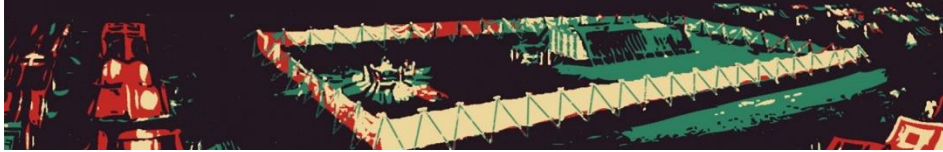


## "The Brazen Altar, Christ Our Sacrifice"

Exodus 27 & 29

# The Tabernacle of Testimony



**INTRODUCTION:** The Brazen Altar illustrates Calvary and the shed blood.

*Luke 24:27, "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."*

*John 5:46, "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me."*

### I. THE PATTERN OF THE ALTAR

#### A. THE DIMENSIONS: DIVINE GRACE (EXODUS 27:1)

Five is the number of grace in the Bible. Three is the number of Deity.

*I John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."*

#### B. WOOD OVERLAID WITH BRASS: DIVINE JUDGMENT (EXODUS 27:1-2)

Brass, in the Bible, always speaks of judgment. Wood speaks of humanity.

*Ps. 1:3, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."*

*Isaiah 53:2, "For he (Christ) shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him."*

The judgment is the cross of Calvary. So mercy and judgment meet at Calvary.

#### C. THE ALTAR HAD HORNS: THE POWER OF THE CROSS (EXODUS 27:2)

Horns were used by ancient people to symbolize power. In the Book of Daniel, the Antichrist is called *the little horn*. Horns stand for kingdoms, strength and power.

*I Sam. 2:10, "The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed."*

The four horns upon this altar speak of the power of the cross.

*Revelation 5:6, "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain (Jesus), having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."*

*Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*

The number four is the Earth number. There are the four winds of the earth. The Bible speaks of the four corners of the earth (compass directions).

What the Lord is saying here is that the gospel is for everybody, as Romans 1:16 tells us: "*to every one that believeth.*"

### II. THE POSITION OF THE ALTAR: AT THE DOOR (EXODUS 29:11-12)

It was at the door to show us that your entrance to Christ is by His blood.

*Hebrews 9:22, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."*

### III. THE PURPOSE OF THE ALTAR: A SIN OFFERING (EXODUS 29:13-14)

*"The heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart." – Adrian Rogers*

#### THE FIRE UPON THE ALTAR: THE CONSUMING WRATH OF GOD

Where did this fire upon this altar come from?

*Leviticus 9:24, "And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces."*

*Deuteronomy 4:24, "For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God."*

*Psalms 7:11, "God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day."*

When the fire fell upon that altar, it symbolized the wrath of God, as it burns against sin. That ought to frighten us.

*Hebrews 11:7, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."*

*Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."*

*Isaiah 53:10, "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand."*

When that fire came from Heaven and consumed that sacrifice it prophesied that, one day, the fire of God's wrath was going to fall upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Isaiah 53:7, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."*

Jesus didn't cry when they put the nails in His hands, when they put that crown of thorns upon His brow or when they lashed His back. But, when God the Father withdrew Himself, Jesus cried, "*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*"