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1 Peter 2:5,9 (NLT)

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Hebrews 8:1-2 (NLT)

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I find the cleansing for my life in The Word of God

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THE STORY OF YOU AND GOD (PART 2) Talk-it-Over Notes | January 14-15, 2023

REVIEW IT

As we enter the tabernacle, designed by God himself, we first see the bronze altar, with smoke rising to God from the sacrifices made by the priests for the people. Our unholiness keeping us from the presence of Almighty God. Yet the sacrifices make atonement for us, granting us all access to God. Then we see the bronze laver where the priest washed his hands after the offering of the sacrifice. Without the blood of the sacrifice we have no access to God. Today we claim the blood of Jesus Christ as the sacrificial offering for our sins. Thus we enter into the priesthood of believers and can go directly to our high priest, Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. *"I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy."* Leviticus 11:44a. (NIV) In this verse God commands holiness. Why? Do you think it's difficult for us to relate to the concept of holiness?
2. The altar represented the claims of a holy and righteous God which must be satisfied before he can meet with mankind and bless him. Any deviation from perfection requires the sinner's death or that of a substitute. What was the purpose of a blood sacrifice? What more do you think could be given than blood as a sacrifice?
3. The laver was a bronze bowl positioned halfway between the altar and the Holy Place. Priests cleansed themselves daily at the laver before serving in the Holy Place so they would be pure and not die before a holy God. The everyday application is that we should cleanse ourselves in God's word. When you look at your reflection in the Bible, what do you see?
4. At his death, Christ became the only high priest and we became priests. God cleansed us and forgave us. How do you feel knowing you can walk free in the knowledge that the barrier between us and God is forever gone?

ACT ON IT

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him." Romans 12:1 - What can you do to offer yourself as an acceptable sacrifice to God today?

PRAY ABOUT IT

Spend some time praying for one another. Ask one another how you can pray for and support each other this week.