

(Exodus) Exodus 27:9-21

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The sermon explores the significance of the tabernacle's entrance, the oil for the light, and the brazen laver, highlighting the importance of the Holy Spirit in worship and believers being used as light in the world.

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Scripture: Exodus 27:20, Exodus 30:1-10, Exodus 30:18, Zechariah 4:6, Matthew 5:14, Revelation 1:12-13

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the significance of light in the Bible and its connection to Christ. The speaker explains that while Jesus was on earth, he referred to himself as the light of the world. However, now that Jesus has ascended to heaven, believers are called to be the light of the world, with the help of the Holy Spirit. The sermon also explores the symbolism of the gate of the court in the tabernacle, which represents the entrance to God's presence and is adorned with colors that represent Christ's heavenly origin, his humanity, and his shed blood. The sermon concludes by emphasizing the importance of the Holy Spirit, represented by the oil for the light, in enabling believers to shine as lights in the world.

Transcript

And then you have the hanging here for the gate of the court. We've had the other two hangings, and here in verse 16 we're told, "...and the gate of the court shall be a hanging of twenty cubits," it was wide, you see, "...of blue and purple and scarlet," and all of these speak of Him, the blue, the heavenly color, and He came from heaven in purple. That's the mixture of that and the scarlet, and the scarlet speaks of His blood He shed and His humanity.

And that was the entrance, that was the way that they came in. And it tells about the curtain that went here. It was only five cubits high because the fence that went around the outside, that hundred cubits by fifty cubits, that was white linen went all the way around.

That separated man on the outside from inside. And then something very interesting is given to us here that concludes this chapter. The oil for the light.

It's unusual it would be put right here. Verse 20 says, "...and thou shalt command the children of Israel that they bring the pure oil olive beaten for the light to cause the lamp to burn always." And as we've said, that oil speaks of the Holy Spirit. That's the interpretation given, "...and that lamp stand by Zechariah, not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." And so the light, you see, is that which the Holy Spirit

gives.

And the Holy Spirit won't speak of Himself. He takes the things of Christ and show them unto us. Now verse 21, "...in the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the Lord.

It shall be a statute forever unto their generations on behalf of the children of Israel." Now that light was burning, you see, and it speaks of Christ. Now all that has changed. He's gone back to heaven and He said, you are the light of the world and you and I don't make much light.

It's only the Spirit of God that can use us. And we see Christ in the book of Revelation. The very first picture of Him is He is walking in the midst of the lamp stands.

He's trying to keep the witness light and alive down here on this earth. And He's dealing today, I think, with His church and with believers. I think we have every evidence that He's dealing with those that are His own.

Now you'll notice that we have not yet dealt with still one article of furniture. We've omitted it so far, and that is the altar of incense. And we'll find that when we get over to the 30th chapter, the great worship chapter.

And you'll find out who can worship God. If you're going to worship God, you'll have to come by this altar. Oh, and I forgot there's another one that we haven't looked at.

And that article of furniture has to do also with worship. You'll have to go by it, and that's the brazen laver. You have to be made clean to worship God.

Not only go by the brazen altar to receive Christ as Savior, you have to come as a sinner, receive Him as Savior, but you have to be washed and cleansed. And only the Spirit of God can do that. And then you're permitted to go in and to worship Him.

What a picture that we have here in this section.

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