

I. With respect to man, the tabernacle was the Tent of Meeting, but with respect to God, it was the tabernacle; the tabernacle is related to God’s testimony, whereas the Tent of Meeting is more outward, external, related to God’s interest on earth and to His move.			
II. The first item of the furniture to be put into the tabernacle was the Ark, indicating that the Ark was the central item of the tabernacle and its furniture:	A. Most Christians focus on the experience of salvation at the altar, but the book of Exodus reveals that God’s intention is to have the Ark of the Testimony in the Tabernacle of the Testimony.		
	B. Eventually, the Ark in the tabernacle will consummate in an eternal tabernacle, the New Jerusalem, with the Ark, the redeeming Christ, as the center.		
	C. God’s eternal goal is to have the New Jerusalem as the ultimate fulfillment of the tabernacle and the Ark.		
III. The tabernacle, the cloud, and the glory are a full type of the Triune God:	A. When the tabernacle was raised up, covered by the cloud, and filled with the glory, it became a full type of the Triune God:	1. The type of the tabernacle was fulfilled in Christ, the second of the Trinity, God the Son incarnated.	
		2. The cloud that descended and covered the tabernacle is a type of the Holy Spirit, the third of the Trinity.	
		3. John the Baptist saw the Spirit descending upon Christ, who was identified as the fulfillment of the type of the tabernacle.	
		4. John 1:14 says, “We beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father” ; this glory corresponds to the glory that filled the tabernacle.	
		5. The picture of the tabernacle covered by the descending cloud and filled with the glory of Jehovah in Exodus 40 was fulfilled in John 1:	a. When we read John 1, we need to see that Christ as the fulfillment of the tabernacle is with us today, that the covering Spirit is upon this tabernacle, and that the glory is filling this tabernacle.
			b. This revelation of the Triune God is not mere doctrine; we are seeing a vision of the living Trinity.
		6. Because the tabernacle is a type of Christ, the cloud represents the Spirit, and glory is God Himself expressed, the picture of the tabernacle covered by the cloud and filled with glory embodies the entire Triune God in figure.	
	B. The day that the tabernacle was raised up, that the cloud descended and covered it, and that the glory entered and filled it was a great day:	1. Never before had the Triune God been embodied on earth; the embodiment of the Triune God was God’s goal throughout Genesis and Exodus.	
		2. The tabernacle covered by the cloud and filled with glory was a great blessing to the children of Israel, but today we have the reality of what they had only in figure.	
	C. The anointing oil used to anoint the tabernacle in Exodus 40:9 typifies God the Spirit compounded with the Triune God, Christ’s humanity, Christ’s death with its effectiveness, and Christ’s resurrection with its power:	1. The anointing oil corresponds to the Spirit after Christ’s resurrection.	
2. As the anointing oil, the Spirit first anoints us, and then as the pillar of cloud and fire, He leads and guides us.			

<p>III. The tabernacle, the cloud, and the glory are a full type of the Triune God:</p>	<p>D. The Triune God was embodied in Christ as the tabernacle for the purpose of dispensing Himself into His redeemed people for their enjoyment of all the riches of His being:</p>	<p>1. Everything that is mentioned in the New Testament concerning God is related to the divine dispensing for the divine economy:</p>	<p>a. The revelation concerning the Triune God in the holy Word is not for doctrinal understanding but for the dispensing of God in His Divine Trinity into His chosen and redeemed people for their experience and enjoyment.</p>
			<p>b. The Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—has been processed to become the life-giving Spirit so that we can drink of Him and that He can become our enjoyment; this is the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity.</p>
			<p>c. The Divine Trinity is for the divine dispensing, that is, for the distribution of God into the believers in Christ; the Father as the origin is the fountain, the Son as the expression is the spring, and the Spirit as the transmission is the flow.</p>
			<p>2. In type, the children of Israel enjoyed and possessed the Triune God in the divine dispensing and mingling, and the Triune God enjoyed and possessed them.</p>
			<p>3. The New Testament reveals the full reality of the divine dispensing and mingling of the Triune God with His redeemed ones.</p>
			<p>4. Ephesians is composed with the Divine Trinity as its basic element and structure, and every chapter reveals the Triune God; thus, Ephesians is a clear explanation and definition of the tabernacle in Exodus 40.</p>
			<p>5. The divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the unique way to build up the church, which is the Body of Christ and the dwelling place of God.</p>
<p>IV. In Old Testament times, the house of God was the house of Israel, represented by the tabernacle and later by the temple:</p>	<p>A. The children of Israel, as the people of God, are a type of the New Testament believers:</p>	<p>1. Their entire history is a prefigure of the church.</p>	
		<p>2. Today the house of God is actually the church.</p>	
	<p>B. At the end of Genesis an individual Israel was produced as a miniature of God’s house to express God and represent Him by exercising His authority.</p>		
	<p>C. At the end of Exodus a corporate Israel was produced as God’s house to express God and represent Him by exercising His authority on earth.</p>		
	<p>D. The goal of God’s eternal purpose is to have a corporate people to be His dwelling place for His expression and representation in eternity:</p>	<p>1. The books of Genesis and Exodus together consummate with God’s tabernacle, His dwelling place, filled with His glory.</p>	
	<p>2. Likewise, the entire Bible consummates in the New Jerusalem as the eternal tabernacle of God filled with the glory of God and exercising His authority for His divine administration for eternity.</p>		

- ① Exo. 40:2 On the first day of the first month you shall raise up the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. 3 And you shall put the Ark of the Testimony there, and you shall screen the Ark with the veil.

The book of Exodus reveals that God's intention is to have the ark. This ark is the Ark of Testimony, and this causes the tabernacle to become the Tabernacle of the Testimony. What God wants is the Ark of the Testimony in the Tabernacle of the Testimony. We, however, may want nothing more than our own salvation. Because we care for our salvation, we may not have any thought concerning God's testimony. Our salvation is at the altar, but God's testimony is at the Ark. Most of today's Christians do not have any idea about God's testimony. They are mainly concerned with their salvation. If you were to talk with them about other matters in the Word of God, they may say, "Does this have something to do with my salvation?" Will this determine whether I go to heaven?" [Revelation is] a book concerned with the testimony of Jesus. This testimony is the Ark of God. According to Revelation, the Ark of God eventually consummates in a tabernacle which will be the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem will be the ultimate fulfillment of the tabernacle. It is God's eternal goal to have the New Jerusalem.

According to the vision of God's economy, the salvation is not for you to have a better life, but for the testimony of God. You will of course, have a blessed and lifted up life, when you have the testimony of God with you. However, the salvation is aiming to have the testimony of God. The tabernacle is there for the Ark of the Covenant, and the Ark of the Covenant was the center of the tabernacle. You need to spend your Christian life and church life with this kind of vision in mind. For example, you do not pray for the blessings to your business affairs, or a raise to your salary, but you should pray that you could become a testimony of God through the work you do. In order to be a testimony of God, you need revival and pray reading of the Word with brothers and sisters every morning. In addition, before reaching your office, there is a need for you to pray that you could carry out your business affairs for the testimony of God by enjoying the Lord and the filling up of the Spirit of the Lord. By doing that, you could be filled by the Spirit of the Lord, and be the testimony of God. At the same time, you shall move forward with your work and become an Excellent Performer.

- ② Exo. 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.

There is no record in the Bible of how the children of Israel reacted when the tabernacle was erected, the cloud descended, and the glory entered, but I believe that many were beside themselves with joy. Today we have something much more profound. If we are not beside ourselves, this indicates that we have not seen the revelation. When we read John 1, we need to

see that Christ as the fulfillment of the tabernacle is with us today, the covering Spirit is upon this tabernacle, and the glory is filling this tabernacle. This revelation of the Triune God is not mere doctrine. We are seeing a vision of the living Trinity. For years people had told me that when traveling by road between San Francisco and Los Angeles, I should take the Pacific Coast Highway to see the view along the coast. When I finally took this route several years ago, I could not believe the beauty of the scenery. The descriptions that I had heard did not compare to the actual view. I even stopped at several points and go out of the car to better appreciate the scenery. Similarly, we need not only to hear others describe what they have seen of the tabernacle but also to see for ourselves Christ as the tabernacle covered by the Holy Spirit and filled with the glory of God.

Once you see the vision of the church as today's tabernacle filled with the glory of God, you will never leave the church life; and you will devote your entire life to Christ and the church.

- ③ 2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Second Corinthians 13:14 is strong proof that the trinity of the Godhead is not for the doctrinal understanding of systematic theology but for the dispensing of God Himself in His Trinity into His chosen and redeemed people. In the Bible the Trinity is never revealed merely as a doctrine. It is always revealed or mentioned in regard to the relationship of God with His creatures, especially with man, who was created by Him, and more particularly with His chosen and redeemed people. The secret to my happiness is that I have received, and am still receiving, the marvelous, unlimited, unsearchable, and untraceably rich Christ. I have received what God has dispensed to mankind. Every day I receive more of Him.

Not to read the Bible, is the religious concept you have as Japanese. According to the religious concept possessed by Japanese, God maybe a subject to worship but never as someone to enjoy or experience. According to this religious concept, many Bible verses are merely good stories and history in the past, they have no connection to your daily life, cannot experience them, and not necessary to have. Satan uses such a cultural understanding to make you blind and keep you, people of God from seeing God's economy, which allows you to enjoy and experience the Lord. May the Lord open your eyes, and clearly see the vision of God's economy through the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, enjoy and experience God's dispensation by subduing to the vision. To subjectively experience the Lord as your rest, energy, strength, wisdom and everything in the practical business life, family life and school life. Amen !

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- 1 主のみや建造され、地方しょうかいが
いま完全に回ふくするときである。
かみのいえはいま荒廃している。
かみの建造のため、いざ立て！

(復) つよくあれ、住まい建造せよ！
万軍の主どう在す、みや栄こうに満つ！
つよくあれ、調和しはたらけ、
すべてのひとみやを、見つめるため。
- 2 主のことばを聞け、みちをかんがえよ。
賛美に欠けるゆえ、収かくはわずか。
やま行き、木を切り、材料そなえよ。
主のいえ建造する、栄光主に！
- 3 さい司、レムナントはいま主にしたがう。
ひと、なに言うとも、主ともにいます。
霊をふるい立たせ、燃え、はたらけ。
主のみやの建造にあずかろう。
- 4 主は言う、「このいえ栄こうで満たす」。
諸こく民のねがいはてらんされる。
まえのえいこうにまさるえい光、
われらはえい遠にあずかる。

1254. The Church – The Lord's Recovery; Haggai 1

1. This is the time for building the temple of the Lord
That all the local churches may fully be restored.
'Tis not the time for our house while God's house lieth waste
brothers,
for God's building, rise up, make haste!
(C)
Be strong, be strong, God's dwelling place to build!
The Lord of hosts is with us, with His glory 'twill be
filled!
Be strong, be strong, and work in one accord,
That all the nations may behold the temple of the Lord.
2. O hear, the Lord is speaking: Consider now your ways,
Ye sow and bring in little, for lacking is My praise.
Go up into the mountain, material to provide,
And build My house that I may be glorified.
3. Ye who are priests, ye remnant of Christians now obey —
The Lord Himself is with us, whatever men may say,
With spirits stirred and burning, now let us come to work;
May none his part with others in building shirk.
4. I'll fill this house with glory, the Lord of hosts has said,
And the desire of nations will be exhibited.
Its glory will be greater than all that's gone before,
And we will share this glory forevermore.

補充本, #606 建造神的圣殿

- __一__
建造神的圣殿的时候已经来到，
所有的地方召会要完全被建造。
不该专顾你的家，而神家却荒废；
弟兄们，快快兴起，建造召会！
(副)
刚强！刚强！全体起来建造！
神必定与我们同在，使殿满了荣耀。
刚强！刚强！同心合意工作；
地上万国都要看见神荣耀的居所！
- __二__
听阿，神说：你们要省察自己行为，
撒种虽多，收却少，因对我缺赞美；
你们要上到山上去为我取木料，
同心建造我居所，我得荣耀。
- __三__
你们蒙召的祭司当向神全顺服，
神既与我们同在，管他世人怒目，
灵里激动并火热，我们同来作工，
但愿在其中没有一人放松。
- __四__
万军之耶和华说：我殿要满荣耀，
地上万国羡慕的必定快要来到，
这殿后来的荣耀必大过先前的，
我们同享这荣耀，喜乐无比。