

# EXODUS 25 - LIVING WITH GOD

## *Sermon Outline Handout*

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Text: Exodus 25:1–40

What is it like to live with God in the same “house”?

### **I. God’s Invitation: “Let Them Make Me a Sanctuary” (vv. 1–9)**

- Purpose of the Tabernacle: “That I may dwell in their midst” (v. 8).
- God communicates His desire to be with His people.

### **II. The Ark and the Mercy Seat: God Dwells in Mercy (vv. 10–22)**

#### 1. The Ark (vv. 10–16)

- Ark = vault for precious things.
- Contents: The Testimony (Ten Commandments / Covenant promises).
- Reminds us of promises made—and broken.
- Tension: Living with God means confronting our failures.

#### 2. The Mercy Seat (vv. 17–22)

“Mercy seat” = place of atonement.

- Blood sprinkled once a year (Lev. 16).
- God speaks from above the mercy seat—the space of forgiveness.
- Fulfillment in Christ (Heb. 12): Jesus’ blood secures eternal access, covering broken promises.
- God speaks to us not from condemnation, but from mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

### **III. The Table of Bread: God Provides Sustaining Fellowship (vv. 23–30)**

12 loaves = provision, fellowship, permanence.

- Sustenance – Bread as life-giving (protein-rich in ANE; unlike modern “cake bread”).
- Fellowship – Priests eat in God’s presence = friendship meal.
- Permanence – Bread is replaced weekly = God’s sustaining friendship never ends.  
God offers nourishing, faithful friendship—never flaky, never draining, always present.

### **IV. The Lampstand: God’s Eternal Presence and Light (vv. 31–40)**

Golden lampstand (menorah)

In the ancient world, light meant:

- Wealth – oil was costly.
- Protection – light drove away threats and wild animals.
- Community – light meant presence, warmth, life.

Seven lamps = God’s light never goes out.

God’s presence is protective, life-giving, and eternal.