

# THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

## Part 4: 'Washing At The Laver'

Reading: *Exodus 30:17 - 21*

### Introduction

- In the outer courtyard of the Tabernacle there were 2 pieces of sacred furniture.
- Firstly the '*Brazen Altar*' and then the '*Laver*'

### 1 The PLAN Of The Laver

- The Laver was directly between the Brazen Altar and the entrance into the '*Holy Place*'
- No specific measurements given regarding it.
- Made of '*burnished*' bronze (mirrors) allowing the priest to see himself in it.
- Probably like a large cup and saucer without the handle.
- The upper part (Laver) and lower part (Basin).

### 2 The POINT Of The Laver

- The word '*Laver*' comes from the word '*lave*' meaning '*to wash/bathe*'.
- The priest had to wash in this before he performed his duties.
- God regarded the cleanliness of the priests as something important.

### 3 The Laver Is A PICTURE

- The '*Brazen Altar*' is a picture of Christ's sacrifice at Calvary for our sins.
- It is a picture of our '*blood bought SALVATION*'.

- The Laver is a picture of our '**SANCTIFICATION.**'
- (Some has suggested the Laver is a picture of water baptism).

#### **4 The Doctrine Of SANCTIFICATION**

- From '*sanctus*' meaning '*holy*' and '*facere*' meaning '*to make,*'
- Sanctification means '*to make holy.*'
- Consider: [Leviticus 19:2], [1Peter 1:16], [1Thessalonians 4:3].
- Our '*justification*' is a one time act God does but our sanctification is an on-going process.
- In this process we co-operate with the Holy Spirit to be free from pollution of sin and become Christ like.
- Salvation and sanctification are 2 separate things but they should never be separated because you cannot have one without the other.

#### **5 Why Sanctification?**

- A converted person has 2 natures.
- New nature inclined towards holiness and pleasing God & an old nature which although now weakened is still there.
- Our sanctification is about keeping down any '*residual sin.*'

#### **6 The Laver Is The Word Of God**

- Consider [James 1:23], [John 15:3], [John 17:17], [Psalm 119:9], [Ephesians 5:25 - 26].
- We come to the Laver (Word of God) each day and we see ourselves and our shortcomings.
- In our salvation it is Christ on the cross and in our sanctification it is us on the cross. (I die daily)
- We are cleansed by the Word impacting us.
- Advice: Examine yourself each day and plan for improvement.
- Aim to be holy.
- Our sanctification ends when Jesus comes or calls and then the final stage of the process occurs - our glorification.

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