

## Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:19–23 (NIV)

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### 1) The tabernacle

Exodus 25:8–9 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. <sup>9</sup> Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

### 2) The tabernacle is a heaven / earth connection place

Exodus 40:20–35 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> He took the tablets of the covenant law and placed them in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it. <sup>21</sup> Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the covenant law, as the Lord commanded him. <sup>22</sup> Moses placed the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain <sup>23</sup> and set out the bread on it before the Lord, as the Lord commanded him. <sup>24</sup> He placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle <sup>25</sup> and set up the lamps before the Lord, as the Lord commanded him. <sup>26</sup> Moses placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the curtain <sup>27</sup> and burned fragrant incense on it, as the Lord commanded him. <sup>28</sup> Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle. <sup>29</sup> He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the Lord commanded him. <sup>30</sup> He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing, <sup>31</sup> and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet. <sup>32</sup> They washed whenever they entered the tent of meeting or approached the altar, as the Lord commanded Moses. <sup>33</sup> Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work. <sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

<sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Psalm 16:11 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Genesis 3:24 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

3) Jesus is the tabernacle

John 1:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Exodus 40:33–34 (NIV)

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Mark 15:38 (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

4) Our access has been restored in Jesus

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