**What is in a Tabernacle?**

Have you ever visited a house that you were fooled by the outside? Perhaps the outside was old or unimpressive to the natural eye. Inside, on the other hand, was one of the most beautiful places that you have ever been with fancy decorations and elegant furniture. The tabernacles mentioned in the bible were simply tents. What made them special were their contents. In our study of tabernacles we learned that we are called to be the dwelling place of God. Do not be fooled by your outside or that of another tabernacle. It is what is inside that really matters. Let’s now discuss in detail what this tabernacle contains.

2 Corinthians 4:7 ESV  But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

As you begin to grow in being a tabernacle, certain traits will become commonplace. Just as the Old Testament set standards for the inside of the tabernacle, so does the new demonstrate what to expect inside each of His tabernacles.

First you will find a sharp contrast to what most expect in the dwelling place of God. The popular thought is that God is some mysterious standoffish personality that you should not disturb or approach. It is not so with this tabernacle. Anyone who has accepted Christ as their LORD and Savior can come boldly before God with confidence. There is free access to the throne of God. He wants us close to Him. It demonstrates the intimacy that He desires to have with us. Furthermore, the proximity that is available reveals His invitation to partnership in accomplishing things upon this earth. He wants you to work together with Him.

Secondly, in this tabernacle you will discover worship is continual. Contrary to the formality and protocol of some Christians, worship is not about performing rituals in this place. It is readily available at all times. In this tabernacle, you are never far from the throne, nor the Lord for that matter. An outpouring of worship can break out at any time. When it does, it is powerful, intimate and glorious. Clearly, there are other activities taking place, yet worship is at the center of each of them. The result of being such a tabernacle of worship is tremendous. You become a carrier of the glory that you can share with those around you.

As intense as this worship can be, it is not the only activity to take place within this tabernacle. At some point your Lord will direct your heart back to others. It is from this place of intimacy with God as you are before His throne that He leads you into intercession. This tabernacle is a place where the entire world is targeted to be reached for Christ. It starts with lifting them up in prayer. His plan is for them join you as members of His family. Biblical prayer has the unique ability to penetrate whatever hinders them from embracing Christ. Great things happen when God’s people pray. Similar to worship, intercession is a central part of this tabernacle. You are always connected to Christ and can release powerful prayers at any time. The Nations have been, are being, and will continue to be transformed by this activity in the tabernacle.

Finally, you are to be a tabernacle full of teaching and revelation. God will instruct and guide you as learn how to become His tabernacle. He will reveal His secrets to you about Him, the world, you and others. You will be able to use this revelation to build His Kingdom. Also, you will be able to effectively identify dead religious traditions which are counterfeits to His desires for you. Then they can be rejected.

My prayer for you is that all of these activities would take place in abundance in your life. Begin to pursue them. You will in turn be a tabernacle that God would be pleased to call His favorite. Go for it now.