

## Life-Study of Exodus Summary - Messages 172-176

### The Sabbath in Relation to the Building Work of the Tabernacle

The Sabbath was not only a rest to God, but was also a refreshment to Him. Man was God's refreshment. When God saw the man created by Him, He could rest and be refreshed. Man was like a refreshing drink to quench God's thirst and satisfy Him. To God, the seventh day was a day of rest and refreshment, to man it was a day of enjoyment.

It is a divine principle that God does not ask us to work until we have had enjoyment. God first supplies us with enjoyment. Then after a full enjoyment with Him and of Him, we may work together with Him. The Sabbath means that before we work for God, we need to enjoy God and be filled with Him. All the tabernacle and its furniture lead to the Sabbath of God, Hallelujah, in the church life we are in the tabernacle, and the tabernacle leads us to rest, to the enjoyment of God's purpose and of what He has done!

### The Breaking of the Law

The fact that God showed Moses the tabernacle with its furniture and the priesthood before giving him the tablets of the law indicates that God had prepared the way of grace for man to contact Him and enjoy Him. Even though God was giving the law, He did not have any trust in the law; His trust was in Christ as the prepared way of grace.

We break the law because we have idols that replace God. Idolatry involves five principles: self-beautification, Satan's usurping God's gifts and making them a waste, the worship of the things we enjoy, pretending to worship the true God, and mixture in worship.

### The Golden-Calf Idol

While Moses was tarrying on the mountain, God's people began to worship the golden-calf idol. In principle, the situation is the same today among Christians. If we have a clear, heavenly view, we shall realize that much of the worship among Christians today is a mixture. The children of Israel not only worshipped an idol in the name of Jehovah their God, they also worshipped that idol in the way they should have worshipped God. We need to be careful regarding both material things and spiritual gifts received from God, for we may not use these gifts properly for God's purpose.

### The Dealing with the Idol and the Idolaters

In Moses way of dealing with the idol and idolaters, the crucial point is that we need to be pure, and we need to kill the impure worship, the worship of the golden calf. For the sake of ourselves and for God, we need to kill the impure worship among today's Christians. Then we shall be qualified to be God's priests. We need to eliminate self-beautification, and we need to kill the worship of the golden calf and that part of our being which participates in such worship. Thank the Lord that we have God's priesthood and that He gives us the Urim and the Thummim from where we can receive light from the Bible.

### A Companion of God

If we would serve the Lord, we must be a person who has an intimate relationship with Him. We also need to know what is on God's heart. As a companion of God, Moses had an intimate relationship with Him and knew what was on His heart. (Life-Study of Exodus – Messages 172-176).