

## February 6 - 12

<b>February 6</b> Exodus 28-29
<b>February 7</b> Exodus 30-32
<b>February 8</b> Exodus 33-34
<b>February 9</b> Exodus 35-37
<b>February 10</b> Exodus 38-39
<b>February 11</b> Exodus 40; Leviticus 1-3
<b>February 12</b> Leviticus 4-5

This week's reading takes us through a lot of the details involved in instituting the Law in Israel, especially the construction of the Tabernacle where the sacrifices were to be offered. Details were need by Israel if they were to do it right, but details can tend to get boring, so why does God record them for us to read when we are not going to be observing the Law?

These things, like all of the Old Testament, were written "for our admonition" (I Corinthians 10:11). Their value to us consists largely of symbolic presentations of Jesus Christ and His later ministry. The materials used in the Tabernacle are used consistently in the Bible as symbols of spiritual matters. So as you read of something being made of the following materials, consider its symbolic meaning and how it applies to Christ and His work in the Gospel.

Fire or brass—Judgment  
Silver—Redemption  
Gold—Deity  
Wood—Humanity

The altar of brass, for example, speaks of Calvary, where the sins of the world were judged in Jesus as He was the Lamb offered on the "altar" of the cross. The table of shewbread being made of wood (humanity) and covered with gold (deity) shows the two natures of Jesus, the God-Man.

Then as we get into Leviticus and the offerings to be brought, we see different aspects of Christ's work as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

For example, as the burnt offering, He is consumed in judgment for our sins to make an atonement before God (1:3–4). Or as the peace offering (chapter 3), He reconciles us to the God with whom we were at war in our sins. The sin offering (chapter 4) shows the moral guilt of disobeying God, while the trespass offering (chapter 5) shows the destructive effects of sin. Jesus has taken care of all this on the cross for those who will by faith receive Him as Savior.