

# Measurements of the Pattern

**TEXT: Exod. 25:40**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MEASUREMENTS, PATTERNS.
  - 1. Time, Speed Limit, Distance.
  - 2. Dress Patterns, Recipes, Blue Prints.
- B. PATTERNS **VITAL**, THOUGH WE OFTEN TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED.

## **I. PATTERNS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

- A. GOD-GIVEN MEASUREMENTS.
  - 1. The **Ark**( **Gen. 6:13-16** ). 300x50x30 cubits. Gopher wood. 1 window. Specified measurements limited Noah.
  - 2. **Tabernacle**( **Ex. 25-27** ). According to the pattern( **Acts 7:44; Heb. 8:5** ).
  - 3. Solomon's **Temple**( **1 Chron. 28:11-19** ). "All the works of this pattern..."
  - 4. **Ezekial's Temple**( **Ez. 40:2-4; 43:6-12** ). The **church**.( **Eph. 2:19-22** ).
    - a. Measure the house so that they may know their sins( **Ez. 43:9** ).
    - b. Law of the House( **vs. 12** ). **Holiness** and conduct measured.
- B. DO THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE PATTERN MATTER?
  - 1. Noah received grace( **Gen. 6:8, 22** ). Followed the pattern( **vs. 22** ).
  - 2. Israel enjoyed God's presence( **Ex. 25:8; 29:44-46; 40:34-45** ).
  - 3. Solomon( **2 Chron. 7:12-16** ). Sacrifices acceptable.
  - 4. **Ez. 42:15-20; 43:10-12**. Holiness of God's People is Secured.

## **II. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT( Rom. 15:4 ).**

- A. HAS GOD GIVEN A PATTERN?
  - 1. **Rule**( **Phil. 3:16; Gal. 6:16** ). **kanon**- "a measuring rod, a rule,.. any rule or standard, a principle or law of investigating, judging, living, acting"( **Thayer** ).
  - 2. **Form**( **Rom. 6:17** ). **tupos**- "4 an example: a) in the technical sense, the pattern in conformity to which a thing must be made"( **Thayer** ).
  - 3. **Pattern**( **2 Tim. 1:13** ). **hupotuposis**- "an example, a pattern"( **Thayer** ).
- B. IS THE PATTERN IMPORTANT?
  - 1. **Heb. 8:5**. Typology.
  - 2. **2 Tim. 1:13**. Hold the pattern.
  - 3. What we are talking about is **AUTHORITY**( **Col. 3:17; 2 John 9** ).
- C. DOES THE PATTERN CHANGE?( **Jude 3; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12** ).
- D. IS ANYTHING MISSING?( **2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17** ).

## **III. ARE STUDIES IN THE PATTERN IMPORTANT?**

- A. SOME ARE JUST NOT INFORMED, HAVE NOT THOUGHT.
- B. SOME AREN'T MATURE ENOUGH TO APPRECIATE. "IT'S BORING."
- C. THE HERETIC DESCRIBE SUCH A STUDY AS IRRELEVANT, BECAUSE THEY SEE IT AS AN IMPEDIMENT. See quotes on New Hermeneutic.

## **IV. WE MUST RESPECT AND OBEY GOD'S MEASUREMENTS.**

- A. PLAN OF SALVATION( **Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38** ).
- B. TRUE WORSHIP( **Matt. 15:7-9; John 4:24** ).
- C. ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF THE CHURCH( **Heb. 8:5; Phil. 1:1** ).
- D. MORALITY( **Titus 2:11-12; Judges 21:25; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1** )..

E. FELLOWSHIP( **2 John 9-11; Eph. 5:11** ).

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE PATTERN GIVEN US IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.
- B. OUR SOULS ARE TOO PRECIOUS.