

We thank the Lord. He has gathered us once again in His presence. I believe brothers and sisters are very clear on the theme of the conference: Behold, the Tabernacle of God is among men. Thank God, it is indeed a tremendous blessing from God. I don't know whether I should call it blessing, grace, glory, or abundance from God. It is because these words tell us that God is to give Himself fully to us without any reservation. At the same time, they also tell us that we are to give ourselves to Him without any reservation.

The Brethren have arranged for me to share on the revelation of the tabernacle in the Old Testament. We thank the Lord. When we see the first appearance of the tabernacle in the Old Testament, we cannot but go back to look at the history and to find out why there was a tabernacle and what were the issues resolved by the tabernacle. If there was no tabernacle, how did people live before God? When we touch upon these questions in history, you will not be able to forget why God had the tabernacle built. In other words, what did God want to reveal when He created man in the beginning? We thank the Lord. When we return to God's word, we realize the matter concerning the tabernacle is not a simple one. The tabernacle is a practical revelation of God's eternal purpose.

Let us first look at Exodus 25:1-7

*Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution. This is the contribution which you are to raise from them: gold, silver and bronze, blue, purple and scarlet material, fine linen, goat hair, rams' skins dyed red, porpoise skins, acacia wood, oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and for the breastplate."*

Exodus 25:8-9

*Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.*

Let us pay special attention to these words in verse 9: "According to all that I am going to show you." These words tell us the making of the tabernacle is not a casual matter. Why can it not be casual? You will find out the reason as we continue to share on this. As we study the building of the tabernacle, we need to go back in history to find out the purpose of God in the creation of man. I believe most brothers and sisters are very clear on the purpose of God's creation of man. When

God created man, God was very clear on His purpose and requirements. Even though there were just a few words in Genesis 1: “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” Brothers and sisters have read these words many times, yet are we able to grasp the heart and purpose of God in these words? I believe many brothers and sisters are able to understand more and more gradually, but we still need to ask the Lord to let us see the original purpose of God’s creation of man. Strictly speaking, this is the beginning of the theme of the entire Bible. And of course it also includes the beginning of the tabernacle.

We thank God. After God created man, God placed them in the garden of Eden. There were different kinds of arrangements in the garden of Eden. On one hand we see man’s duties and what they need to do in the garden; on the other hand, God lets them encounter a serious matter. Due to time constraint, I can only be brief on this topic. God’s will of creating man is to manifest His will and for man to govern over all things. But, by what can man execute these responsibilities? We see God make these arrangements in the garden of Eden. God lets man see this is a grave responsibility. But how can man fulfill this duty? Brothers and sisters are all familiar with the story of the two trees in the garden. Many have asked this question, “Why is God so foolish? If He had not placed these two trees in the garden of Eden, nothing would have happened. If God had not done this, it would have been easy just to tell man to fulfill his responsibilities.” But God did not do this and He did not tell man why He placed those two trees in the garden. He only told man what consequences these two trees would bring.

Brothers and sisters, we know very well that one of the trees is called the tree of life and the other is the tree of knowledge of good and evil or the tree of knowledge. These two trees were placed there. What was the reason for that? If we are alert in our spirit, we will know God placed the two trees there with a purpose and a desire. He clearly told the created man, our ancestor, “The entrustment you have received is a solemn one. You ought to consider these matters carefully in order to fulfill the entrustment. You can only choose one of these two trees. The consequences of eating the fruits of these two trees are very different.” One tree is named the tree of life. God did not explain the purpose and the meaning of it. But from the name of the tree we know if one eats of its fruit one will receive life. It is very simple.

But when it comes to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God told man not to eat its fruit. If man eats its fruit, a consequence will follow: Man will gain all the knowledge and all the skills. So there is an issue here. When man saw that eating the fruit from this tree could give them knowledge and skills, while the responsibilities God gave them were so heavy, man naturally would choose its fruit to eat. But God told them very clearly, “The day you eat from it you will surely die.” What does “death” mean? Death means without life. If life is no more, what good is it to have knowledge and skills? This is a very solemn test. God placed the two trees there and let man choose, and He asked man to consider the basis by which he could fulfill the entrustment

from God. God's will was very clear. If you want to fulfill the entrustment from God, you must have life.

What can you do without life? It seems to be a very simple question yet it is not as simple as I put it. It is because this is a spiritual warfare. In this matter of making a choice, there is someone else playing a part in the background. It is Satan. Satan's work is to destroy God's work. Man failed in the garden of Eden. Man fell. Man had gained knowledge and skills but had lost life.

Immediately man's fellowship with God was lost and he could no longer see God. If man could not see God, how could he fulfill the entrustment from God? The matter seemed like a simple one but the consequences were very serious. They were so serious that they interrupted the eternal will of God. Would God allow the interruption to continue or would God recover the matter entirely? We thank God. Even though it seemed that God has encountered a great problem, God is a God with whom nothing is impossible. So God started to recover the entire matter back to His original plan.

Thank the Lord. We see God's proclamation at the end of the history of the garden of Eden. I will not go into the details but will simply give you the conclusion. I believe except for the younger brothers and sisters, most brothers and sisters are familiar with it. I will just point out the main points. What was the proclamation? First, God proclaimed the principle of life redeeming life. Second, God proclaimed the seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent. Third, the tree of knowledge of good and evil was gone but the tree of life remained. Each of these proclamations is very important.

For a very long time, God has been waiting for someone who is mindful of God's will and willing to turn around to seek after God single-heartedly. Throughout history God has been waiting. It is not because God did not find anyone who was fitting. But God was still not able to express His heart and mind fully through these individuals until He found Abram. God chose Abram to receive the revelation of His redemption. God told Abram clearly that He had chosen him and God would do a great thing among his descendants. From Abram and his descendants a great nation will come about, a nation that will bring blessings to all nations. God did not tell Abram the details but just gave him the big picture and Abram followed. God delivered Abram out of all kinds of weaknesses and foolishness so that he could keep following God's eternal purpose.

Among Abram's descendants, God chose Isaac and Jacob. From these three generations, a nation came about. We all know this nation is Israel. God willed to use Israel to be the beginning point of His eternal redemption. We will not go into the details of Israel's history. But one thing we know: From God's promise land Israel went to Egypt. It did not seem to be a good thing because Israel left God's promise land and went to a land outside of God's promise. But brothers and sisters, it is God's will for the Israelites to go to Egypt. A nation with God's promise now lived in a land not remembered by God.

Israel's history pointed out a principle for us. The forefathers received a promise from God that was glorious and bountiful. On one hand they demonstrated God's glory; on the other hand they executed God's authority. Yet these people ended up in death. In principle, is this not the same point manifested by the Israelites' going down to Egypt? Perhaps when the Israelites were living in Egypt, they felt their material life was rather abundant as the Bible told us they later missed the chives and cucumbers in Egypt when they were wandering in the wilderness. But in the reality of their daily lives, they were full of suffering and pain. When they saw their own suffering and pain, they wanted to depart from that kind of living, but they were not able to do that on their own. We thank God. It is God's will for them to go down to Egypt, and it is also God's determination for them to leave Egypt.

God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. They were very happy in the beginning as they were following their God to leave Egypt and enter into Canaan, and they thought they would live happily and abundantly ever after. This was their mindset but God knew they could not enter into Canaan with this kind of mindset. Therefore, God led them into the wilderness. On one hand, God led them to experience some practical issues. More importantly, through these issues God wanted them to learn to know God, to encounter Him, and to enjoy Him Who would eventually lead them into His purpose. Therefore, when the Israelites reached Mount Sinai, God lets them experience a very great matter. First, God told them His purpose of leading them out of Egypt was not to deliver them out of the sufferings in their daily lives, but was to let them understand their position and purpose of their lives on earth.

In Exodus 19, God spoke to them and told them He called them. And He used His hands, His grace, and His mercy to bring them out of Egypt. What was the purpose of bringing them out of Egypt? First, it was so that they could become God's possession and learn to be obedient: "If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, I will make you a special people and a special nation. You will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." What is the function of this kingdom of priests? In Exodus 19, we can see after God told the Israelites about making them a kingdom of priests, God said something that was very meaningful. If we are not careful, we will miss them easily: "For all the earth is Mine." What does this have to do with the kingdom of priests? God did not explain it but He told them after He made them into a kingdom of priests one thing would be manifested: All the earth is His.

Thank the Lord. This is the purpose of God's leading of the Israelites out of Egypt. They were to be established into a kingdom of priests in order to bring all the earth to God. Brothers and sisters, if you are sensitive in your spirit, you would understand this is the same purpose declared by God at the creation of man. We thank God. This principle was first revealed to the Israelites. And God continued to tell the Israelites that He would appear to them and all of them would be able to see

His glory, authority, and abundance. But there was a condition: They could only look from a distance. They could see very clearly but they could not draw near to God.

Then God called Moses to go up to Mount Sinai and gave Moses the Law. All the Israelites saw the manifestation of God's glory, richness, authority and power. All of them revered God on one hand, but on the other hand, they were very fearful of God. They said to Moses, "Whatever words God wants to speak to us, let God speak to you. After you hear God's words, you can deliver the words to us. We are too afraid to see God's face. God is too great and we cannot bear to see His glory and His authority. We can only tremble before God. So if there is any word from God, let Him speak to us through you. We will be obedient."

Thank the Lord, then came the tabernacle. In Exodus 35, God told Moses to tell the Israelites to prepare gifts for Him and to use those gifts to build the tabernacle because God was to dwell among them. And this was the beginning of the tabernacle.

When the Israelites saw the manifestation of God's glory, on one hand they admired God's glory but on the other hand they were afraid of God's glory. Now God told them He wished to dwell among them. Would they be able to take it? Brothers and sisters, do you see the disconnection between God and man had now reached a very serious point? God said, "I will dwell among you. I will keep you accompany until you are through walking in the wilderness. I will bring you into the promise land to receive the inheritance." These words were welcome by the Israelites. But when they thought of God's dwelling among them, they were not able to take it. Only a few days ago they saw the brief appearance of God's glory and they could not stand it even though there was a great distance between God and them. Now He said that He would dwell among them; how could they take it? This was indeed a problem. Even though the Israelites did not actually say these words, but if we put ourselves in their shoes we can see this was the thought on their mind. The Israelites had this dilemma: "We are not willing to say that we do not want God to dwell among us; but we will not be able to take it if God actually dwells among us." What should they do? Thank God. He did not allow the Israelites to continue to think this way. He told the Israelites: "I can dwell among you not because you are worthy. You are utterly unworthy. But it is my desire to dwell among you. And this desire does not just begin now but has been my will since the time I created man. Even though it is a problem for me to dwell among you, I will give you a solution. You shall build a tabernacle. When the tabernacle is built, I can dwell among you through it. With this tabernacle I can dwell among you. Without this tabernacle, you are not worthy of having me with you even if I am willing to dwell among you."

We thank God for His words are so clear. God wants to accept man but man are unworthy so He uses His way to bring man back before Him. What is His way? Build a tabernacle. After the tabernacle is finished then He can dwell among men. But there are conditions for the tabernacle to be built.

First of all, they must be willing for God to dwell among them. At that time, God told the Israelites to bring Him gifts. Brothers and sisters, if you look at the gifts, you will find that some of them were very costly according to the standard at that time while some of them were obviously very lowly. But God did not look at their value but rather whether the Israelites had a willing heart to offer them to God as gifts. Using today's spiritual terms, it is whether we are willing to make offerings. What are we to consecrate? We are to consecrate what we deem most precious in our sight.

Secondly, they must follow the pattern that He showed them. This is the most important point. God said, "Make all things according to the pattern which was shown to you on the mountain." These words were repeated many times in the process of the building of the tabernacle. Every time after a group of construction was mentioned, God used these words as a conclusion. Regardless of what they made, whether big or small, rough or fine, all of them had to be according to the pattern which was shown to them. If they followed this requirement fully in the building process and completed the construction, then God would count the tabernacle as completed. After the tabernacle was completed, He then could dwell among them. Thank the Lord.

Now the question is: What is the tabernacle? What is the function of the tabernacle? It has a great function. It is to reconcile God and man. It is to bring God to man and to bring man back before God. It indeed has a great function. But we must pay attention because we always like to focus on outward matters rather than the reality of God's words. We might think when the tabernacle is built and man's problems are resolved, then it will be easy for us to reconnect to God. Brothers and sisters, we cannot look at it this way. If we look at it this way, we will not be able to see the purpose of God's words. Just as our brother mentioned repeatedly last night, the tabernacle needed to be built and it had its form on earth. But this form was merely to express the form of the true tabernacle. If the tabernacle is not built according to the true tabernacle, we can build it as grand as the Tiananmen Square or the White House but it will not be useful at all. These buildings can be grand and majestic but they do not have any spiritual function.

So God's words were very clear: Make all things according to the pattern which was shown to you on the mountain. Why? This is the most important point we need to focus on regarding the tabernacle. Why is it that the conflicts between God and man can be resolved once the building of the tabernacle is finished? And all the barriers between God and man can be removed? Is the tabernacle so important? Thank God, the tabernacle itself is not very important. If we look at the tabernacle itself we do not find it so wonderful. It is because if you look at the tabernacle from the outside, what do you see? What you see is a tent that is grayish black. Is such a tabernacle so important that it can resolve all problems?

Thank the Lord. It is not what we see outwardly. God told them, "Make all things according to the pattern which was shown to you on the mountain." What did God show Moses? Outwardly, there were to be the forms of different objects. But God wanted Moses and the Israelites to pay attention

to the reality behind the forms of the objects. When we look at the entire tabernacle, whether from outside in or from inside out, you will see one thing: Whether it is a big object like the outward appearance of the tent or a small thing such as a nail, or whether man regards it as important or unimportant, every object speaks of who the Son of God is and what He has done. The tabernacle itself is not of importance.

But it is about the matters that were revealed by the tabernacle. Brothers and sisters, I will not be able to talk about all the objects in the tabernacle one by one. You will need to study the details in your own fellowship after this conference is over. I can only provide you with some examples to point out some important points. When God solemnly said, "Make all things according to the pattern which was shown to you on the mountain", God was giving a complete revelation to Moses regarding the building of the tabernacle.

God used several chapters in the Bible to reveal this to Moses. Brothers and sisters, pay attention to the first thing mentioned. It was the ark. We thank our God. By the order of the objects mentioned in God's revelation, we can see God's heart very clearly. We are going to show some slides of the drawings prepared by Brother Stephen Cheung so brothers and sisters who are not familiar with the tabernacle can have a general idea of what it looks like. This is the inside of the tabernacle. Our brother shared last night about the holy place and the holy of holies. Brothers and sisters, let us not pay attention to the curtain at the door or the veil for the time being; let us pay attention to the objects displayed inside the tabernacle. There are two parts of the tabernacle. In the front there is the holy place, and at the back there is the holy of holies. I will share on the order of the objects that are placed inside the tabernacle. The first object is the ark, which is shown at the top of the drawing. I will not mention the construction of the ark but I will share on the reason God places the ark as the first thing. It tells of God's heart. God said, "I will dwell among you." How does He dwell among the Israelites? How did they know God was in their midst? God told them the ark was the symbol that He was dwelling among them. The ark is the covenant God established with the Israelites, and God used it to tell them He would dwell among them. God has His requirements of His people inside the ark, but God also has His grace on top of the ark to provide for His people. "You follow my requirements and I will give you My grace richly." Brothers and sisters, God's requirements are the Ten Commandments which are placed inside the ark. Even though we cannot see them now, God required of all those who come before Him to satisfy His longing for them. We know we have problems in satisfying God's desire but, God tells us there is a mercy seat on top of the ark which indicates there is fullness of grace. God asks of us and He provides His fullness for us to satisfy His desires. Pay attention that the mercy seat is placed on top of the ark. In other words, no matter how great God's requirement is, the provision of God's grace is just as great and even greater. Therefore the mercy seat is on top of the ark. How could the mercy seat bring forth such grace? If we pay attention, we see that on each side of the ark is a cherub. The eyes of the cherubim are gazing upon the mercy seat. What are they gazing upon? Thank the Lord! When the Lord's words are opened to us, we can see there is the

blood of the Son of God. Wherever the blood of the Son of God is, the grace of God is there abundantly. Praise and thank our God. This is the first object shown to us in the tabernacle. It fully tells of the heart of God toward man. Brothers and sisters, we see this is how God prepares His work among men.

What is the second object? It is the table of showbread. It was mentioned by our brother last night. The next object is the golden lampstand. We thank God. We can see clearly when the grace of God flows down from the mercy seat, He has provisions for those who come before Him so that they can know Him and experience Him. They have the Son of God to take their place in order for them to come before God. Thank the Lord. All those of us who can come into the tabernacle are the ones who have life. But our life must grow. How does our life grow? Thank the Lord. We have the showbread to be our provision. When we grow, we need to follow the way of the Lord. We cannot say, "God, You are a God of honor, but I don't know Your way, and I will go my own way." This is the manifestation of man's nature. But God has given us the light of life on one hand and also on the other hand the Lord said He is the bread from heaven. He is the light of life to illuminate our path so that we will not walk astray. This is a very solemn matter. We thank our Lord that He knows our foolishness and shortcomings, and He provides for us in such a practical way.

In God's revelation, He first spoke of these three objects: the ark, the table of showbread, and the golden lampstand. The fourth object is not inside the holy place. It is in the courtyard. Let us look at another drawing. This is a simple illustration of the whole tabernacle including the courtyard. The exterior is the boundary of the courtyard. Once you enter into the courtyard, what will you immediately encounter? That is the fourth object in God's revelation. It is the altar. Our brother also mentioned this last evening.

I am sharing according to the order in God's revelation which speaks of God's arrangement for man to come before Him according to His will. The order begins with the item that is grandest, most glorious, and most majestic and then the revelation proceeds to the lowliest object. Brothers and sisters, if the order is reversed, does it not reflect the reality of our experience of coming to God's presence? When the glory of God attracts us, we are willing to come before His presence. But how are we able to do this? Without holiness no one shall see the Lord. Those with sin cannot see the Lord. How are we able to come before God's presence? To say the least, we are not even able to draw near to God. Tomorrow we will share on the function of the different objects in the courtyard. Today, I will only give brothers and sisters an idea of the arrangement God made in the tabernacle for the Israelites.

When man comes before God, the first thing that needs to be dealt with is sin. We also have to deal with the matter of life. How can we deal with this matter of life and how do we deal with the

burden of sin? We thank and praise the Lord. According to our experience, at the time we hear the gospel, we take this action of receiving Jesus Christ as our Savior. This is salvation. Where is salvation manifested? It is in the tabernacle and at the altar. When a person is to come before God's presence, first he has to go through the altar and deal with his relationship with God. At the altar, he has to deal thoroughly with any hindrances he has before God. Thank God. After he has passed the altar, then he can enter into the holy place. Once he enters into the holy place, immediately he notices there is no light inside the tabernacle besides the light from the golden lampstand. One would feel that it is very dim inside the tabernacle. But because he already has the experience of the altar, he enters the tabernacle by life because without life one cannot enter the tabernacle. He has this feeling in his life that causes him to want to know the Lord more and to yield to His guidance. This is our spiritual lesson. This is the path we walk on after we are saved.

Even though we may be able to know the Lord a bit more in our knowledge and in our experience, we still feel that our union with the Lord is somehow lacking. We thank the Lord. After we enter into the holy place, we become more mature. We become mature to a point that we can enter into the holy of holies. We can see God face to face. We stand before God according to His will. The reversed order of objects in God's revelation actually illustrates our real experience when we come to Him. Even though we cannot go into details about this, we can see the reason that the grace of God can come upon us and we can enter directly into God's presence is based on who the Son of God is and what He has accomplished. By virtue of His being the Son of God, He has fulfilled what God desires to do. By what He has accomplished, He has opened up the way for us to return to God.

We thank and praise our God. I am only sharing with you according to the order in God's revelation. But if you go back to the actual situation at that time, you will see it is not that simple. We are only looking at God's arrangement based on our understanding. If we return to the situation of the Israelites at that time, we will discover that God wills to dwell among men through the tabernacle but man does not have a way to come before God. It is because only the Levites are allowed to enter into the courtyard, only the priests can enter the holy place, and only the high priest can enter into the holy of holies. The rest of the people can only stay outside of God's glorious plan. We thank God. Even though the people are outside the courtyard, God shows us the Levites represent the twelve tribes of Israel to draw near to God; the priests also represent the twelve tribes to draw even closer to God. The high priest carries the entire Israel to come into God's presence. We thank and praise God. Even though man's foolishness puts a barrier between God and man, in God's heart He desires one day this barrier will be completely torn away and the people will be able to come into His presence without the Levites or the high priest. This is God's will.

Brothers and sisters, take note of how in this arrangement the Israelites were able to have God among them without any worries. From what was visible, it was the tabernacle. From the reality of the tabernacle, it was God's Son and what He has accomplished. Last evening, our brother

shared with us repeatedly that we need to pay attention to what God has already accomplished. We are to enjoy what God has already accomplished.

In summary, there are several areas we need to pay attention to. Forgive me as I am not able to share with you each and every detail concerning the tabernacle. But from a few very important matters we can understand God's heart. First of all, why must the building of the tabernacle follow the pattern shown by God? It is because we cannot misrepresent who the Lord is and what He has done. On the point of following the pattern on the mountain, I was reminded of our brother's sharing on church history. As long as it concerns the execution of God's will, Satan wants to repeat what he once did in the garden of Eden. But because of what the Son of God has accomplished, Satan can no longer cause the same kind of havoc. What is the fundamental reason? Our Lord has resurrected from death and has brought to an end all the power of darkness. Even though Satan wants to disrupt what our Lord is doing, God will surely do His recovery work and bring everything back to His original purpose.

Therefore, when we look at church history, we can see the so-called church has gone astray and has become a religion. Man may call it "church" but God calls it "religion". How about nowadays? Has this condition disappeared? It has not. And it has taken up many forms of activities and has almost covered up what the Lord has done. Today, we need to see the principle revealed to us by the tabernacle and not to pay attention to man's doctrine. For example, mega churches are very popular today, and they seem good outwardly. But when we return to God's word, do you find Christ and His cross in these churches? Or, do we just see man's wisdom, cleverness, abilities, and organizational skills in them? You can find many things that are of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil there, but it is difficult to find the fruit of the tree of life. Therefore, when we look at the revelation in the Old Testament, we need to understand the meaning in all the great and small things in the tabernacle.

More importantly, we must see the premise of the entire tabernacle. To summarize, the first thing we encounter in the revelation of the tabernacle is God's will. What has God willed? He is to dwell among men. Thank and praise our Lord. Is this the only time God speaks these words to His people? It seems that way. But when we come to the end of the Book of Revelation, we find these words: The tabernacle of God is among men. This is the theme of this conference. This is God's will. His will did not begin at the time of the tabernacle. His will began with the creation of man. When God commanded the Israelites to build the tabernacle, the principle was revealed. At the end of the Book of Revelation, God said, "It is done."

We thank and praise our God. Not only do we see God's will, but we also see God's provision. When we look at all the objects in the tabernacle, we see the spiritual reality represented by them. They are God's provisions. If it is not for God's provisions, how can we approach the altar? Without God's provisions, how can our life mature? How are we able to see the way? How are we able to be filled within so that we can finish the course of following the Lord? We can see all

the things in the tabernacle are God's provisions. God has prepared such grace, compassion, and companionship so that He will lead us through whatever circumstances we face when we walk on this earth. It is because He has prepared all kinds of abundance.

We thank our Lord even more because not only has He willed and provided for us, He has also removed all our obstacles. He removes obstacles for us not just by changing our external environment, but also by giving us the Holy Spirit so we can follow His guidance and live in His life. According to the government and guidance of life, we can continue to go forward. We thank the Lord, because in His abundant grace, He has shown us how He is to bring us back before Him through the revelation of the tabernacle. He has also shown us how He is to come and dwell in our midst so that there is no longer any barrier between Him and us. These are all based on God's words: Christ and His cross.

There is one point I omitted. I will briefly mention it now and will continue to share next time. In the revelation of all the objects, the ark, the table of showbread, the lampstand and the altar, what do we see when they are connected together? It is the cross. You can see it very clearly. This brings us to today's conclusion. What is the principle revelation of the tabernacle? Christ and His cross. Thank and praise our Lord. We have all forsaken and rebelled against God, but God has brought us back before His presence. We have done nothing. We can see this very clearly when we look back. It is different from what religions tell us: Do this and do that and you will be fine. Our experiences tell us we can do this and that but in the end there is nothing we can do well. How can we do well? It is the Lord who does all for us. He stands in our place and brings us back before God. Thank the Lord. This is the most important revelation of the tabernacle. We can return to God's original purpose and God's tabernacle can be among men at the end. We give all the glory, honor, adoration, praises, and thanksgiving back to Him.

Let us pray.

Lord, whenever You open up Your heart's desire to us, the revelation is so abundant that we cannot fully understand it. But we thank You for You have given us the spirit of wisdom and revelation. Lord, please lead us into the light of Your words. Lead us into the glory and beauty of Your work. We thank You Lord, for You have not withheld anything good from us. May You teach us so we do not follow You for our own interests, but we follow You because of Your will. Your will is to dwell among us and that we abide in You. May You deliver us from all kinds of ignorance so that what You will to do in us can be accomplished. Lord, You said that nothing is impossible with You. Therefore, we put ourselves in You with confidence. According to Your will, Lord, lead us step by step to go into Your most glorious will. All glory, praises, thanksgiving and love be Yours. We look to You and we pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.