

Exodus 27:1-8 **Altar of Sacrifice**

¹ "You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide--the altar shall be square--and its height shall be three cubits. ² You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with bronze. ³ Also you shall make its pans to receive its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze. ⁴ You shall make a grate for it, a network of bronze; and on the network you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners. ⁵ You shall put it under the rim of the altar beneath, that the network may be midway up the altar. ⁶ And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. ⁷ The poles shall be put in the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar to bear it. ⁸ You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The first article of Tabernacle furniture that a person encounters, as soon as he enters the Gate through the wall which is around the Tabernacle and into the Court to approach God, is the Bronze or copper altar which represents the Judgment of God against sin.
- ✧ It addresses the attention of the person to the fact that the first thing necessary if we are to approach God is to deal with our own sin, and to look to the Sacrifice that stands as our substitute for the punishment for our sins.
- ✧ The need of a substitute to take the punishment for our sins is obvious since all have sinned and there is no one who is righteous before God. [[Romans 3:9-12, 23, 5:12, Galatians 3:22, Psalm 143:2, Isaiah 41:26](#)]
- ✧ That sacrifice points to Jesus Christ the final and perfect sacrifice that God provided for a covering for our sins and the sins of the world once for all. [[Romans 6:8-10, Hebrews 7:22-27, 9:11-12, 10:1-10](#)]
- ✧ The Altar of Sacrifice is made of Acacia wood overlaid with bronze or copper, which represents our Lord Jesus Christ Who had become mortal, and to Whom all Judgment is given, because He experienced life as a man and can therefore be a just judge. [[John 5:22-27, Acts 17:31, Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10, 2 Timothy 4:1, Jude 14-15, Hebrews 2:14-18](#)]
- ✧ The Altar of Sacrifice represents God's provision of a substitute to pay the price of our sins.
- ✧ Yet the covering for our sins requires that we avail ourselves of God's provision by coming to Him the way He has prescribed which is through Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except by Me." [[John 3:16-18,36, 8:24, 14:6, 20:31, Mark 16:16, Acts 10:42-43, 13:37-39](#)]
- ✧ The wood represents the humanity of Jesus, Who became our substitute as He surrendered Himself to the abuse of man when they took Him to the cross where He gave His life for the sins of the world.
- ✧ The bronze or copper represents the judgment of God against sin, which was satisfied by the blood of Christ. [[Hebrews 9:11-28](#)]