

#1

*The Tabernacle, Part 1: I made you for myself*

God wants to Tabernacle with you.

Our goal is to expose the great lengths God has taken to bring us into His fellowship.

This is not just a study on what happened to Israel in the wilderness and how they worshipped in the Tabernacle.

God has plans to draw us aside into His holy presence.

He wants to expose His glory, mercy, grace and power to us.

The concept of the tabernacle transcends time, and reveals God providing a place and time to meet with Him.

#2

***Genesis 2:7-8*** And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

*It is important for us to see the attention and direct contact that God had with Adam.*

You can see God's careful attention and love when He formed man and breathed the breath of life into him.

The creation of man is a love story, written by God.

***Upon the completion of His creation, God placed man in the Garden of Eden.***

#3

*Eden was the place God created, where He could fellowship with Adam and Eve.*

It is apparent that God would often come down and fellowship with them.

In the cool of the day, Adam and his wife would hear the voice of God walking in the garden.

***This was not unusual occurrence.***

God would come down to the Garden to meet with man who He loved.

#4

*In Genesis Chapter 3, everything changes.*

**Genesis 3:7-8** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

*Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God.*

#5

*This Garden of Eden had been the place of meeting.*

There was a specific time or season when God would come down.

As appointed beforehand, God had set time to meet.

*This is the whole concept of the tabernacle.*

It is a place and time of meeting.

A place and time to come aside with God.

The Hebrew word is:

Tent	Meeting
אֹהֶל	מוֹעֵדָה
o'-hel	môw.âdâh (mo-aw-daw')

The word **Tent** (o'hel) means a covering, dwelling place, home, tabernacle, tent.

The word **Meeting** (môw.âdâh) has a much broader meaning. It refers to an appointment, a fixed or appointed time, a unit of time, a season, an assembly (the congregation, a group of people that meet for a specific purpose), a meeting place.

*The tabernacle became the place  
where fallen men met with God.*

It was a haven where the presence of God can be made manifest.

#6

*When man sinned he was separated from God.*  
Under the condemnation of sin he hid from the presence of God.

*Sin brought a breach between God and man.*  
*In the cool of the day, when God came down, they*  
*heard the voice of God walking in the garden.*

**God said: "Adam where are you?"**

**God said: "Adam where are you?", Because Adam was separated from God.**

#7

Later, Ezekiel spoke the word from God and said:  
*"I looked for one who would stand in the Hedge  
and make up the gap."*  
**God was saying: "I looked for some way that we  
can meet together again."**

#8

Job cried out: "Oh, that there was a daysman that could stand between me and God."

The NIV says it this way: **Job 9:33 (NIV)** If only there were someone to arbitrate between us, to lay his hand upon us both

The NLT says: **Job 9:33 (NLT)** If only there were a mediator between us, someone who could bring us together.

God was looking for way to bridge the breach for those He loved.

Sin had separated them and had broken down communication.

#9

*Ephesians 2:1* And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

*The wages of sin is death  
and death is separation from God.  
God warned Adam that disobedience would  
bring death, (Genesis 2:17; 3:3-4).*

When Adam sinned, he died.

He was separated from God and was dead in his sin.  
He lost that intimate contact with God.

Death is not a cessation of life.

Life will continue.

The sinner lives on in eternal separation from God.

Life continues, whether you are saved are not.

Eternal life is more than longevity.

You don't have to be saved have longevity of existence.

You will continue to exist whether your saved are not.

#10

*The rich man died and lifted up his eyes in hell.*

He continued to talk in hell.

He remembered in hell.

He continued to feel.

He continued have needed in hell.

He was tormented in hell.

He prayed in hell.

*You are going to live on somewhere.*

This is not an issue of longevity.

Physical death is when the spirit separates from the body.

The moment the spirit leaves, we are dead.

We still exist.

Spiritual death is separation from the Spirit of God.

I can be spiritually dead, although I am physically alive.

#11

*When Adam disobeyed God, he was hidden from the presence of God.*

*God reached out to Adam and he was not where he had always been.*

Adam was moved out of his place.

Sin dislocated him.

*God looked for Adam to be in the place he had been, but sin had brought a breach.*

God wanted to love him, but sin had drawn him away.

God wanted close fellowship, but sin had brought a breach.

*"Adam where are you?"*

Can you hear the love of God in this?

God was reaching out for Adam and Eve.

*"Adam where are you?"*

*After Adam, man did not have to commit sin.*

He inherited sin.

Sin is a generational curse that passes from one generation to another.

Sin has fallen down on every one of us.

*You do not have to teach children to sin.*

Your sweet little baby will lie without one lesson on how to do it.

They will steal the cookie and have crumbs on their mouth.

They will tell you they didn't do.

#12

**Psalm 51:5 (NRSV)** Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

*Psalm 51:5 NIV Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

*Everyone after Adam was born sin.*

*Every man and woman was born in sin.*

#13

**Acts 17:26** He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth

#14

*When Adam sinned, it affected all of us.*

**Romans 5:19** by one man's disobedience all were made sinners

*By Adam we all fell into a state called human depravity.*

We fell into a state of evil.

We are born doomed.

Evil is already in us and on us.

***Unmanifested evil is in us.***

We all have the potential to do all manner of things.

#15

In the right situation, all manner of evil will manifest.

**Romans 7:18 (GNT)** I know that good does not live in me—that is, in my human nature. For even though the desire to do good is in me, I am not able to do it.

**Romans 7:18 (NLB)** I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn, I can't make myself do right. I want to, but I can't.

***Did you know that God never addresses something that is not need to be discussed?***

#16

***Have you paid attention to the Law of God?***

When God gave the law He addressed murder, gossip, lying, jealousy, adultery, fornication, and bestiality.

Why would there be a need to address these things?

***Everything horrible is in our flesh.***

God knows the kind of evil that is in man.

God had to talk about homosexuality.

He had to address fornication, lying, and jealousy because He knows that evil is in us.

***God knows what is inside.***

God saw the many things dwelling down inside that are waiting for an opportunity to manifest.

There are some things in you that will surprise you.

It is easier to address what is happening in somebody else.

You have heard the statement: "But for the grace of God, there go I."

***Sin separated man from God.***

Sin dislocated me.

Sin took us away from innocence.

Sin took us away from a Holy God.

#17

***Listen to God: "Adam, where are you?"***

*Adam, I am looking for you where we have met.*

You have been hidden from me.

Your sin has taken you!

I want to be with you, but sin is between us.

#18

*What is eternal life?*

When I was saved, God gave me eternal life.

I do not have to wait until I go to the judgment bar.

I have eternal life right now.

Eternal life does not mean eternal existence.

I already had that.

*Eternal life means that I am back with God.*

***We have been redeemed, restored, and reconciled.***

*Salvation is the love story of being  
brought back into fellowship with God.*

***Through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ,  
we have been brought back to God.***

He redeemed me.

He redeemed me.

He restored my soul.

He reconciled me to God.

He gave me life.