

## IMMANUEL IN THE ALTAR, TABERNACLE, AND TEMPLE

### EXODUS 20 & 25 & 1 CHRONICLES 28

12/15/24

#### HOW DOES GOD CONTINUE IN HIS RELATIONSHIP AS IMMANUEL NOW THAT WE HAVE SINNED?

##### I. ANSWER #1 – THE ALTARS

*Exodus 20:22-25 – “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. <sup>23</sup>You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. <sup>24</sup>An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. <sup>25</sup>If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it. <sup>26</sup>And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.’”*

###### A. Altar symbolized relationship and connection to God

###### B. Altar allowed sacrifices to atone for sins

##### II. ANSWER #2 – THE TABERNACLE

*Exodus 25:8-9 - “And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. <sup>9</sup>Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.”*

###### A. The Tabernacle was God’s increased presence among His people

- God was visibly with His people

###### B. The key element of the Tabernacle was separation

##### III. ANSWER #3 – THE TEMPLE

###### A. The Temple was like the Tabernacle but PERMANENT

- This is another step towards Immanuel

*1 Chronicles 28:11,19 - “<sup>11</sup>Then David gave Solomon his son the plan of the vestibule of the temple, and of its houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms, and its inner chambers, and of the room for the mercy seat... <sup>19</sup>[David said] ‘All this he made clear to me in writing from the hand of the LORD, all the work to be done according to the plan.’”*

###### B. God initiates the path of restoration to Immanuel

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why do you think it is so important for God to initiate and set the pattern for how we approach Him?
3. What do we learn about God that He created separation as a key element of the Tabernacle and Temple?
4. The Altar, the Tabernacle, and the Temple are all increasingly greater ways in which God dwells with His people. In what ways does God dwell with us today?
5. The Altar is a key part of how God dwells with His people in the Old Testament. Why are they not a part of how we relate to God today?

READ HEBREWS 10:11-18 together as a group

6. In this passage how does Jesus Christ complete our pursuit of Immanuel?
7. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you can directly apply into your life?