

SABBATH, April 26th.—LESSON IV.—The Tabernacle Set Up.—Exod. xl. 17-30.

Leader. **Ex. 17.** And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.

School. **Ex. 18.** And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

L. Ex. 19. And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the Lord commanded Moses.

S. 20. And he took up and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark:

L. 21. And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the Lord commanded Moses

S. 22. And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil.

L. 23. And he set the bread in order upon it before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses.

S. 24. And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

L. 25. And he lighted the lamps before the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses.

S. 26. And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the veil:

L. 27. And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the Lord commanded Moses.

S. 28. And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle.

L. 29. And he put the altar of burnt-offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meat-offering; as the Lord commanded Moses.

S. 30. And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal.

TOPIC—God Dwelling with Man.

Golden Text—How amiable are thy tabernacles,
O Lord of hosts! Psa. lxxxiv. 1.

OUTLINE:

I. THE TABERNAACLE SET UP, v. 17-19; Exod. xxxvi. 20-34; 1 Kings vi. 11-14; Isa. xxxiii. 20; Rev. xxi. 3.

II. THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, v. 20, 21; Exod. xxxvii. 6-9; 1 Kings viii. 6-9; Matt. xxvii. 51; Heb. vi. 19; x. 19, 20.

III. THE TABLE IN THE TENT, v. 22, 23; Exod. xxxvii. 10-16; xxv. 30; Matt. xii. 4; xxvi. 20; John vi. 35, 63, 57.

IV. THE CANDLESTICK OVER AGAINST THE TABLE, v. 24, 25; Exod. xxxvii. 17-24; Psa. cxix. 166; John i. 4, 5, 9; viii. 12; Rev. xiii. 5.

V. THE GOLDEN ALTAR BEFORE THE VEIL, v. 26, 27; Exod. xxxvii. 25-28; Lev. xvi. 12; Deut. xxxiii. 10; Heb. x. 19, 20; Rev. viii. 4.

VI. THE ALTAR OF BURST-OFFERING, v. 29; Exod. xxxviii. 1-7; Heb. ix. 12-14; xiii. 10-12.

VII. THE LAVER BETWEEN THE TENT AND THE ALTAR, v. 30; Exod. xxx. 18-21; 2 Kings v. 10; John xiii. 5-9.

QUESTIONS, etc.—Recite TITLE, TOPIC, GOLDEN TEXT, SELECTED VERSES, and OUTLINE.

1. The Tabernacle Set Up.—Who had given the pattern and directions for the tabernacle? Exod. xxxix. 42, 43.

By what other names was it known?

[ANS. "Tent of the Testimony," Num. ix. 15; "Tabernacle of Witness," Num. xvii. 7; "House of the Lord," Josh. vi. 24.]

How were the materials furnished? Exod. xxxvi. 3-5. Of what was it made? Exod. xxxvi. 20.

Describe the coverings? How many? Of what made? Exod. xxxvi. 8, 14, 19.

Why was it thus made?

[ANS. That it might be easily set up and taken down during the journey of the Israelites.]

How was the tabernacle divided?

[ANS. By a curtain or veil, into two portions or rooms: 1. "The Holy Place," or first apartment, containing the altar of incense, table of show-bread, and golden candlestick; 2. "The Holy of Holies," or inner room, containing the "ark and mercy-seat."]]

2. The Ark of the Covenant.—Why was it called the ark of the covenant?

What did it contain besides the "law"? Heb. ix. 4.

What was the covering of the ark called? Exod. xxv. 21.

Home Readings.

M. Exod. xl. 17-30.

Tu. Exod. xl. 31-38.

W. Heb. viii. 1-6.

Th. Psa. lxxxiv.

F. Exod. xxvi. 1-14.

S. Psa. l. 1-15.

S. Exod. xxix. 36-44.

What was the "mercy-seat"?

[ANS. The place of God's visible presence to the high priest. Psa. lxxx. 1; Exod. xxx. 6.]

What provision has God made for our approach to him? Heb. x. 19, 20; iv. 16.

What separated the "mercy-seat" from the holy place? Exod. xxxi. 33.

Who has broken down this veil, that all may have access to the "mercy-seat"? Heb. x. 20.

3. The Table in the Tent.—Describe the table of show-bread? Exod. xxv. 23-30.

What was placed upon this table? Lev. xxiv. 5, 6.

Who alone were to eat it? Lev. xxiv. 9.

What is said of the "bread of life" in John vi. 35?

4. The Candlestick over against the Table.—Of what was the candlestick made? Exod. xxv. 31.

How many lamps were upon it?

How long were they burning? Lev. xxiv. 2.

5. The Golden Altar before the Veil.—What is the golden altar before the veil called? Exod. xxxi. 8.

How often was incense burned upon it?

6. The Altar of Burnt-offering.—Where was the "altar of burnt-offering" placed?

What offerings were placed upon it?

7. The Laver between the Tent and the Altar.—Where was the "laver" placed? What was its use?

How may we be made "clean"? 1 John 1, 7.

Where, in this lesson are we taught—

1. That God's presence is the glory of the Church?

2. That we have a mercy-seat, open to all?

3. That the way to the Father is through the blood of Christ?

4. That where Christ is, there is a throne of grace?

5. That God dwells with his people?

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

23. What is faith, in general?

Faith, in general, is a conviction of the truth and reality of those things of which God hath told us in the Bible.

Hebrews xi. 1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.