

Exodus 27:1 (ESV) ¹“You shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits broad. The altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits.

Life Principle: The Bronze Or Brazen Altar Is A Reminder That An Acceptable Sacrifice Is Vital In Order To Approach The Holy Lord.

Hebrews 9:13–14 (NLT) ¹³Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity. ¹⁴Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Hebrews 9:22 (ESV) ²²Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

John 14:6 (ESV) ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Exodus 28:1–2, 9, 12. (ESV) ¹“Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron’s sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ²And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty..... ⁹You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,.... ¹²And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders for remembrance.

Life Principle: The Special Clothing Of The High Priest Is A Reminder Of His Special Role And Status.

Hebrews 7:23–25 (ESV) ²³The former (high) priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 1:3 (ESV) ³He (Jesus) is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Romans 8:34 (ESV) ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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Luke 22:31–32 (ESV) ³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Exodus 28:21–22, 29-30 (ESV) ²¹There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes. ²²You shall make for the breastpiece twisted chains like cords, of pure gold..... ²⁹So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the Lord. ³⁰And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the Lord. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the Lord regularly.

Exodus 28:40–42a (ESV) ⁴⁰“For Aaron's sons you shall make coats and sashes and caps. You shall make them for glory and beauty. ⁴¹And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. ⁴²You shall make for them linen undergarments to cover their naked flesh...

Life Principle: The Regular Priest's Garments Are Reminders That All God's People Represent Him By Our Lives.

1 Peter 2:5, 9 (ESV) ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.... ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Ephesians 4:1, 17, 22-24. (ESV) ¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,.... ¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.... ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on (clothe yourself) the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Exodus 29:20 (ESV) ²⁰and you shall kill the ram and take part of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tips of the right ears of his sons, and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the great toes of their right feet, and throw the rest of the blood against the sides of the altar.

Exodus 30:1, 7-9a (ESV) ¹“You shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.... ⁷And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, ⁸and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the Lord throughout your generations. ⁹You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it....

Life Principle: The Golden Altar Of Incense Is Reminder Of The Vital Place Of Prayer In Our Spiritual Journey.

Psalms 141:2 (ESV) ²Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Revelation 8:3–4 (ESV) ³And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, ⁴and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV) ¹⁷pray without ceasing,

Ephesians 6:18a (ESV) ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication....,

Luke 18:1 (ESV) ¹And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Romans 12:12c (ESV).....be constant in prayer.

Isaiah 1:13a (ESV) ¹³Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me...

Exodus 30:17–19 (ESV) ¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, ¹⁸“You shall also make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it, ¹⁹with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet.

Life Principle: The Bronze Basin Or Laver Remind Us Of The Ongoing Process Of Sanctification (Cleansing.)

Isaiah 1:16 (ESV) ¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

Psalms 24:3–4a (ESV) ³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart.....

Revelation 7:14 (ESV) ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

John 15:2–3 (ESV) ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV) ¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 10:14 (ESV) ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV) ¹Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Romans 8:29 (ESV) ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.