

The Sanctuary: The Courtyard, pt. 2

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Text: Psalm 84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

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Reference verses: Exodus 27:1-8

The Altar of Burnt Offering

1. What is the significance of the Altar of Burnt Offering being the first item to be found by the repentant in the services of the Sanctuary?

The Acacia Wood

2. What are some possible explanations why the Lord chose the acacia tree in the construction of the various articles of the Sanctuary?

The Bronze

3. Why would God even choose to cover the poles which carried the Altar of Burnt Offering with bronze?

The Horns

Reference verses: 1 Samuel 2:10; 2 Samuel 22:3

4. What symbolic purpose do the four horns serve on the corners of the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice?

5. Why are there four horns?

The Grate

Reference verses: Exodus 25:23; 25:10, 21

6. What is the significance of the grate on which the sacrifices were offered being 1.5 cubits from the ground?

The Laver

Reference verses: Exodus 30:17-18

7. Why is there no use of wood in the Laver?

Made of Mirrors

Reference verses: Exodus 38:8; 1 Peter 3:3-4

8. Although the laver is made of bronze, how was its construction different from the other items made of bronze?

“These women ... were of pious character and influence, ... and whose parting with their mirrors was a symbol of their renouncing the world – renouncing the instrument of personal vanity for the sake of a higher beauty of holiness.” – Sarah Peck, *Path to the Throne of God*, 58

Reflection of Self

Reference verses: Exodus 38:18-21; James 1:23-25

9. How is the Laver tied to the Ten Commandments?

“After the copper looking glasses had been fashioned into the bowl and its base, he required that they be filled with water from the smitten Rock. What had heretofore merely reflected nature’s marred image, now gleamed with Heaven’s means for purification.” Leslie Hardinge, *With Jesus in His Sanctuary*, 111-112.

“In order to gain a proper knowledge of ourselves, it is necessary to look into the mirror, and there discovering our own defects, avail ourselves of the blood of Christ, the fountain opened for sin and uncleanness, in which we may wash our robes of character and remove the stains of sin. But many refuse to see their errors and correct them; they do not want a true knowledge of themselves.” – Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, 58-59.