous activity. The number *seven* was a sacred number to the ancient Hebrew people and often used in the Bible to symbolize perfection, fullness, abundance, rest, and completion.

One commentator writes, "Man's misguided fascination with light caused some cultures of the ancient world to worship the sun and moon. Ur in Babylonia and several of the Canaanite cities had elaborate systems of moon worship. Use of light was common in the festivals of the Greek cults, especially those honoring Dionysus and Apollo."

> ***Let's observe the LIGHT OF GOD:***

- In ***Creation*** - "Then God said, let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good" (Genesis 1:3-4). Throughout the Bible, light represents truth, goodness, and God's redemptive work. Darkness, on the other hand, symbolizes error, evil, and the works of Satan (Genesis 1:4).

- In ***Direction*** - The "***Pillar of Fire***" that guided the Israelites in the wilderness (Exodus 3:21).

The Psalmist declared, "***Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path***" (Psalms 119:105).

- In ***Inspiration*** - Also, "***The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?***" (Psalms 27:1).

- In ***Salvation*** – ***John 3:16-21***

- In ***Divine Illumination*** – Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12).

- **In Protection** - Paul counseled the Christians at Rome, *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us **put on the armor of light**. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.* (Romans 13:11-14)

- **In Glorification** - At the New Jerusalem, *They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.* (Revelation 22:5)

> Let **JESUS** be the **AUTHOR AND FINISHER** of your **FAITH**,
*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* (Hebrews 12:1-2)