

"Offering"

Have them make a sanctuary for Me, so that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8



This parsha is exquisite with the detailed instructions God gave to Moses for building the Mishkan, or Tabernacle, the place where He came to dwell among the Children of Israel in the wilderness and reveal His Shekinah. Everything to be used for the making of the mishkan was given by the Children of Israel as a free will gift or `elevation` offering —Terumah. The sacred furnishings and details are described with all their colors, materials, specifications, and perfect harmony as designed by God the maker of heaven and earth, for a place on earth where He would dwell! The making started with instructions to build the Ark to house the testimony that had been given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Next the instructions are detailed for the rest of the Sanctuary and holy vessels. The Bread of the Presence was to be set out continually. Detailed instructions for the almond blossom menorah are given, a light that is to always be lit. His Presence and Light are eternal!

In Messiah Yeshua, our whole being becomes the "portable" dwelling place where His Holy Spirit lives in us. May we, our children and families offer ourselves and lives fully to Him. Let us worship Him in the fullness of joy. Let us recall the exquisite detail He gives to everything in His dwelling place, and may we give that sanctity of care in our hearts to all the details of our lives in obedience to His loving Word. May we sanctify our homes to be for Him as a mini "mishkan"! May we ourselves be a place for the LORD to dwell!!!

Praise

Oh LORD I love the House where you live, the place where Your glory dwells.

Psalm 26:8

One thing I have asked of the LORD, that will I seek: to dwell in the House of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to meditate in His temple.

Psalm 27:4

And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

A prayer of Moses the man of God. My Lord, You have been our dwelling from generation to generation. Before the mountains were born, or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God!

Psalm 90:1~2

Confession

Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

Matthew 3:2

Thanksgiving

He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; and to him who orders his way aright I shall show the Salvation of God.

Psalm 50:23

Intercession

Sing and rejoice,, O daughter of Zion! For behold I am coming and I will live among you. Zechariah 2:14

May know he/she is a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in 1 Corinthians 3:16

I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God— which is your spiritual service. May understand this and live in such a way. Romans 12:1

Give me your heart my son/daughter, and let your eyes delight in my ways. Proverbs 23:26

You make known to the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

....., do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16



Teachers

Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD. Psalm 4:5

Schools

Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. Psalm 96:7~8

Congregation

In Him the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple for the LORD. In Him, you also are being built together into God's dwelling place in the *Ruach*. Ephesians 2:21~22

Israel

Behold, the dwelling of God is among men, and He shall tabernacle among them. They shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them and be their God! He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. Nor shall there be mourning or crying or pain any longer, for the former things have passed away. Revelation 21:3~4

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem— May those who love you be at peace! Psalm 122:6

Blessing to go

Through Yeshua then, let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips giving thanks to His name. Hebrews 13:15