

Sacrificing in the Courtyard

From the Series

“The Sanctuary: God’s Plan for Your Lives”

Guiding Passage: **Exodus 25:8–9 (NASB95)** — **8** “Let them *construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.* **9** “According to *all that I am going to show you*, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.

Scripture Reading: **Romans 12:1–2 (NASB95)** — **1** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to *present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice*, acceptable to God, which is your *spiritual service* of worship. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Christology and Ecclesiology

Jesus is the Door – He has given us the keys
Jesus is the Altar that Sanctifies – We must bear our cross
Jesus is the Lamb – We are His lambs
Jesus was the Baptizer – Commissions us to baptize
Jesus is our Food and Drink – Rivers of Living Water flow
Jesus is the Light – We are the light
Jesus is the Incense – We are His fragrance
Jesus is the Veil – We have access to the Holy of Holies
Jesus is the Mercy Seat – We have passed from death to life.
Jesus is our High Priest – We are Priests

The True Tabernacle

Hebrews 9:11–12 (NASB95) — **11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, *He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle*, not made with hands, that is to say, *not of this creation*; **12** and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:22–24 (NASB95) — **22** And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. **23** Therefore *it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens* to be cleansed with these, but *the heavenly things* themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24** For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, *a mere copy of the true one*, but *into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us*;

The Courtyard of the Heavenly Sanctuary

Colossians 1:20 (NASB95) — 20 and through Him to *reconcile all things to Himself*, having *made peace through the blood of His cross*; through Him, I say, whether *things on earth or things in heaven*.

Hebrews 10:12 (NASB95) — 12 but He, *having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time*, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

Earth is Heaven's Courtyard

John 19:17–18 (NASB95) — 17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called *the Place of a Skull*, which is called in Hebrew, *Golgotha*. 18 *There they crucified Him*, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.



The Bronze Altar

Exodus 29:37 (NASB95) — 37 "For seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and consecrate it; then *the altar shall be most holy*, and *whatever touches the altar shall be holy*."

Leviticus 1:4–5 (NASB95) — 4 'He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him *to make atonement on his behalf*. 5 'He shall slay the young bull before the Lord; and Aaron's sons *the priests shall offer up the blood and sprinkle the blood around on the altar that is at the doorway of the tent of meeting*."

The Bronze Altar Is the Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NASB95) — **18** For the word of *the cross* is foolishness to those who are perishing, but *to us who are being saved it is the power of God*.

1 Corinthians 2:2 (NASB95) — **2** For I determined to know nothing among you except *Jesus Christ, and Him crucified*.

Jesus Is the Lamb

John 1:29 (NASB95) — **29** The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, *the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*”

Revelation 5:5–6 (NASB95) — **5** and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome . . .” **6** And I saw between the throne . . . and the elders *a Lamb standing, as if slain . . .*

Jesus Is Both Priest and Lamb

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John 10:17–18 (NASB95) — **17** “For this reason the Father loves Me, because *I lay down My life so that I may take it again*. **18** “No one has taken it away from Me, but *I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment* I received from My Father.”

We Are Both Priests and Lambs

1 Peter 2:5 (NASB95) — **5** you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house *for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices* acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 7:15 (NASB95) — **15** “For this reason, *they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them*.

Revelation 7:17 (NASB95) — **17** for *the Lamb* in the center of the throne *will be their shepherd*, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

John 10:11 (NASB95) — **11** “I am the good shepherd; *the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep*.

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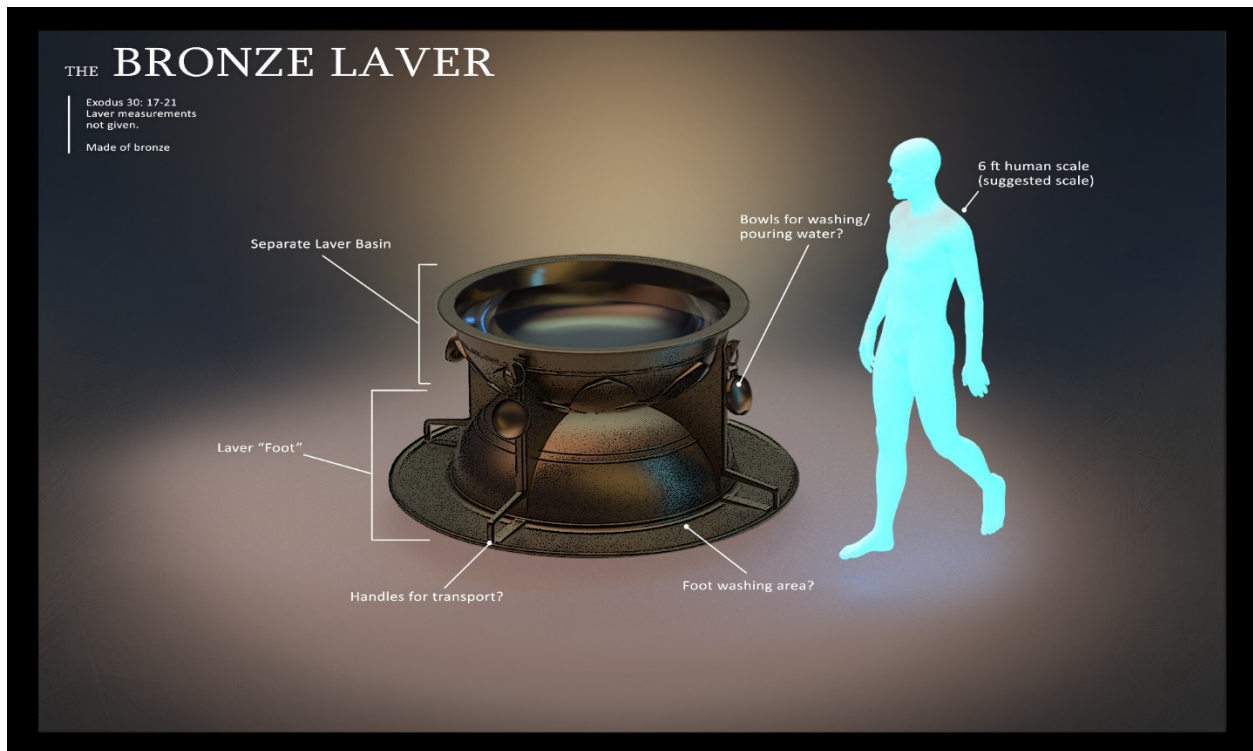
We Sacrifice Ourselves in the Courtyard

Luke 14:27 (NASB95) — 27 “*Whoever does not carry his own cross* and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Galatians 2:20 (NASB95) — 20 “*I have been crucified with Christ*; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me

Galatians 5:24 (NASB95) — 24 *Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh* with its passions and desires.

1 Corinthians 15:31 (NASB95) — 31 I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, *I die daily*.



The Need to Wash

Exodus 30:18–19 (NASB95) — 18 “You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing; and *you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it*. 19 “Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it;

Ministry Can Leave You Dirty

Exodus 30:20–21 (NASB95) — **20** *when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, so that they will not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire sacrifice to the Lord.* **21** “So *they shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they will not die . . .*

Don't Forget to Wash in the Laver

Ephesians 5:26 (NASB95) — **26** so that He might sanctify her, *having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*

Titus 3:5 (NASB95) — **5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, *by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*

As a Priest, Are You Sacrificing Your Life for Others . . .
If So, Don't Forget to Wash . . .