

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Studies in the Old Testament Tabernacle - #03

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Text: Exo. 27:1-8; 38:1-5; 29:10-18

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THE BLOOD DRENCHED WAY

INTRODUCTION Now that the courtyard of the great Tabernacle structure has been declared, we go to the eastern gate, the only gateway into the presence of God. However every Israelite could not enter, except one came with God's prescribed admission ticket which was to bring a living offering as a sacrifice to cover their sins before a holy righteous God. For before the worshipper was the Brazen Altar, where God demanded a death to substitute and cover the sinner's sins. The Bible declares the wages of sin is death, and the Brazen Altar was forever the key to communion and fellowship with God. Let's look now at...

I. The Structural Workings of the Brass Altar

- A) The Prescription — *“The construction of the altar for sacrifice”*
- B) The Prominence — *“This altar confronted all who entered”*
- C) The Presentation — *“A place of offering and public confession”*

II. The Salvation Wrought at the Brass Altar

- A) Its Sacrifice — *“An innocent life is slain and burned to death”*
- B) Its Significance — *“A propitiation offered in the sinner's place”*
- C) Its Symbolism — *“The wages of sin is temporarily satisfied”*

CONCLUSION: Imagine if you will what the Israelites saw at the gate to God. There, the smoke arose of animals burned in that huge altar as this went on morning and evening, day after day except for the Sabbath. Inside the Tabernacle walls, a holy God was willing to accept the sinner only on condition of the blood-death of a living creature. This alone assuaged God's wrath from falling upon anyone who dared enter God's presence with their sins un-atoned for. Thanks be to God we today do not have to enter this blood-drenched way -- for God Himself, once-for-all slew His Son, whose infinite life covers the sins of the world. Have you entered God's presence by accepting Christ as your life sacrifice? There is no other way.

TEXT FOR MESSAGE

*The New International Version and
the New Living Translation*

Exo 27:1-8 (NLT) ""Using acacia wood, make a square altar 7 1/2 feet wide, 7 1/2 feet long, and 4 1/2 feet high. 2 Make a horn at each of the four corners of the altar so the horns and altar are all one piece. Overlay the altar and its horns with bronze. 3 The ash buckets, shovels, basins, meat hooks, and firepans will all be made of bronze. 4 Make a bronze grating, with a metal ring at each corner. 5 Fit the grating halfway down into the firebox, resting it on the ledge built there. 6 For moving the altar, make poles from acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. 7 To carry it, put the poles into the rings at two sides of the altar. 8 The altar must be hollow, made from planks. Be careful to build it just as you were shown on the mountain."

Exo 38:1-5 (NLT) "The altar for burning animal sacrifices also was constructed of acacia wood. It was 7 1/2 feet square at the top and 4 1/2 feet high. 2 There were four horns, one at each of the four corners, all of one piece with the rest. This altar was overlaid with bronze. 3 Then he made all the bronze utensils to be used with the altar--the ash buckets, shovels, basins, meat hooks, and firepans. 4 Next he made a bronze grating that rested on a ledge about halfway down into the firebox. 5 Four rings were cast for each side of the grating to support the carrying poles."

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Exo 29:10-18 (NIV) ""Bring the bull to the front of the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head. 11 Slaughter it in the Lord's presence at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 12 Take some of the bull's blood and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar. 13 Then take all the fat around the inner parts, the covering of the liver, and both kidneys with the fat on them, and burn them on the altar. 14 But burn the bull's flesh and its hide and its offal outside the camp. It is a sin offering. 15 "Take one of the rams, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head. 16 Slaughter it and take the blood and sprinkle it against the altar on all sides. 17 Cut the ram into pieces and wash the inner parts and the legs, putting them with the head and the other pieces. 18 Then burn the entire ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the LORD, a pleasing aroma, an offering made to the LORD by fire."