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After I came to now Jesus and began to study the Bible, I found that I was not alone in feeling like a stranger in this world, and the more people I talk too and come to know they have all felt the same way prior to Christ... like strangers in the world....and the interesting part is we still feel like it often after Christ...

This scripture gives us insight:

HEB 11:8 ⁸ *It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.* ⁹ *And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was *like a foreigner, living in tents*. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise.* ¹⁰ *Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.*

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- we don't live long enough to see God's word completely fulfilled

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- seems like we are always in process never quite reaching the destination...things don't happen the way we often expect or hope for....but God has a that place and we are journeying toward it...

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- Since we live in these Human bodies or as scripture calls tents for such a short time...our Jesus also put on a human tent...to join us

as wanders here and providing the way home...curing our condition...sin and death...restoring us

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- It is an amazing and wonderful thing to realize that God devised His plan, created us, and is perfectly executing the plan, so that we could be with him forever...on the earth...
- This process is of reuniting man to God starts in Exodus...
- We have witnessed God rescuing his people from the Egyptians...proposing to them to be His ...their acceptance...the wedding vows ten commandments...the wedding feast...they saw God...and ate in is presence...now he will dwell with them
- The rest of the book of Exodus is the construction of the tabernacle (except for 3 chapters). a) In fact some of it is repetitious. b) Chapters 25-31 are Moses on the mountain for 40 days getting tabernacle instructions. i) The chapters read like a instruction booklet (“some assembly required”) Chapters 35-40 are the Israelites constructing the tabernacle
- Now in Exodus 25 ...the temporary dwelling place, the Tabernacle.....the Tabernacle of Moses...which we will examine a little today....

Ex 25:1 The LORD said to Moses, ²“Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. ³ These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze

- The key phrase to me is “whose heart makes him willing”. God does not want us to give out of fear, guilt or obligation. b) God wants us to give not because he needs our money. God is not broke nor in

financial trouble. he wants us to participate in his work...we all have something of value to offer God to serve people...

- laundry list starts just looking at the first three...precious metals. **“Gold” speaks of deity (like a king’s crown)**. It is consistently used in the Bible that fashion. b) **“Silver” speaks of redemption. Israelites were taxed a silver coin for redemption. Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.** c) **Bronze (brass, etc.) speaks of judgement.** Bronze can be heated to high temperatures. Things can be burned cleanly in bronze containers
- after the giving... make the home and the furniture

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- **it is a pattern of what is in Heaven...a shadow...missing details**

Heb8:5 They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

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The tabernacle is also a model of our relationship with God. on a personal level (our body is a “tabernacle”). (1) Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16 NIV) b) Second, it is a model on a corporate level. (The “body of Christ”). (1) For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body...Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. (1 Corinthians 12:13a, 12:14 NIV) iv)

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- **The word “ark” means box. Cubit is the length from the elbow to the fingertip. The Egyptians, the Babylonians, etc. had a “standard” cubit**
- **acacia trees would have been one of the only types of trees growing in the wilderness regions traveled by Israel. **In addition, acacia wood is dense, knotty and hard like us,** making it a great option for any type of wooden construction. The use of acacia wood resulted in materials that endured for a long time. The tabernacle was used for the next four hundred years, eventually finding a resting place within the temple in Jerusalem constructed during the reign of Solomon.**

Gold over common =man covered by gold...diety/God redeeming man

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- **The lid was considered a separate piece of furniture. b) It was pure gold. It represents god’s holiness. c) The lid was known as “the mercy seat” think storage.**
- **Here we have a picture of “guardian cherubim” looking down upon God’s Mercy. i) When the Old Testament priests, who saw this thing, they would think of God’s protection over God’s mercy. The only way to approach God’s mercy is to get past the cherubim. (Isn’t that a cool visual picture for us!). ii) The high priest, once a year, would sprinkle blood on the mercy seat. A picture of the blood shed for us. God providing his own blood on our behalf**
- **This box was so holy that it was always covered, and it was only to be viewed once a year by the high priest Covenant means contract. What is the most important paper(s) you own? The grant deed to your home? The “pink slip” to your car? Where do you keep them? Most people use a safety deposit box**

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- **we house this meeting place heart in this temporary tabernacle**
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The reason is we are mortal...but we were designed for immortality....sin and death have separated us from God, ourselves, others our environment... everyone is born and lives as short term wanders on the earth...

Since Man was not designed to die but sinned and it became our destiny....God devised a plan ...and began the implementation of it systematically...and immediately after the fall of us... after our parents Adam and Eve sinned...he looked to be with them

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Know this...It has always been God's will to live with humans ...going back to the beginning... he walked apparently in a spirit body...with his first creation Adam And Eve..

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