

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Studies in the Old Testament Tabernacle - #04

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Text: Exo. 30:17-21; 38:8; 40:7

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THE BRAZEN BASIN OF CLEANSING

INTRODUCTION The second piece of furniture God directed Moses and the people of Israel to build was an object called the “bronze Basin.” This was a huge bowl-like object of mirrored bronze with an upper basin and an under basin. The pure water from the top was released to fall into the bottom one that washed the dirt of the desert away before the priest could enter the Tabernacle. What purpose and meaning did this have for Israel and for us today? Let’s look now at...

I. The Strategic Position of the Bronze Basin

- A) Its Specifications — *“Large enough to cleanse all the priests”*
- B) Its Significance — *“To continually cleanse the dirt of the priests”*

II. The Sanctifying Provision of the Bronze Basin

- A) Its Purification — *“The priests saw themselves and their need”*
- B) Its Privilege — *“It prepared them for fellowship with God”*

CONCLUSION: As believer-priests today we have been justified and sanctified, but we are not ready to offer worship and service to the Lord. Like the priests of old, their daily work caused the dirt of their world to coat them. God demanded cleansing. We who have the greatest privilege of all — to have direct access into the presence of God (Heb. 10:19-22), must also seek cleansing before we fellowship and serve God. Do you realize the importance of doing this, if we are to have God’s blessings and privileges of true fellowship, and divinely blessed ministry? May God lead us all to seek the cleansing forgiveness of sins, daily at the throne of God’s grace through confession and prayer.

TEXT FOR MESSAGE

The New International Version

Exodus 30:17–21 (NIV) — 17 Then the LORD said to Moses, 18 “Make a bronze basin, with its bronze stand, for washing. Place it between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it. 19 Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet with water from it. 20 Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die. Also, when they approach the altar to minister by presenting an offering made to the LORD by fire, 21 they shall wash their hands and feet so that they will not die. This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants for the generations to come.”

Exodus 38:8 (NIV) — 8 They made the bronze basin and its bronze stand from the mirrors of the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

Exodus 40:7 (NIV) — 7 place the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it.