



CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 26	Title:	God's Dwelling Place
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Summary of Chapter	God gave specific instructions on the design of the Tabernacle. It had great significance as the blueprint for God's sanctuary so that He may dwell in our midst. Many elements described also apply to God's dwelling place in us today.		
Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?		
<p>³¹ <i>Make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it by a skilled craftsman.</i></p> <p>³² <i>Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold and standing on four silver bases.</i></p> <p>³³ <i>Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the Testimony behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place</i></p>	<p>This chapter provides an insight on God's design of his dwelling place amongst man which has many elements to how I view his dwelling place in me today.</p> <p>With the elaborate instructions in building the tabernacle, it tells us that the dwelling place of God, which is now in our hearts, must have a solid foundation, carefully maintained and kept holy. The exception is that because of Jesus' work on the cross there is no longer a separation between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. Thank God that in Christ we have become the tabernacle for His dwelling.</p> <p>For me 2020 seems like a time of wandering in the desert as in the time of the Israelites as there is much uncertainty with no end in sight. With a work from home schedule and limited contacts with my GMG members I felt further away from God during this time. It was only in the Word of God that I found my sanctuary. In preparing for an online lesson on Genesis 26 for my GMG on 'Succession' I found comfort in God's promises – that He redeemed us such that Abraham's blessings might come to the gentiles, and that He is still faithful even when we fail.</p> <p>For me these words provided comfort and encouragement during this difficult time and helped provide a hedge of protection over my sanctuary.</p>		
APPLICATION REFLECTIONS			
Adult:	How do you view the design of God's dwelling place in your heart? How does that affect how you are living?		
Youth:	Share what you would consider a sanctuary where you find peace. How can that also be a place that you find rest in God?		
Child:	In the past, the Spirit of God dwells in the Tabernacle. Today, where does the Spirit of God dwell? How can you keep it clean and holy?		
PRAYER			
Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, thank You for sharing the design of Your dwelling place. Help us to understand how we can dwell in Your presence. Create in us, Lord, a sanctuary where we can meet and find rest in You.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (the creation of your sanctuary on earth)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.		