

Lesson No. (7)

**THE TABERNACLE OF MEETING & THE ARK OF THE COVENANT
AND GOD'S PRESENCE IN IT**

References:

Exodus 25.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Be patient when you study the chapters about the Tabernacle of Meeting so that you may know how the Lord cares about the ritual aspects in worship.
- ★ The glory of the Lord filled the Tent. We are the Temple where the Spirit of God abides. May He be glorified in our life with the glory of the New Testament.
- ★ Read the Epistle to the Hebrews to learn the lesson of the necessity of obeying the Commandments of God and to deserve the blessing of the Divine Blood.

Objectives

General: The establishment of the church in the Old Testament and the presence of the Lord in it.

Specific:

The children will be able to...

- A. Learn that the Temple in the past and the Church now are the Houses of the Lord.
- B. Understand the holiness of the House of God
- C. Give the church the proper respect as the House of God.

Bible Verse

" I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. "

(Psalms 122:1)

Teaching Aids

1. Video.
2. A small model of the Tent and its contents or a big picture or models of the lamps, the altar, censer or the picture of the lesson.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

Story Time

The Lord brought His ancient people out of the land of Egypt, out of bondage and rescued them from tribulation and severe slavery. He led them to the wilderness and made many miracles for them. They wanted to thank God, but did not have a church to meet in. They prayed that the Lord may give them a church to pray in. Moses desired to build a church. All the people waited for the Commandments of God.

God called Moses and spoke to him. Moses held a great meeting with the people. He asked them to sanctify themselves (ie. to wash and pray) as the Lord would speak to them. The Lord spoke to them about the Law. Then, he ordered Moses to go up the mountain. The people stood in fear and kept quiet. They heard the sounds of thunder, lightning and horns. Moses stayed with the Lord for forty days. The Lord gave him the Tent design.

The Tent have three divisions:-

1. The Holy of Holies: contained the Ark of the Covenant covered in all sides with gold which contained the tables of the covenant and a golden urn holding the manna.
2. The Holy Place: contained the altar of incense, the lamp stand and the table.
3. The Outer Court: contained the altar of burnt offering and the laver. (Servant explain the priest's service, the offering of the sacrifice, the incense and that the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year.) Moses was happy and went down quickly.

Moses went down and gathered the people and asked them to give their gifts. (Explain how the people were happy to offer their gifts and how they gave many things) They began to make the Tent and they set it up. The glorious presence of God was in the Tent. All the people kept silent in submission. They all rejoiced and thanked the Lord as we thank Him for His presence with us in the church nowadays.

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.