

THE TABERNACLE #3
THE BRASEN ALTAR – PART #1
Exodus 27:1-8

Intro: I. There were seven pieces of furniture in the Outer-court and Tabernacle
We will study the seven pieces of furniture in the next seven lessons
A. The first piece, as you enter the outer-court, was the Brazen Altar

I. The Person of the Altar

- A. The Altar is a picture of Christ – Picture of Calvary
 - 1. The Way of the Cross Leads Home
- B. Blood was shed on the Altar
 - 1. Christ shed His blood on the Cross of Calvary
 - 2. [Hebrews 10:1-10](#) (Explains the Picture)

II. The Pattern of the Altar ([Exodus 27:1-8](#)).

- A. The Measurements of the Altar
 - 1. 5 Cubits long by 5 Cubits wide (5 cubits square)
 - A. "5" is the Bible number of "Grace."
 - 2. The "square" of five: $5 \times 5 = 25$
 - A. 25 is the Bible number for "Grace upon Grace."
 - 3. The height of the altar was 3 Cubits
 - A. "3" is the Bible number for Deity!
 - B. Father – Son – Holy Spirit
 - 4. The measurements together speak of "Divine Grace upon Grace!"
 - 5. The Altar was the tallest piece of furniture in the Tabernacle.
 - A. The Sacrifice was "lifted up" to be placed on the altar
 - B. Moses "lifted up" the Serpent ([Numbers 21:9](#))
 - 6. Picture of Christ
 - A. [John 12:32](#)
 - B. [John 3:14](#)
- B. The Material of the Altar ([Exodus 27:1](#)).
 - 1. Acacia Wood – wood is a picture of "humanity." ([Psalms 1:1](#))
 - 1. Jesus was "A root out of dry ground." ([Isaiah 53:2](#))
 - a. Sinless in his human nature ([Hebrews 4:15 & 7:26](#)).
 - 2. Acacia wood was indestructible! – Speaks of Christ
 - a. He withstood the fire of crucifixion ([John 10:18](#))
 - b. He withstood the decaying effect of the grave ([Acts 2:31](#))
 - c. His body was resurrected in victory ([Matthew 28:5-6](#))
 - 2. Wood was covered with Brass ([Exodus 27:3-6](#)).
 - 1. Brass, in Scripture, always judgment
 - 2. Pictures "Humanity" – covered with "judgment."
 - 3. Divine judgment!
 - 3. $5 \times 5 =$ Divine Grace
 - 4. Wood + Brass – Divine Judgment
Together they picture: Mercy of God over-riding the Judgment of God)
Mercy ALWAYS over-rides Judgment!
- C. The Mounted Horns ([Exodus 27:2](#))
 - 1. Horns always speak of "Power."
 - a. Little horn – Anti Christ ([Daniel 7:8](#))
 - b. Exalt the Horn – [I Samuel 2:10](#)

- c. Christ – [Revelation 5:6](#) (7 horns – perfect power!)
- d. Paul said, [Romans 1:16](#) – “... the POWER of God to salvation...”
- 2. Mounted on the "four corners" of the Altar.
 - a. "Four" speaks of "The creative act of God."
 - 1. Four corners of the earth
 - 2. Four points of the compass
 - 3. Four seasons
- 3. The picture is that the "Gospel" is for the "four corners of the earth."
 - a. This pictures Christ's work in the New Testament
 - b. Red – Yellow – Black – White – They are precious in His sight!

THE BRAZEN ALTAR – PART #2

III. The Position of the Altar ([Exodus 29:11-12](#))

- A. It was located at the entrance to the "outer-court." ([Exodus 40:6](#))
- B. There was no other way to enter the Tabernacle
 - 1. Christ is the Door ([John 10:1,7 & 9](#))
- C. Anyone trying to enter another way is a thief and a robber ([John 10:1](#))
- D. A person can do many of good things
 - 1. Give – pray – serve –
 - 2. Worthless if you do not come in by the door! – By the Blood!
- E. Today – Many are taking the word "Blood" out of songs!

IV. The Purpose of the Altar ([Exodus 29:13-14](#))

- A. It is the place where a "sin offering" was made.
 - 1. You have a problem – I have a problem - IT IS “SIN.”
 - 2. [Lev. 17:11](#) – Without the shedding of blood – **NO REMISSION OF SIN**
- B. What is we announced that in the White House – or, in the Congress?
 - 1. The problem in the United States today is a sin problem.
 - 2. The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked ([Jeremiah 17:9](#))
- C. Fire on the altar ([Lev. 9:24](#))
 - 1. Came from God in the beginning
 - 2. Was to ever be burning – continually! ([Lev. 6:12-13](#))

V. The Picture from the Altar.

- A. The Old Testament Picture
 - 1. Wood – Speaks of "Sinful man"
 - 2. Brass – Speaks of the Judgment of God coving sinful man.
 - 3. Blood poured out at the foot of the Altar ([Exodus 29:12](#))
 - a. Speaks of their sins being "covered."
- B. The New Testament Picture
 - 1. Wood – Speaks of the "Humanity of Jesus."
 - a. [II Corinthians 5:21](#) "Made to be sin for us..."
 - 2. Brass – Speaks of the judgment Christ suffered for our sins
 - a. “My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?” ([Matthew 27:45-46](#))
 - 3. Christ poured out his blood at the foot of the cross
 - a. [John 19:33-34](#)
 - b. [Hebrews 9:12-15](#)
 - 4. A great deal of Hebrews is referring to the Tabernacle.
 - 5. We are "made the righteousness of God." ([II Corinthians 5:21](#)).

V. Who Crucified Jesus?

- A. Jews – Romans – You – Me -- - “All” must be answered to that question.
 - 1. That is “pictured” even though “all” were not present at the cross.
- B. God crucified Jesus – His only Son
 - 1. **Isaiah 53:10 – It please God to bruise Him!**
- C. God crucified Him because of you and me

**WE SHOULD LOVE HIM – IF FOR NO OTHER REASON
THIS IS SUFFICIENT**

VI. The Sacrifice that God requires from Believers (Romans 12:1-2)

A. LIVING SACRIFICE

- 1. Holy
 - 2. Acceptable to God
 - 2. Without spot or blemish
 - a. Said 39 times of the sacrifice in Old Testament
 - b. Said of Christ in New Testament (**I Peter 1:19**)
 - c. Expected of believers in New Testament (**II Peter 3:14**)
- B. Galatians 2:20**
- 1. “...nevertheless I LIVE”

WE ARE TO LIVE AND BREATHE FOR GOD'S GLORY
John 10:29