

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #100*

“A Closer Look at the Front Yard” -- Exodus 38:1-8

#### I. Introduction.

A. Pastor Don’s experience with front yard appearance of homes.

1. Growing up.
2. Charleston.

B. God’s home also had a courtyard.

1. The rectangular Tabernacle was surrounded by a rectangular courtyard – about 75 feet by 150 feet.
2. Chapter 38 (Selected portions)
  - a. Verses 9-17 – How it was constructed.
  - b. Verses 21-24 – Inventories the treasures given.
  - c. Verses 25-28 – Notes silver used.
    1. Silver was a ransom price paid – See Ex. 30:11-33.
    2. The numbering and final payment made during the census confirmed that the army belonged to God Himself.
  - d. Verses 29-31 – Bronze used for outer fence and sacred objects.
  - e. Why the detailed accounting?
    1. Because the people kept track of God’s money.
    2. John Currid.

#### II. Exposition (Verses 1-7)

A. Verses 1-7

1. Brazen altar – The large square grill.
  - a. Lev. 6:12-13
2. Note all of the offerings presented on the altar:
  - a. Whole burnt offerings – Lev. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Fellowship Offerings – Lev. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Sin Offerings – Lev. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Guilt Offerings – Lev. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Day of Atonement – Lev. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did the sacrifices work?
  - a. Partially yes, and ultimately \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. All prefigured the work of Christ.
  - c. David Levy.

1. Hebrews 9:26.

4. Theories of the Atonement – (Most notable today)

- a. Example Theory.
- b. Moral Influence Theory.
- c. Substitutionary Atonement.
  1. Christ as second Adam.

a. Romans 5:19; II Cor. 5:20,21; I Cor. 15:45-49

B. Exodus 38:8 – The Laver

1. A bowl for ceremonial cleaning for the priests. No dimensions given.
2. Note similarity and contrast of the two outer court pieces of furniture.
  - a. The Brazen Altar represents our J \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The Bronze Laver represents our S \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. Yet also part of Justification – Eph. 5:26; Ti. 3:5; John 13:8.
3. The mirror effect of the laver.
  - a. Women were involved in some way with the ministry of the tabernacle.
  - b. John Currid
  - c. They owned mirrors, but were not controlled by vanity.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

A. The brass or brazen metal of the laver speaks of righteousness and judgment.

1. Use of bronze in the courtyard furniture.

a. Key texts: John 3:14-15; Rev. 1:15

B. The servant’s purification.

1. John 13:1-10

2. Note different word usage in John 10:10.

a. “Washed” – LOUO – To bathe one’s body completely (Justification.)

b. “Wash” – NIPTO – to wash hands or feet (Sanctification)

1. Daily sins should be confessed – (dirty feet) – I John 1:8-9

3. Priests saw their own reflection in the polished laver – the Word of God reflects back to us what we really look like.

a. Heb. 4:12; I Cor. 11:31

b. We must judge ourselves – Heb. 12:6; I Cor. 11:32;

Heb. 12:10-11

C. Holiness is always the goal of washing.

1. Psalm 24:3-5; I Peter 1:15-16