

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

Text: Exodus 27:1-8;

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 Corinthians 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; Leviticus 8:15;

C. Material - Shittim wood covered by bronze.

II. The Accessories - Exodus 27:3;

A. Ash pans - used to carry out the ashes. Leviticus 6:8-13;

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.

ILL. 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 -

Leviticus 6:12-13;

1 John 1:9;