

Exodus 37:1–38:20

Provision for Worship that Interacts with God in Christ

Friday, June 2, 2023 ▫ **Read Exodus 37:1–38:20**

Questions from the Scripture text: Which items are made in this passage? How does 37:1–24 compare to 25:10–40? How does 37:25–28 compare to 30:1–5? How does 37:29 relate to 30:22–37? How does 38:1–7 compare to 27:1–8? What information does 38:8 add to 30:17–21? How does 38:9–20 compare to 27:9–19?

What does this passage show about the construction of the tabernacle’s furnishings and utensils? Exodus 37:1–38:20 looks forward to the evening sermon on the coming Lord’s Day. In these forty-nine verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **the construction of the tabernacle’s furnishings and utensils shows that God mercifully provided all that was necessary for the carrying out of His worship.**

In the previous passage (36:8–38), we considered the construction of the place of worship. 37:1–38:8 details for us the construction of the furniture and utensils of the worship, before returning to the construction of the place, this time with respect to the court.

Then, we had learned that the Lord’s provision for our worship is not only a provision of His presence in a place where we can be present. Now, we learn that the Lord’s provision for worship is also a provision of His acting upon us in worship, in conjunction with enabling us also to act upon Him.

Again, as you look up the passages for the questions above, you realize how exactly all of the Lord’s instructions were followed. The passage gives us the joy of knowing that it was He Himself Who has devised how we will act upon Him (and He upon us) and has then supplied what He devised.

Specifically, we remember that these furnishings and utensils indicated:

God gives us to act upon Him by having at the heart of our worship His glory, His covenant, His atonement, and His authority (37:1–9).

God gives us to act upon Him by engaging in table-fellowship with Him (37:10–16).

God gives us to act upon Him by enjoying His light and life (37:17–24).

God gives us to act upon Him by calling upon Him in prayer (37:25–29).

God gives us to act upon Him by pleading the atonement that He has provided (38:1–7).

God gives us to act upon Him by coming as those prepared and cleansed (38:8).

And God impresses His glory upon us by the greatness of the size and the costliness of the materials even of the tabernacle court. For us, God Himself in Christ is the material of worship, making the size and costliness infinite. Since we must enter heaven to worship, worship must now be done in Spirit. But, as we gather Lord’s Day by Lord’s Day in His commanded assemblies, we realize an amazing thing. God has spread out the courts of heaven to gather in the nations!

In our public worship, how do we have table fellowship with God? When does He especially smile His light and life upon us? When do we call upon Him in prayer? How do we plead the atonement that He has provided? How do we come to worship prepared and cleansed.

Sample prayer: Lord, we thank You for providing us the way of acting upon You in Your public worship. Otherwise, how would we the creature presume to come and act upon You, the Creator? And we see, by how You furnished the tabernacle that You have now given Christ not only as the way by which You have come near us, but the way by which You give us to come near You. So, receive us in Him, week by week, as well as for all eternity, we ask in His Name, AMEN!!

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Exodus 37 1 to 38.20. We use god's words. And bezel all made the ark of acacia wood, two and a half cubits was its length. The cubit and a half, it's width. And keep it into half, it's height. The overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside. And made a molding of gold or round it.

And he cast for it, four rings of gold to be set, and that's four corners. She rings on one side, two rings on the other side of it. He made poles of acacia wood and never laid them with gold. And he put the poles into the rings at the sides of the ark to ban the ark.

You also made the mercy seat to pure goals too, and a half cubits was its life. And a cubit and a half, it's width. He made two cherubim of beaten gold. He made them a one piece at the two ends of the mercy seat. One caribbean met one end on this side, the other tariff.

But the other end on that side, made the cherubim at the two ends of one piece. With the mercy seat, the terribune spread out their wings above. And covered the mercy seeds with their wings. They faced one another The faces of the champion were toward the mercy seat. He made the table of acacia wood.

Two cubits was its length cubits width. And a cubit and a half a tight. And the overlaid it with pure gold and we made a molding of gold all around it. Also, he made a frame of a handbrecht all around it. Minimolding of gold for the frame all around it.

He cast for it, four rings of gold. And put the rings on the four corners that were at its core legs. The rings were close to the frame as holders for the holes. To bear the table. And he made the poles of vacation wood to bear the table. No.

Relate that with gold. He made a pure gold. The utensils which were on the table that's dishes its cups. It's both And it's pictures for pouring. He also made the lampstand, a pure gold of hammered work. He made the lampstand. It's shaft branches. It's bowls, ornamental valves, and it's flowers.

Where of the same piece? And six branches came out of its sides. Three, branches of lamps, 10 of one side. Three branches of blends to end out of the other side. There are three bowls. Made like almond blossoms on one branch with an ornamental doll and a flower. Than three bowls made like, almond blossoms on the other branch with an ornamental knob and a flower.

And so, for the six branches, coming out of the lip stand, And on the lamp stand itself were four bowls made like almond blossoms. Each with its ornamental, knob and flower. There was an hob under the first two branches of the same. A knob under the second two, branches of the same and a knob under the third two branches of the same according to the six branches extending from it.

Their knobs and their branches world. One piece. All of it was one hammered piece. A pure gold. And he made it seven lamps, it's wick trimmers, and it's grades pure gold. Of a talent of pure gold. He made it. With all its utensils. Emergency solder of vacation wood. It's linked with a cubic.

And it's went to qubit. It was square and two cubits was a tight. It's horned where a one piece with it. And he overlaid it with pure gold. It's top. It sides all around and it's horns. You also made for the molding of gold all around it. He made two rings of gold for it under its molding by its two corners on both sides.

As holders for the poles, with which to barrett And he made the poles of Acacia wood and never laid them with gold. Also made the holy anointing model. And the pure incense of sweet spices. According to the work of the perfumer. He made the altar of burnt offering a vacation wood.

Five cubits was its length. And five cubits. It's wet. That was square. And it's height was three, gibits, and he made its horn. So that's four corners. The horns were of one piece with it to be overlaid it with bronze. And he made all the utensils for the altar, the fans shovels, the basins, the forks and the fire fans All its utensils he made of bronze.

When you made a gate, a great sorry a bronze network for the altar under its rim, it away from the bottom. He cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze. Grating. As holders for the poles. And he made the poles on vacation wood and overlaid them with bronze.

When they put the poles into the rings and the sides of the altar with which to bear it. He made the altar hollow with boards. And then come over runs.

He made the labor of bronze and its base of bronze from the bronze mirrors of the serving lin. It's an assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then he made the court on the south side to hang the music. I'm sorry.

Then he made the court on the south side. The hangings of the court were a fine weapon, linen, 100 cubits long. Number 20 pillars for them with 20 bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver. On the north side, the hangings were 100 cubits long.

With 20 pillars and their 20 bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver. And on the west side, they were hanging is 50 cubits with 10 pillars. When they're 10 sockets, the hooks of the pillars. And their bands were silver. For the east side, the hangings were 50 cubits.

The hangings of one side of the gate were 15 cubits long with their three pillars, and their three sockets. And the same for the other side. The court gate on this side. And that we're hanging the 15 units. With their three pillars and their three sockets. All the hangings, in the court all around were fine, woven linen.

The sockets for the pillars were bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver. And the overlay of their capitals were silver. What silver? And all the pillars of the court had bands of silver.

The screen for the gate of the court was weapon. Of blue, purple and scarlet. Thread and a fine weaven linen. The length was 20 cubits and the height the long. It's width was five cubits. Corresponding to the hangings of the court. There were four pillars with their four sockets of bronze.

Their hooks were silver. And the overlay of their capitals and their bands with silver, All the pegs of the tabernacle and of the court all around. Were bronze.

Men. So far, the reading of god's inspired and inherent worked.

Really, this is a Section that began. Uh, back in 36th and verse 8. Where he began to describing. The construction of the place of worship and now, In the Portion. That is the forest today. He describes the furnishings. Um, for the worship the The ar. And, The table for the sobread and the light stand.

The altar of the mark offering the labor. And then, All of the. All of the, the curtains. For around the outside and the oil and the incense Um, these are the most expensive parts and Next week, we're going. And we'll consider something. Will consider the Collection, and just how much.

The lord had provided that he puts a price on it. And have a, how valuable. All of this was, But the reason we're taking that to separate from this week's, Is. The value of all of the materials that would be collected was not something that the lord had said on the mountain.

But here we have something very similar to last week. The. The furniture. And Um, The furnishings that we're looking at. Are all. Exactly, as they were described. To Moses on the mountain. Exactly, as So, The first 24 verses. Here, compare almost exactly to chapter 25 and verses 10 through 40.

And the Alternative incense and it's anointing oil. Etc. Compares almost exactly to 30 versus Uh, one through five from the alternative incense and the Anointing oil and verse 29 of chapter, 37. Is a summary in that case. Of chapter 30 verses 22 through 37. The first seven verses of chapter 38.

Almost identical to. Chapter 27, verses 1 through 8, When he? That gives us the construction of the labor. Instead of And giving us the Uh, five verse description that he did back. In chapter, 30, verses 17 through 21. He tells us where the bronze came from. And that was, The women gave up their serving mirrors.

Mirrors. In egypt were very famous. But they were not made. Uh, by putting glass on the background the way. Um, the way mirrors are made today. They were made by. Shining a bronze or silver? Uh, surface. Until it was so, Uh, perfectly and brilliantly polished. Than it would reflect even color.

Uh, fairly faithfully. Um, so it was It was a technological and skilful marvel. And they were very, very Expensive. From valuable. And so, There's a couple. Comments there. That israel's servants. Had things that the rest of the world at this point. Uh, couldn't dream of having. Because of the riches that god had given

them.

But also the amazing work of God's grace. To make them willing. To give it up for the worship of god. And then, The rest of our passage to making the court versus nine through 20. Um are almost exactly chapter 27 versus my view. 19. So we have another one of these.

Examples of what we saw last week. That god has given. It has words to them and his grace to follow his word. Exactly. And, From the heart. Um, now the lord's. Provision of the place of worship. Is a reminder that he provides. To us in worship his presence. Um, The, the lord is.

Present in the gathering in the assembly of believers. He makes himself present to us in a way that he does not make himself. Present to us individually. And so the public means of grace and especially in the sacraments Which communicate? Um, The union of the church in heaven, with the church on earth in particularly the presence of the head of the church in heaven.

So baptism for instance is directly connected. To Jesus, who has all authority in heaven? And he's ascending into heaven. And yet he reminds us that he is still working in that authority and that power on earth. Which is why the baptism is in the name of the father and the son, and the holy spirit, not only as a naming ceremony.

In which we are identified with our god. Uh, but reminding us that Jesus is the one who pours his spirit from heaven to just as we pour the water out on earth. And that he walks among the lampstands. As we heard in, as we hear in, Revelation. So he it's sort of like the Isaiah 6 thing.

Where Isaiah sees the lord high and lifted up. Uh but he really knows he's in trouble. When he hears the angels shouting. Not the whole heaven is full of his glory, but the whole earth is full of his glory. And is especially in them than than, in the gathered worship of god's people.

And in the sacraments, in particular, That the lord is present to his people and he has communicated that much by providing a place. But he's not just present to his people, his present, his people in a way that he acts upon us and we act upon him. And so, That is.

Uh, communicated by all of these furnishings, how the lord atones for us. At his mercy seat, and he gives us to have fellowship with him. In which there's a mutual acting, he Uh, he blessing us giving us Uh, bread giving us himself and all in himself, all that we need very similar.

Uh, in theme, then to the lord's supper But also, our Uh, coming to him and feeding upon him and enjoying. Uh, fellowship with him. He acts upon us in shining the light of his blessing or us. As the lamp stand. Uh, showed us and we enjoy As light and life.

We act upon him by calling upon him in prayer as the incense altar. So that it's not just. The light of god that comes down to us. Uh, but the incense the prayers of this people That go up to him and there's this holy fellowship. This holy communion with god that That he provides.

That we Uh, we plead Uh, his atonement. When we come and We don't offer things on an altar of burnt offering. But we come through the once, we're all sacrificed. Lord, Jesus. And when we come by faith in him, it has even better. Isn't it than coming with a bowl or a goat?

Because we come with a living Christ in his attempted for us. And so there's not Uh, there's not anything comparable. To the altar of burnt offering. In the Christian public version. There is however, the pleading not of a sacrifice that god will provide, which is what those burnt offerings were for.

Uh, for his old testament, people. But there is the pleading of the sacrifice that God has provided Even as we always do. Not just in the public worship, but even in our family worship and we always come through the righteousness and sacrifice of Jesus. And what a Um, what an encouragement then to act upon God.

By f. And you also provides for us to come having been cleansed. No, it's good for us to take. Bad, some showers. Well better for us to take showers and good for us to wash our hands. And to maintain good personal hiking. Uh, but the primary hygiene This, keeping the mind clean.

Keeping the heart clean. Repenting repenting quickly of sin. And rejoicing freshly over. Uh, The new. Uh, new renewed, ministering to us by the spirit. Of. The sacrifice of Jesus and the forgiveness that we have, and Um, coming not with A heart's way down by sin. That we're not, we're not even ashamed of and neither coming.

By hearts way, down by shame, because we are a fan of our sin. But having dealt with it in Christ, and haven't been watched puns. Again, by the supply that never runs out. From the fountain. Of his blood as it were and the labor. Indicating that. Um, And so there's a reminder throughout this portion That god gives his people worship in which he acts upon them and they act upon him.

Uh, that there is genuine fellowship of him. Something of course. No idol can ever give because I don't have eyes. They cannot see. And yours, but they cannot hear their tongues. They cannot sleep. They have arms. They cannot do anything deep. They cannot walk. And those who worship them, become like them.

Completely different for our god. He acts upon us and he gives us. By his grace to act upon him. Through the lord Jesus Christ, by the help of his spirit. And all of those things are communicated. By the various burnishings. Of the tabernacle. And god impresses upon us. His glory.

By the greatness of the costliness of the materials. Especially those that we had in chapter 37, where we kept hearing gold gold pure gold, pure gold, pure gold, gold gold And, And even in chapter 38 where they're silver and bronze, And then, also, the spaciousness of the tabernacle. And the heavenliness of the court with the very high curtains of the fine, living linen, And the fine woman linen in the sunshine would sign brilliantly.

Almost like it was a giant portable Portable court also made of gold. Uh, it would be Um, I'll find women lit in this costly as well, but Uh, the brilliance of of the sunshine on it, through it. Broad communicating. The richness of his provision. For this worship in which we act upon him and he acts.

Upon us, and we know, of course. That. While this richness can be tabulated and we'll Think about that lord willing next week. Verses 21 to 31. Um, the richness of his ultimate provision cannot be tabulated. Because it is the indescribable gift the lord Jesus. Through whom now we come.

In whom and by whom we worship. And so, Uh, truly amazing. They thought does this presenters? And wonderful that even in his providence. And how Israel would sin between the giving of the instructions? And then the following of the construction. Uh, god reminds us that he does all of this that he does.

All of this that he gives. He does for sinners. He gives percenters. That we may be forgiven and cleansed and brought near. And enjoy his fellowship. And enjoy this way back. He's not let us ask. That his spirit to give us hearts of fake with us. And to help us appreciate.

And attend well, upon the worship, but he has About provided for us. And that's amazing way. That's right.

We thank you. Our God that you have given us in this time. We set everything aside for a few minutes to worship as a family that you have given us. To be reminded. Of the forgiveness and the fellowship and the favor that are ours in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And that in all of it, you give us away of coming near to you. And having you act upon us. And giving us to also act upon you. We pray. Lord that you would make us to treasure your worship because we treasure you. Because we treasure Christ. And we pray Lord that when we are worshipping you, and especially when we come to the public worship.

You would give our hearts. Wanted to have your spirit have. Haven't written. These words on our hearts. To come with wonder and rejoicing. At Christ and you're giving us to come in him and through him. And thus, to have your forgiveness. And your fellowship and your favor. Lord help us.

We pray. To understand and come near to lay, hold of that. For which Christ is laid. Hold of us. When we ask it in his name, amen.