

Message Six

The Altar of Burnt Offering

MC *Hymns*: 116, 93

Scripture Reading: Exo. 27:1-8; Heb. 9:14; 13:10

- Exo 27:1 And you shall make the altar of acacia wood, a length of five cubits and a width of five cubits; the altar shall be square; and three cubits, its height.
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- Exo 27:3 And you shall make its pots to remove its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; all its utensils you shall make of bronze.
- Exo 27:4 And you shall make a grating, a network of bronze for it; and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four ends.
- Exo 27:5 And you shall put it below, under the ledge of the altar so that the net may reach halfway up the altar.
- Exo 27:6 And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.
- Exo 27:7 And its poles shall be put into the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried.
- Exo 27:8 You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so shall they make it.
- Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- Heb 13:10 We have an altar from which they who are serving the tabernacle have no right to eat.

I. The two altars—the altar of burnt offering and the golden incense altar—are for the carrying out of God’s economy—Exo. 27:1-8; 30:1-10; Heb. 13:10; 9:4; Rev. 8:3:

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- Exo 30:1 And you shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.
- Exo 30:2 Its length shall be a cubit, and its width, a cubit; it shall be square, and two cubits its height; its horns shall be of one piece with it.
- Exo 30:3 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides around it and its horns; and you shall make a rim of gold around it.
- Exo 30:4 And you shall make for it two rings of gold under its rim; on its two sides, on its opposite sides, you shall make them; and they shall be as holders for poles with which to carry it.
- Exo 30:5 And you shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.
- Exo 30:6 And you shall put it before the veil that is over the Ark of the Testimony, before the expiation cover that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.
- Exo 30:7 And Aaron shall burn on it fragrant incense; every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it.
- Exo 30:8 And when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before Jehovah throughout your generations.
- Exo 30:9 You shall not offer any strange incense on it, or a burnt offering or a meal offering; and you shall not pour a drink offering on it.

- Exo 30:10 And Aaron shall make expiation on its horns once a year; with the blood of the sin offering of expiation once a year he shall make expiation for it throughout your generations. It is most holy to Jehovah.
- Heb 13:10 We have an altar from which they who are serving the tabernacle have no right to eat.
- Heb 9:4 Having a golden altar and the Ark of the Covenant covered about everywhere with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna and Aaron's rod that budded and the tablets of the covenant,
- Rev 8:3 And another Angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer, and much incense was given to Him to offer with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
- A. God's work is to complete His economy, and in His economy God desires to have an enlarged, universal, divine-human incorporation—John 14:20:
 John 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.
1. God has come out of the tabernacle in order to bring us into the tabernacle, to bring us to the very place where He dwells.
 2. The Lord Jesus went to the cross with the intention that we, fallen sinners, might be brought back to Himself in the place where He dwells—vv. 3, 10-11, 20; 17:21, 24.
- John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.
- John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works.
- John 14:11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe because of the works themselves.
- John 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.
- John 17:21 That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.
- John 17:24 Father, concerning that which You have given Me, I desire that they also may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
- B. The two altars are related to God's complete salvation—Rom. 5:10:
 Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,
1. The altar of burnt offering is related to God's judicial redemption accomplished in the physical realm by Christ in His earthly ministry—v. 10a; 8:3; Heb. 9:14; 7:27; 10:10.
- Rom 5:10a For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, ...
- Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- Heb 7:27 Who does not have daily need, as the high priests do, to offer up sacrifices first for his own sins and then for those of the people; for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.
- Heb 10:10 By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
2. The golden altar of incense is related to God's organic salvation carried out in the divine and mystical realm by Christ in His heavenly ministry—Rom. 5:10b; 8:34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24.
- Rom 5:10b ... much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,
- Rom 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.
- Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
- Heb 9:24 For Christ did not enter into a holy place made by hands, a figure of the true,

- but into heaven itself, to appear now before the face of God for us;
- C. We need to see that the two altars (Exo. 40:5-6) are connected by the anointing (30:26-28), by the blood of the sin offering (Lev. 16:18; 4:7), and by the fire that burned the offerings (6:13; 16:12).
- Exo 40:5 And you shall put the golden altar for incense before the Ark of the Testimony and set up the screen of the entrance to the tabernacle.
- Exo 40:6 And you shall put the altar of burnt offering before the entrance of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.
- Exo 30:26 And with it you shall anoint the Tent of Meeting and the Ark of the Testimony,
- Exo 30:27 And the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,
- Exo 30:28 And the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base.
- Lev 16:18 Then he shall go out to the altar that is before Jehovah and make expiation for it, and he shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on and around the horns of the altar.
- Lev 4:7 And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before Jehovah, which is in the Tent of Meeting; and all the rest of the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.
- Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.
- Lev 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before Jehovah, with his hands full of finely ground fragrant incense, and bring it inside the veil.

II. The altar of burnt offering typifies the cross of Christ—Exo. 27:1; 38:1; 40:6, 29; Heb. 13:10:

- Exo 27:1 And you shall make the altar of acacia wood, a length of five cubits and a width of five cubits; the altar shall be square; and three cubits, its height.
- Exo 38:1 And he made the altar of burnt offering, of acacia wood; five cubits was its length, and five cubits, its width, square; and three cubits, its height.
- Exo 40:6 And you shall put the altar of burnt offering before the entrance of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting.
- Exo 40:29 He also set the altar of burnt offering at the entrance of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meal offering, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- Heb 13:10 We have an altar from which they who are serving the tabernacle have no right to eat.
- A. The cross is the base, the ground, of all spiritual experience; all spiritual experience begins from the cross—Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 2:20.
- Gal 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.
- 1 Cor 2:2 For I did not determine to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and this One crucified.
- Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- B. The cross is the center of God's operation in His economy—3:1; 1:4; 2:19-21; 3:13; 5:24; 6:14:
- Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed crucified?
- Gal 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father,
- Gal 2:19 For I through law have died to law that I might live to God.
- Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- Gal 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness is through law, then Christ has died for nothing.
- Gal 3:13 Christ has redeemed us out of the curse of the law, having become a curse on our

- behalf; because it is written, "Cursed is everyone hanging on a tree";
- Gal 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.
- Gal 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.
1. In His economy God gives us one person—Christ—and one way—the cross—Col. 1:12, 20, 27.
 - Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
 - Col 1:20 And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross;†through Him, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens.
 - Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,
 2. The cross is the center of God's government; God governs everything by the cross and deals with everything by the cross.

III. The altar of burnt offering was made of acacia wood overlaid with bronze—

Exo. 27:1-2:

- Exo 27:1 And you shall make the altar of acacia wood, a length of five cubits and a width of five cubits; the altar shall be square; and three cubits, its height.
- Exo 27:2 And you shall make its horns upon its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze.
- A. The basic substance of the altar of burnt offering was acacia wood:
 1. The acacia wood signifies the humanity of the Lord Jesus, who was judged by God on the cross as our Substitute—1 Tim. 2:5.
 - 1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
 2. The cross is not merely a thing; the cross is related to a person, and this person is Christ.
 3. The saving element is not in the cross as a thing but in a person, in the One who was crucified for us—Gal. 2:20.
 - Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
 4. The effectiveness of the cross is not in the cross itself; it is in that humanity, which is related to the cross and which was crucified on it.
 - B. The bronze signifies God's righteous judgment on Christ as our Substitute—Exo. 27:2; Num. 16:37-39; Rom. 8:3.
 - Exo 27:2 And you shall make its horns upon its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze.
 - Num 16:37 Tell Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to take the censers up out of the burning and scatter the fire about; for they are holy.
 - Num 16:38 The censers of those who have sinned against their own lives, let them be made into beaten plates for a covering of the altar, for they presented them before Jehovah and they became holy. So they shall be a sign to the children of Israel.
 - Num 16:39 And Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers which those who were burned had offered; and they beat them out as a covering of the altar,
 - Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
 - C. The acacia wood overlaid with bronze signifies that Christ became a man to die on the cross to bear the judgment of God for us—1 Pet. 3:18.
 - 1 Pet 3:18 For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the spirit;

IV. The grating is the most important part of the altar, for it depicts the mystery of Christ's redemption—Exo. 27:4; Rom. 3:24; Col. 1:14:

- Exo 27:4 And you shall make a grating, a network of bronze for it; and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four ends.
- Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
- Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins;
- A. The grating signifies Christ the Redeemer in His redemptive work—Exo. 27:4; Eph. 1:7.
- Exo 27:4 And you shall make a grating, a network of bronze for it; and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four ends.
- Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace,
- B. The bronze grating, with its rings and poles, is the content of the altar, signifying the inner content of Christ's redemption—Exo. 27:4.
- Exo 27:4 And you shall make a grating, a network of bronze for it; and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four ends.
- C. The bronze grating within the altar signifies that God's judgment reached the inward parts of Christ—Psa. 22:14.
- Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water, / And all my bones are out of joint. / My heart is like wax; / It is melted within me.
- D. That the grating was within the altar signifies that God's judgment (bronze) upon Christ as our Substitute was not merely outward but reached the inward parts of Christ—v. 14:
- Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water, / And all my bones are out of joint. / My heart is like wax; / It is melted within me.
1. The holy fire of God's judgment was not only outside of Christ but also burned within Him.
 2. When Christ bore God's judgment, that judgment reached His heart, His inward parts; His heart melted in His inward parts—v. 14.
 - Exo 22:14 I am poured out like water, / And all my bones are out of joint. / My heart is like wax; / It is melted within me.
 3. God's judgment upon Christ was experienced more inwardly than it was outwardly:
 - a. Actually, Christ suffered more inwardly than He did outwardly.
 - b. The grating—the place where the holy fire of God's judgment burned—was in the Lord Jesus, in His inward parts.
 - c. The significance of the grating being within the altar is that Christ bore God's judgment with His heart and not only on His body.
- E. Redemption is not merely a matter—it is a person, Christ Himself; therefore, Christ and His redemption cannot be separated—Heb. 9:12.
- Heb 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.

V. The four rings of bronze at the four ends of the grating typify the eternal Spirit—Exo. 27:4; Heb. 9:14:

- Exo 27:4 And you shall make a grating, a network of bronze for it; and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four ends.
- Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- A. The all-inclusive Christ died an all-inclusive death through the eternal Spirit; thus, the efficacy of Christ's redemption depends upon the eternal Spirit:
1. Christ's blood is effective because He offered Himself to God through the eternal Spirit—1 John 1:7.
 - 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
 2. Christ offered Himself as the sacrifice, but the efficacy and power of Christ's

redemption depend on the eternal Spirit; it is crucial that we see this—Heb. 9:14.

Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- B. The rings forming one piece with the grating indicates that the redeeming Christ issues in the Spirit—John 7:39; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Gal. 3:1-2.

John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed crucified?

Gal 3:2 This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?

VI. The poles upon the two sides of the altar signify the move of the cross by the coordination of the believers as a testimony—Exo. 27:6-7:

Exo 27:6 And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.

Exo 27:7 And its poles shall be put into the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried.

- A. Those who preach the cross, proclaiming Christ crucified, must do so in coordination as a testimony—1 Cor. 1:23.

1 Cor 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,

- B. If we are living persons preaching the cross by bearing a testimony in coordination, we will be qualified to carry the altar in its journey on earth.

VII. With the altar of burnt offering, we have a picture of the entire New Testament—the redeeming Christ, the Spirit, and the church—Rom. 8:3, 9-11; 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 45b; 12:12-13; Gal. 1:4; 3:1-2, 13-14; 6:10, 15:

Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.

Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

Rom 12:4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,

Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

1 Cor 15:3 For I delivered to you, first of all, that which also I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

1 Cor 15:4 And that He was buried, and that He has been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures;

1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

1 Cor 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

Gal 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father,

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Gal 3:2 This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?

- Gal 3:13 Christ has redeemed us out of the curse of the law, having become a curse on our behalf; because it is written, "Cursed is everyone hanging on a tree";
- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- Gal 6:10 So then, as we have the opportunity, let us do what is good toward all, but especially toward those of the household of the faith.
- Gal 6:15 For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters.
- A. In the Gospels we see Christ as the redemptive grating and the rings in the process of being formed—John 1:29; 3:14; 12:24; 19:34; 7:37-39; 14:16-18.
- John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.
- John 7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
- John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.
- John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.
- John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever,
- John 14:17 Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.
- John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.
- B. In the book of Acts we have the Spirit as the four rings—1:8.
- Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- C. In the Epistles we have the definition of the four rings—Heb. 9:14; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17; Gal. 3:1-2, 14; Rev. 5:6.
- Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.
- Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
- Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.
- 1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
- 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
- Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed crucified?
- Gal 3:2 This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?
- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- Rev 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
- D. The Body of Christ carries the redeeming Christ throughout the earth by the all-inclusive Spirit—1 Cor. 12:12-13; Rev. 1:12-13a; 2:1, 7a.

- 1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.
- 1 Cor 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.
- Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,
- Rev 1:13a And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, ...
- Rev 2:1 To the messenger of the church in Ephesus write: These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, He who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:
- Rev 2:7a He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ...
- E. The Body of Christ bears the testimony of Jesus throughout the earth by the all-inclusive Spirit; this is the revelation of the New Testament—2 Cor. 4:5, 7.
- 2 Cor 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.
- 2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.