

Exodus 27

God dwelling with man

I. Altar of Burnt Offering: The Killing Place



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. 2 You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with bronze.

- **Altar:** heb. miz·bā'·akh.
 1. From root to slaughter, kill, sacrifice, Lit. slaughter for sacrifice
 2. 7.5' Square x 4.5' High with **4 Horns**
 3. **Overlaid with bronze:** Always speaks of judgment

Remember...Tabernacle described from inside out
Moving from *Person of Christ* outward to *Work of Christ*

4. Inside the Holy Place/Most Holy Place: Person of Jesus; i.e. **Holy/ Merciful**
5. Outside the Tent: Work of Christ; i.e. **Sacrifice and Judgment**

- **Bronze Altar speaks of Judgment**
- Judgment will be exacted our sin one two ways
 1. We will pay for our sin forever in lake of fire
 2. Jesus will/did pay for our sin on the cross

Revelation 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the **lake of fire** and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **tormented day and night forever** and ever...**15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- **Not annihilation...** condemned to hell forever

Matthew 25:46 [Goats] will go away into **everlasting punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life."

- Good News

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever

believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- Altar of Burnt Offering speaks of the *work of Jesus*: Sacrifice and Judgment
- **Altar:** Literally "killing place": For believers it is the Cross of Jesus
 1. Place where Jesus died
 2. Place where we come and die to self and live unto God
- **4 Horns or Bronze Altar:**
 1. Extend out of 4 Corners as if beckoning sinners to come and repent
 2. **Horns:** heb. "*to shine*" or "*to send out rays*"
- **Jesus open arms extend to us:**
 1. Beckoning sinners repent
 2. Be forgiven/become complete/ be healed/find rest

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Choice: Jesus will take your judgment by His sacrifice or He will be your Judge

- Bronze Altar speaks of Jesus work of sacrifice and judgment

3 Also you shall make its pans to receive its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze. 4 You shall make a grate for it, a network of bronze; and on the network you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners. 5 You shall put it under the rim of the altar beneath, that the network may be midway up the altar. 6 And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. 7 The poles shall be put in the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar to bear it.

- Instruments used to prepare/maintain sacrificial offering
 1. Pans, Shovels, Forks for ashes
 2. **Grate:** Ashes fall through
 3. Poles and Rings to carry as God leads by smoke and fire

8 You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was **shown you** on the mountain, so shall they make it.

- **"Specific" Blueprints from Creator**
 1. Jesus did only what He specifically saw His Father doing
 2. We are to walk in "specific" good works prepared for us

SUMMARY Altar of Burnt Offering: Speaks of sacrifice/judgment. All taken care of by Jesus

II. Court of the Tabernacle: Place for the common to Worship



9 "You shall also make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side there shall be hangings for the court made of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long for one side. 10 And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets shall be bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be silver. 11 Likewise along the length of the north side there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long, with its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver. 12 "And along the width of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits, with their ten pillars and their ten sockets. 13 The width of the court on the east side shall be fifty cubits. 14 The hangings on one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets. 15 And on the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

- **Courtyard enclosure**
- **Linen fence:** Hanging of fine linen by Spirit filled craftsmen
 1. **Blue:** Color of the heavens where Jesus came from speaks of His deity
 2. **Scarlet:** Color blood/ sacrifice speaks of His humanity in shedding His blood
 3. **Purple:** Blending of two colors speaks of Jesus the God Man and Royalty

White fence/barricade/barrier **separated** those on the outside from those on inside

Matthew 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. [Every person is either in or out]

- 150' Long on either side and 75' wide at either end
- Pillars and Sockets
- Hooks and Bands of **Silver**

Silver (a metal illustrating redemption) was the foundation for the tent of meeting. It was also the top - the most visible part - of the pillars surrounding the courtyard. But the courtyard fence hung on a foundation of refined bronze - the judgment Jesus took in our place. [Guzic]

16 "For the gate of the court there shall be a screen twenty cubits long, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It shall have four pillars and four sockets. 17 All the pillars around

the court shall have bands of silver; their hooks shall be of silver and their sockets of bronze.

- **Entrance to Tabernacle Courtyard**

1. Gate made up of a screen 30' long
2. Made by a Spirit filled weaver

Not a Coincidence the Gate of the Court was on the East Side.

Gate of the Millennial Temple that Jesus will enter will be on the East side

Ezekiel 44:1 [Read] Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces toward the east, but it was shut. 2 And the Lord said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because the Lord God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut. 3 As for the prince, because he is the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way."

- **Future Vision:** The Lord God of Israel [Jesus] will enter future Temple's East Gate

Psalms 24:7 [Read] Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

- The Son will arise in the East to take His throne...

Malachi 4:1 [Read] "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the Lord of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

- East Gate of Tabernacle a precursor to East Gate of Millennial Temple

18 The length of the court shall be one hundred cubits, the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits, made of fine woven linen, and its sockets of bronze. 19 All the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, shall be of bronze.

- Linen Fence surrounding Court of the Tabernacle
 1. 150' x 75' x **7.5' high**
 2. Bronze sockets, utensils, and pegs

SUMMARY Court of the Tabernacle: Where the common people praised God

- **Psalms speak of...**

1. Dwelling in the court of God
2. Fainting to enter the courts of God
3. Better than being anywhere else
4. Flourishing in the courts of God
5. Giving glory, praise, thanksgiving in the courts of God

Psalm 141:2 Lord, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. 2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

- Place for the common people to meet with their Creator

1 Corinthians 1:26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— 31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

- **Chosen?** Don't be prideful for God chooses the...
 1. Base things
 2. Despised things
 3. He chooses those who are nothing that He might make something beautiful

We the common people can only say...“**He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.**”

III. Care of the Lampstand: Filled and Trimmed



20 “And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually.

- **Golden Lampstand:** Lord brings us back into the Holy Place
- **NOTE:** Oil filled olives pressed not crushed...**like us:**

2 Corinthians 4:8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed

- Need continual filling with oil to stay lit; keep the holy fire burning

Ephesians 5:17 ...do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do

not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit

- **Filled:** Lit. *Continually filled* and being filled. Make full. To fill to the full continually

In order to be filled we must be emptied

Philippians 2:5 [NASB] Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- To be filled with God... we must be emptied of ourselves; self-life
 1. Selfishness
 2. Self-absorption
 3. Self-indulgence
 4. Self-justification
 5. Self-pity
 6. Self-will
 7. Self-reliance
 8. Self-assurance
 9. Self-advocacy
 10. Self-advancement
 11. Self-esteem?
- Must be emptied to be filled

21 In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which is before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the Lord. It shall be a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.

- **Tending the Lamp:** Filling and trimming done by Priests; Aaron and sons
- **Trimming the wick gives more Light...**

We are the Light of the world and sometimes need to be trimmed in order to shine

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears **fruit He prunes**, that it may bear more fruit.

- Taking off the dead stuff [self-life] for new growth **hurts**
- The pain God allows and/or afflicts is for our good; plan in the pain
 1. Relationships
 2. Money issues
 3. Death of those we love
 4. Loss of job

God will trim us to let allow His light shine. Break the clay pot that holds the flame

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also

predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...

- Good Father disciplines and sets straight points in the right direction...

Hebrews 12:5 [Read] ...you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

- **Good News:** God will do what it takes to turn our face towards Him
 1. God is for us
 2. Cross has made a way for us to go past the court to Holy of Holies
 3. Snuggle up to our Father

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Lampstands speaks of God's Holy Spirit
- Enabling us to be more than "mere men [women]"
- Zechariah asked what was the meaning of the golden lampstands in his vision

Zechariah 4:6 [Answer from the angel] "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by [your] might nor by [your] power, but by My Spirit..."

- Empty ourselves that we might be filled
- Be trimmed that flame God lights might warm others