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EXODUS 30:17- 21 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 18 "You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it, 19 for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. 20 When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the LORD, they shall wash with water, lest they die. 21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them—to him and his descendants throughout their generations."



WATER OF THE WORD

Remember our goal is to enter the Tabernacle to be with the Lord whose glory resided in the Tabernacle. Only priests could go beyond the outer court as we all know by now. We also know by now that we also walk as priests unto God. So the very things that the priests did around the Tabernacle should be of interest to us; they should be of interest to us because what they did in the past were mere shadows of what we ought to do today.

The Priests had to pass one last Furniture piece before entering the tabernacle, it was called the brazen laver because it was made of Bronze or brass as some translations put it. This furniture piece (The Brazen laver) in the form of a container was normally filled with water that was used by the priests to wash themselves before moving into tabernacle for their various services. The priests were instructed to always wash their hands and feet before entering into the tabernacle. **[EXODUS 40:30-33]**

By the spirit we realize that the brazen alter (the first furniture) and the brazen alter both work hand in hand. Because as we accept the blood we are by faith washed from all sins. When we accept the Lord by faith in our hearts we are automatically cleaned from our sins by faith The Lord sees the Son in us now, just because of the blood. **[Hebrews 10:22] [1 John 1:9].**

Our Lord Jesus demonstrated this cleansing Process to His disciples of which we all are part of. Jesus said we have no part in Him or His glory if the water of the word does not wash us. To walk into the higher calling of God this cleansing Job has to be accepted by faith. Let us believe by faith that the Lord has removed far us all our sins and He no longer sees them, this is important to know in our work of faith.

Why did Jesus tell Peter “you will not understand now but will understand later”? At that point in time Peter could not understand because He hadn’t received the spirit of God. There were many other things which Jesus wanted to reveal to His disciples but He couldn’t because there is no way they could have comprehended the words at that time point in time. The Lord Jesus was acting as the high priest

washing the feet of His Disciples or priests so that they could have access to the tabernacle like the sons of the priest had access. We will get to understand later that the tabernacle is a type of Christ or God's kingdom. Without this washing like the priests of old, we will be dead on arrival as we read earlier on in **EXODUS 30:20- 21**.

John 13:3-11 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean;

The washing of feet also stands for a preparation for a spiritual walk in Heavenly places. It is a preparation for a walk on holy territory. The walk on the dusty realm of carnality seizes as we approach God. We have to be regenerated by the washing of the word as we approach God's Home, it is a continuous process. Symbolically when Moses Met the Lord at the burning bush, He was instructed to remove His sandals as he encountered the Lord. That dusty sandal which Moses removed represents His old walk in the flesh.

Going into God's presence by faith we must come to the place where we know in our heart of hearts that we are pleasing God. We must learn to accept the fact that we are Children of God and as a result can not sin, the past is in the past and the Lord no longer remembers those old sins. If by chance we stumble remember that it is enough to confess this to God and He will forgive us. By faith

arise and start doing the very works of God. Many Christians are still bound in this place of condemnation, they answer Alter calls every weekend, and they don't receive from God because they don't have faith to ask.

We ought to pick up our cross and follow on to know the Lord, leave aside all entanglements with this world and face the new world in Christ Jesus.

THE BRONZE MIRRORS

God in His infinite wisdom commanded that the bronze laver should be made with the bronze mirrors of the women who assembled themselves at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. The tabernacle of meeting was a consecrated tent that God used to appear in to communicate with His people. [**EXODUS 38:8**]

God definitely had something in mind when He by His spirit had this scripture slotted into the Bible. In the days of old the mirrors used by women was generally made of bronze with the surface well polished so that a clear image of the person looking at it appears on it just like the mirrors of today. In the days of old they hadn't glasses as mirrors like we see in the present day.

Using this fine polished bronze pieces they made the laver which was to be used as a container of water for the purification of the Priests. The Bronze laver produced a sound image of the priest when they looked into it. The bronze laver acted as a mirror for the priests so that in the phase of washing and preparation before entering the Tabernacle they could examine themselves and make sure they are perfectly clean before entering. Entering dirty would mean their being dead on arrival like we explained earlier on; we see this in **EXODUS 30:17- 21**.

This is the same order of things for the priests today. Who are the priests? We the Church are the priests of the most High God. As we move on in the Lord we have to continually examine ourselves in the

faith with intent of strengthening any aspect of our life that is not pleasing to God. **[2 Corinthians 13:5-6]**

When we look at our reflection in the bronze laver we must continuously lay aside all filthiness and wickedness of the flesh by applying the cross daily. Applying the cross means dying to carnal selves and increasing the inward spirit man in us (Christ in us). We should never think this has anything to do with an outward appearance of religion. It is not what you wear or how you pray or any of those carnal ordinances of men. James says that if we do not apply the spiritually applied word to our lives, we are like that man that looks at our natural face in the mirror and forgets the state it was in as soon as we leave the mirror. So the mirror actually is used so that we who are Christ's continue in the doctrine of life and love in the spirit laying aside that old man that we once identified with. **[James 1:21-27]**

Let us focus a little on the women who contributed their mirrors for the construction of the Laver. These women are shadows of the Church in this context. We know that a woman in the natural realm makes up the face to look neat, tidy and beautiful in the sight of her beholders. So is it with the Church who is the Bride of the Lord. The Church of God has to continuously have a beautiful look in the sight of the Lord; this beauty is seen in the humility, kindness, meekness, love, patience etc.

We also know how certain women cherish their mirrors; it is a known thing that some ladies in the world carry a mirror everywhere they go. They are attached to the mirror because they view these mirrors at short intervals in a manner that is most vain. The faithful and willing women who had gathered at the door of the tent of meeting with willingly hearts brought forth their mirrors for the service of God. Brethren this is the type of Church the Lord is looking for, a church that will throw away the vanities of this world to please the Lord. The people that do this know in their hearts that true beauty is seen in pleasing the true and only God.

Once we come to understand this cleansing work and accept it by faith the eternal doors of God's kingdom will always remain open for us.

THE BAPTISM

Looking at the brazen laver with spiritual goggles we also see a picture of the baptism. The washing the priest did at brazen laver is a type of the baptism. The order of things in the faith is repentance and then baptism; we see this starting from the call to repentance of John the Baptist and the baptism that follows. The bronze altar is the point of repentance while the bronze laver is the point of the baptism.

Baptisms done in the days of old required that the repentant person deeps His or Herself into water normally a stream or river. Spiritually this talks about a complete cleansing or a death and resurrection process. You die to your old self and start a new life in the name of whom you are baptized.

Baptism into Christ is death to our old selves and an awakening into a new life in Christ. By faith we have to deep ourselves into the water in the brazen laver and awake into in new reality in Christ. All filthiness of the flesh that has stained our garments should wash away. If we do not allow the Lord to deep us into this water like He did to Peter we can't have a part in Him. This baptism is a spiritual thing that occurs by faith and has nothing to do with the baptisms we see being done all over the world today in various sects of Religion. Someone might argue saying but the disciples of Jesus physically baptized in water. I tell you at that point of the biblical recordings they only knew in part concerning the baptism. We have to move up from those elementary doctrines that are tied to the elemental rudiments of this world and move higher into the things that are of Christ which indeed are spiritual. Peter later on got a picture of true baptism in [**1Peter 3:18-22**]. He writes in His letter that baptism is not the purification of the flesh like was done traditionally by the Hebrews in the past but was in actuality the purification of our conscience towards God. That pure conscience is the thing that will lead us into the tabernacle of God in the heavens, without the pure conscience you will be on your back before you know it, because the devil working through the conscience will devour you with a guilty and defiled conscience.

The Israelites, who applied the blood of the Passover lamb to their doors in Egyptian and eventually passed through the Red Sea, were

symbolically baptized into Moses. From that moment onwards Moses led them. In likewise manner after our baptism unto the Lord Jesus Christ, He takes over as the Shepherd of our soul leading us into the promises of God. The workings of salvation of God finishes only as the Lord now takes us into His spiritual tabernacle in the Heavens, where He eventually leads us unto the fountains of living water.

SUMMARY OF THE OUTER COURT

On receiving the Lord in our lives by faith we ought to move on as sons of light in a westward direction of the rising of the sun. The tabernacle is more glorious than the outer court and should be sought out. Moving away and not remaining among the multitudes that stay in the outer court is the only way to meet with our Lord Face to face. Paul in His writings to the Hebrews stated that we must move on from the basic and elementary doctrines of the faith in Christ Jesus. [**Hebrews 5:12-14**], [**Hebrews 6:1-3**]

We ought to leave the basic principles of repentance, baptism etc and move on into perfection. God never wishes that we as Christians remain stunted in growth and knowledge. It is not pleasurable in the site of the Lord to see His children going to church weekly only to repent and repent all over again, He expects that we move on to walking in perfection in and with Him..

The goal of faith in Christ Jesus is to restore us back to the original spiritual state in God before the fall in Adam. Accepting the sacrifice of the blood is only a passport or a foundation into that glory that God has called us into. Nobody who needs to build a house buys a piece of land and leaves it without building on it. In likewise manner nobody intending to go on a trip buys a ticket and remains where He is, He has to make some effort or moves to get to His desired destination using the ticket

God's desire to see His Children grow is only normal. Looking into the natural realm A Father is glad when He sees His Child going through the phases of development at a fast pace. The Child first sits, then crawl's, then stands, the works, then finally He can run. A child

also starts off with milk but will get weaned after a certain age, if the child continues with milk we know we have a problem here. A child that refuses to walk is a source of concern for His or her parents, no parent will like this. In likewise manner after receiving salvation we must seek to attain to the place of maturity in God's kingdom. We should grow in faith, wisdom, understanding, power, love, and patience, fear of the Lord and every good fruit of the Kingdom

The Devil who is very cunning has used all vices in His grip to deceive and keep the children of God in Bondage so that they do not grow into fullness of Christ. Some of His major vices are religion, institutions of men, and families of men. The Devil has used organized religion and doctrines of religion to hold the people of God bound in the Outer court, and they are in the majority.

We see Christians manifesting the very fruits that the peoples of this world manifest, fruits like sicknesses, divisions, covetousness, racial intolerance etc. Why is this so? It is so because they have not been fed and led the right way; it is so because they have not left the elements of the faith to move on into perfection like the Lord wants us to. The doctrines of the devil that has found it's way into the systems of the world and into the systems of religion is what has blinded most professing Christians from viewing and comprehending the higher things pertaining to perfection in the faith. These systems appear to be morally right in the eyes of the world but they can never lead people into life.

Jesus was always at loggerheads with the religious leaders of His day and is still at loggerheads with them to this day because they have not entered into the tabernacle and they refuse to allow others enter. The scribes and Pharisees of our day spoken of by Jesus in **Matthew 23:13-14** are actually the rulers and the principalities that reign in the lower realms of this world system. They work through the traditions of men and the traditions of religion and actually bar people from the truth so that the people do not enter into the glorious liberty of God's kingdom. The most powerful of all these are the doctrines and the traditions of religion. You always need a stronger hand to actually deliver those that are blinded by religion than those who just have flesh problems.

The spirit behind religion uses earthly-minded men who seek to gain in this world to hold others in bondage. The moment people realize the potentials in them and begin to walk in the fullness of power the Lord has called them into, the systems of religion and men will be at a loss. Moving from the outer court can also be likened to moving from the flesh realm to the unseen spirit realm of God's presence. We move on from the realm of earthly fellowship into the realm of spiritual fellowship. Organized religion does not want this.

THE ULTIMATE REDEMPTION PRICE

We have been set free by the Blood and justified by faith, now we must move on to know and meet the Lord. The outer court can be viewed as a market place where the Lord came to redeem us from sin and bondage to sin. He paid the silver (price) with His blood; He redeemed us who were outside of the light so that we can come into the light.

The bronze seen all over the outer court points to our bondage to sin and the judgment of that sin. We were virtually slaves to the powers of satanic influence, and we know the burdens and pains it cost us. Thank God for the price of redemption. The silver bands and sockets all over the outer court point to the price paid by Christ for our freedom. He paid the price to set us free from the hands of the wicked slave master so that we can be free. He paid the price to deliver us from the lower realms of human nature, into the higher majestically nature of the sons of God. He paid the price to restore us back to our love fellowship with God.

We receive the righteousness of Christ by faith, having acknowledged by faith the work God has done for us. By faith we ought to look beyond the coverings of the tabernacle. When you get the revelation of the glory beyond the outer court in the Tabernacle we must move on. We must move on to search out the length and the breath of the riches in glory that the Lord has reserved for those who love His name.