

Four Reasons to Go Beyond the Tabernacle of David

For more than fifty years, the tabernacle of David has been the standard form of worship for churches across many denominations and streams, and it has positioned us for what God wants do next.

God is sending forth from heaven a sound that is moving us toward His plans.

Revelation 21:3 (NKJV):

“And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.’”

One key element in the tabernacle of David was the prophetic element. The essence of the prophetic is expressing the heart and mind of God. Prophetic voices should lead to the heart of God.

Transformational worship is that which changes the believer or the worshiper on a personal level (2 Cor. 3:18). Then worship is reflected in the songs we sing.

Transitional worship is that which changes the church on the kingdom level; it transitions us to a new dimension. From Moses’ tabernacle to David’s tabernacle and now to God’s tabernacle.

Zechariah 12:7-8 (NKJV):

“The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah. In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.”

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1. To stay in line with plans of God.

Whenever God changed the worship in the kingdom, He would send forth a message that the prophets would speak and the psalmist would sing about. The artisans would create new things and the people would worship with a new expectation (Ex. 35:10, 1 Chron. 22).

2. To realign our focus from David to God.

David taught us to worship God in powerful ways but he didn't want us to stop at the ways of worship. When we change our focus, we position ourselves for new revelation. We have a new starting point to go from. We are now beholding the image of God and are being transformed into that same image (2 Cor. 3:18).

3. To broaden our understanding of the glory of God.

The tabernacles of Moses and David focused on the glory of God though tabernacle, tent and temple. The tabernacle of God is coming to us; a city where the glory of God replaces the sun, moon and the temple, for the Lamb is its light and temple.

4. To see the heart of God toward us.

Previous tabernacles pointed toward the promises of God and toward God. The tabernacle of God shows God coming to us. God Himself will be with us and be our God.

To go beyond the tabernacle of David is to honor the tabernacle of David, because Jesus is the tabernacle of David fulfilled (Acts 15:16).

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