

Exodus 30

1. Next, they were to make an altar of acacia or shittim wood. For what were they to use this altar?

Have you ever burned incense or scented candles? If so, why?

Why do you think God wanted them to burn incense?

What was the size of this altar?

Where was this altar to be placed?

Read Luke 1:11; Rev 5:8; and Rev 8:3-5. What do they tell us about incense? About prayer?

2. What does verse 7 say?

Why do you think the high priest was to burn incense every morning and evening?

What warning does verse 9 contain?

When was the only time something other than incense was to be burned on this altar?

3. How do you feel about paying taxes?

What purpose do taxes serve?

What does verse 12 say?

What do you think about the idea that they had to pay a "ransom" to the LORD?

What would happen if they did not pay this ransom?

What was a shekel? A sanctuary shekel?

What does verse 13 call this ransom?

How would you answer someone if he asked you what a tithe was?

How would you answer if he asked why one should tithe?

According to verse 14, who was to pay this tax or ransom?

How much was the ransom?

Specifically, what does verse 15 say?

Why do you think God specifically forbade the rich from paying more? The poor from paying less?

Do you think it fair that every Israelite, no matter how rich or poor, was to pay the same amount? Please explain,

Today, what is the "price" of salvation, for the very rich and for the most poor?

For what do you think the ransom was to be used?

4. According to verse 17, what was the next item to be made?

Where was the basin to be placed?

What was the purpose of the basin?

What does the washing of the feet and hands symbolize?

How often are the priests to wash their hands and feet?

What does verse 20 say will happen if they do not wash?

Read Eph 5:25-27; James 4:7-8; John 13:6-10.

As members of God's royal priesthood, in what way or ways are we to wash our hands and feet?

5. The LORD now returns to the anointing of Aaron and his sons. What does God say about the anointing oil in verse 31?

What does it mean to you that the oil was to be sacred?

What is the difference between something that is holy and something that is sacred, if any?

What does verse 32 say about the anointing oil?

What does verse 33 say?

What does it mean to you that someone would be cut off from his people?

In verses 34-36, God gives the formula for this incense. Why, if no one was to duplicate it, did God make the formula known?

What can you learn about the spices?

Again, what does God say in verse 38?

Read 2 Cor 2:14-16