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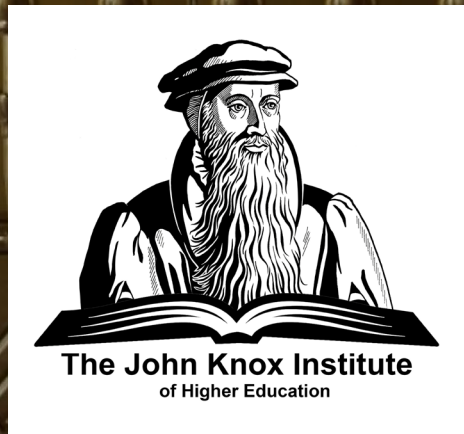
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Video Lecture Series

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*Lecture 6 ~*

### THE BRAZEN ALTAR—Part 1



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**Scripture Text**

*“And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass. And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass. And thou shalt make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof. And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass. And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it. Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.—Exodus 27, verses 1 to 8*

**Key Points**

1. Inside the Courtyard Gate, the first thing you encountered was the Brazen Altar.
2. The description and features of the Brazen Altar.
3. The Brazen Altar reveals God’s way of peace, atonement, and reconciliation.
  - a. The fire speaks of God’s holiness and justice.
  - b. The animal sacrifices point to the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ.
  - c. The blood caught in the basin speaks of the blood Jesus shed for our sins.
  - d. The work of the priest reminds us that Jesus is our great High Priest.
  - e. The Altar itself points to the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. The Brazen Altar reveals the glory of Jesus Christ.
  - a. The wood covered by bronze speaks of Christ as both God and man.
  - b. The four horns point in four directions; the gospel will go to the ends of the earth.
  - c. The word “altar” in Hebrew means “high place,” relating that Jesus would be lifted up.

**Review Questions**

1. What was the first thing Shema saw when he entered the Courtyard Gate? What was the sacrificing activity like?

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2. Describe the features of the Brazen Altar?

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3. All day long, the fire was kept burning on the Brazen Altar. What does the fire tell us about God?

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4. Can thousands of sacrificed animals ever satisfy God’s justice? How does the Brazen Altar picture God’s way of salvation? How is the blood sacrifice a part of that?

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5. In John 1, verse 29, John the Baptist declared, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” Who was John referring to? How does that connect to what we are learning about the Brazen Altar?

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6. What materials were used to build the Brazen Altar? What is the spiritual message in using both these materials? How does this picture the glory of Jesus Christ?

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7. In what ways did the Brazen Altar point to the coming Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ?

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8. Why was it necessary for the Lord Jesus to have a human nature and a divine nature?

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9. The four horns on the Brazen Altar pointed in four directions. What spiritual truth can we learn from that?

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10. What is the literal meaning of the Hebrew word for “altar”? How do Jesus’ words in John 3:14 relate to this?

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**Personal Applications**

1. Rev. Vergunst teaches us that the Brazen Altar was made of wood from the shittim tree and then covered in bronze. Can you see God’s great plan of salvation represented in this design? How does this affect your coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ?

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2. Have you ever doubted that Jesus Christ would welcome you? Do these things we’ve learned about the Brazen Altar encourage you to come to God through Jesus Christ?

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