

Tabernacle Treasures - The Brasen Laver - Purification - Exo. 30:17-21; 38:8

Last week discussed that **the purpose of the tabernacle expressed the eternal desire and compassion of God for men.** Psa. 90:1. The priest going through the tabernacle is a picture of the believer in Christ! **The Tabernacle had 3 basic divisions: The Outer Court (94%), the Inner Court (The Holy Place, 4%), and the Holiest Place (The Holy of Holies, 2%).** Last week we taught on the **Brasen Altar**, which represents **Propitiation**. Until a person stops at the Brasen Altar and accepts the sacrifice, there is no further progress made. The next piece of furniture we come to is the **Brasen Laver**, which represents **Purification**, or sanctification. At the altar, we are justified, but at the laver, we are sanctified! **Sanctification - the act of making holy, consecrating, or setting apart for a sacred purpose.**

1. The Purpose of The Laver - Exo. 30:17-19

The purpose was for the priests to *"wash their hands and their feet"* before they entered the Holy Place. Tit. 2:11-13; 1 John 3:1-3. You can try to bypass the laver and enter the Holy Place, which can represent coming to God's House unclean, but if you do so, you won't be too comfortable in here! Did you pray for the service before you came, or did you oversleep and rush to get ready, or remained focused too much on your day at work when the service began? Did you listen to godly music in the car on your way here? Did you argue and yell at your spouse or children? Did you put on your church clothes? Early Prayer on Sunday Evenings ought not be the only time you ever pray for a service before it begins! AMEN!

2. The Product of The Laver - Exo. 38:8

The product was made from the *"lookingglasses of the women."* It was so the priests could see their reflection and how dirty they were after getting blood on their hands from sacrificing, and dirt on their feet after walking toward the Holy Place. It revealed where they needed to wash! James 1:22-25. The Word of God is like a mirror. It will reveal to you where you need to clean up. Eph. 5:26; John 15:3; John 17:17. **God's Word will do on the inside what water does on the outside. This is why the devil will do everything he can to keep you away from the King James Bible (Psa. 12:6, 119:140; Prov. 30:5), and from attending a Bible-preaching and Bible-teaching church, and to prevent you from reading and studying the Bible on your own! Heb. 4:12; John 12:48; 2 Cor. 13:5; Psa. 139:23-24. Our hands and our feet are representative of our service toward the Lord and our daily walk with Him!** We can't accomplish the work of God while we are dirty - His anointing touch won't be upon it. Sometimes it isn't even a sin we've committed that we need to get clean from, but the motive of why we are doing the work we are doing! **As a woman looks into a mirror, she doesn't just find out what needs to be fixed, but she does something about it!** 1 Pet. 1:16; Rom. 8:29; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 John 1:7-9. The women who gave their mirrors as a product for the laver were denying themselves, just as Christians need to deny our flesh, and give ourselves to the Lord. **At the altar, our sins are dealt with, but at the laver, our self is dealt with! This is why 94% of Christians remain with an "Outer Court Christian" experience their entire lives because they don't want to deny their self! Mat. 16:24.** The laver had no actual measurements or dimensions given, which is an indication that there is no limit to the cleansing power of God and no limit to the Word of God! In order for the laver to be effective, though, the water had to be applied; the Word of God must also be applied to our hearts if we are to benefit from God's wonderful grace!

3. The Protection from The Laver - Exo. 30:20-21

"They shall wash with water, that they die not..." The laver protected the priests from death! If we don't wash up where the Word tells us that we need to, it will lead to tragedy! Heb. 12:5-11. Why do parents hold their children's hand when they cross the street? To protect them from the danger and tragedy of getting run over by a vehicle! So, why do we preach and teach the Bible the way we do? To protect our congregation from making a wreck of their lives and to help each one to grow in grace, so that we all may accomplish God's purpose for our lives, and be able to get in the glory! The first 31/160 mentions of **pure** are in connection with Tabernacle!