

Daily Devotional, October 21, 2020

'The Altar of Burnt Offering', (Exodus 27:1)

“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.” (Exodus 27:1, NKJV)

Moses was commanded to build an altar of burnt offering, and it was placed in the most prominent place before the entrance of the court of the Tabernacle. Before one could approach God to meet Him, the sin problem had to be dealt with, and an offering without blemish would need to be provided ([Leviticus 1:3](#); [Numbers 19:2](#)). Insofar as a blood sacrifice needed to be provided, this was in keeping with the ancient days of Abel and Noah ([Genesis 4:4, 8:20](#)). The truth that was illustrated by the Old Testament sacrifices was that *“without shedding of blood there is no remission”* of sin ([Hebrews 9:22](#)). But now believers in the living God have been redeemed *“with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”* ([1 Peter 1:19](#)).

Do you wish to approach God today, dear friend? Before the Tabernacle of His presence, observe that God has already provided Himself as the sacrifice to pay the penalty of your sin, that you might be granted free access to His courts. Before proceeding reverently, worship the Lord your God, and praise Him for providing the once for all sacrifice. What a privilege we have, that we might walk with God in prayer morning by morning, in the cool of the day, and evening by evening! When the men of old brought their sacrifices, it was at cost to themselves of the purchase price of the animal and their time. Though Jesus paid the purchase price of His blood to satisfy God's wrath, He still lays claim to your time. How much time do you spend in His courts, and how much time do you spend well outside the camp away from God's presence gadding about in the world? Come now with me, to the altar of burnt offering, into the court, into the holy place, even the Holy of Holies, and enjoy blessed and close fellowship with the Lord. Commune long with Him there, make known your requests, find peace, and never forget the day.