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- What do we learn from the tabernacle/priestly system?
  - We learn **WHERE** Israel was to worship God.
  - We learn **HOW** Israel was to worship God.
  - We learn **WHY** Israel was to worship God.
  - We learn in **WHAT WAY** Israel was changed by their worship of God.

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  - Directed by God according to a **pattern** (Ex 25.9).
  - Described as a “tent of **meeting**” (Ex 40.2, 5, Lev 17.4).
  - **Anointed** and thus **holy** (Ex 40.9, Lev 8.10, 15.31, 26.11).
  - **Filled** by the **glory of the Lord** (Ex 40.34ff)
  - **Guided** by the Lord (Ex 40.36, Num 1.50ff)

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  - **Only God** is holy/“**glorious in holiness**” (Ex 15.11)
  - Wherever God “**is**” is holy (Ex 3.5).
  - What God **declares** to be holy **is** holy ...
    - **sabbath** (days - Ex 16.23, 20.8, 11)
    - **nation** (people - Ex 19.6)
    - **tabernacle** (place - Ex 26.33-34, 28.29, 35, 43)

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  - **everything** about the tabernacle/sacrificial order was:
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- In what way does the tabernacle system relate to us today?
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  - We learn **WHY WE** are to worship God.
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