

HEARING GOD'S MUSIC

Exodus 36:8-37:29

- In the tabernacle, we hear the place where God's Presence comes to be WITH US. 36:8-38
- In the ark, we hear the THRONE of God, showing His AUTHORITY. 37:1-9
- In the table of bread, we hear the FELLOWSHIP of God. 37:10-16
- In the lampstand, we hear the light of God REVEALING truth. 37:17-24
- In the altar of incense, we hear that Jesus is our MEDIATOR, bringing our PRAYERS to God. 37:25-29

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How are the themes of Exodus like a recurring melody we see throughout the Bible? How does this analogy fit and not fit?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. In your life, how does the truth that you are the temple of God change your behavior?
3. Consider the following passages that say that the church is the temple of God (1 Cor 3:16-17; Eph 2:19-22; 2 Cor 6:14-18). What difference should this make in our church and our lives?
4. What are some ways that we are tempted to think of the church as a building instead of as a people? How does this affect our lives? How can we keep the people of the church in the forefront of our minds as we move into our new building?
5. How is God's authority expressed through Jesus and through the church, just as the ark was a picture of God's authoritative throne? What are some ways we dismiss the authority of God?
6. How is the table for bread a picture of God's desire for fellowship? (see 1 John 1:1-9, Rev 3:19-20) How does this play out through Jesus and the church?
7. How is the altar of incense a picture of Jesus as mediator of our prayers? How does Romans 8:26-27 help you understand this?
8. What was your biggest takeaway from this passage?

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