

Lesson Three: How to Get Forgiveness of Your Sin  
(The Brazen Altar)

Text: Exodus 27:1-8 "And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. 2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass. 3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basins, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass. 4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brazen rings in the four corners thereof. 5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. 6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass. 7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it. 8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was showed thee in the mount, so shall they make it."

**I. The Altar** - Exodus 27:1 "You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar shall be square; and its height shall be three cubits."

1 Cor 2:2 "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

A. Dimensions - 5 Cubits long & 5 Cubits wide & 3 Cubits tall = 7'6" X 7'6" X 4'6"

B. Design - Perfectly square with horns protruding from all four corners. With a grate on the inside hanging midway up from the ground. With two rings on each side of the altar to receive the poles of shittim wood covered with bronze which pass through the ring with which to carry the brazen altar. Exodus 29:10-12 "And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock. 11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and **put it upon the horns of the altar** with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar."

Lev 8:15 "And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it."

C. Material - Shittim wood covered by bronze.

**II. The Accessories** - Exodus 27:3 "And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basins, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass."

A. Ash pans - used to carry out the ashes. Leviticus 6:8-13 "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. 10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a **clean place**. 12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings. 13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out."

B. Shovels - used for picking up the ashes and tending the fire.

C. Basins - to hold the blood of the sacrificial animal.

D. Fleshhooks - were for keeping the sacrifice in the middle of the fire so it could be totally consumed.

E. Firepans or (censers) - were used to carry fire from the brazen altar to the altar of incense in the Holy Place. Leviticus 10:1-3 "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. 2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. 3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace."

The all important spiritual truth taught by the brazen altar is found in:

Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

Hebrews 9:22 "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

### III. The Application -

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1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Based on this study, what do you believe God would have you learn from the brazen altar that you can apply to your daily life? \_\_\_\_\_

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