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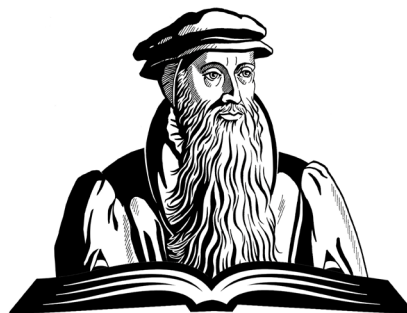
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**Scripture Text**

*“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: when they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: so they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.”*

—Exodus 30, verses 17 to 21

*“And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.”—Exodus 38:8*

*“And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein.”—Exodus 40:7*

**Key Points**

1. Review of Courtyard Gate, Brazen Altar, and Introducing the Holy of Holies.
  - a. Review of spiritual personal experience of coming to faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Estimated description of the Laver.
  - a. It was positioned between the Altar and the Tabernacle.
    - 1) First, you bring your sins to Christ, then you are washed.
  - b. The priests washed their hands and feet before doing their sacrificial duties.
3. God’s message to us in the Laver.
  - a. When sinners come to Christ for salvation, the Holy Spirit sanctifies them.
    - 1) At the Altar, the guilt is carried away in the death of the substitute; at the Laver, the pollution of sin is removed through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

b. God magnifies holiness in the Laver.

- 1) The priests had to wash themselves before they could do their duties.
- 2) Fellowship with God is not possible without holiness.

c. The Laver and the water both symbolized the Word of God.

- 1) The Word of God is like a mirror revealing our sins.
- 2) The Word of God is also a means of cleansing us from the pollution of sin.

4. The unforgettable scene in John 13:3–10; pollution of sin needs to be cleansed daily.

**Review Questions**

1. Rev. Vergunst says that the truths pictured in the Tabernacle need to be personal, spiritual, and experiential. What did he mean by that?

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2. What was the Laver used for in the Tabernacle Courtyard? Who could use the Laver?

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3. What was the Laver made of? Do we know its dimensions or its shape?

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4. God told Moses to place the Laver between the Brazen Altar and the Tabernacle. What spiritual truth is illustrated in its location?

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5. How does the Laver illustrate the Holy Spirit's ministry to sanctify those who have come to faith in Jesus Christ? What illustrations did Rev. Vergunst give us?

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6. Why was the Laver positioned after the Brazen Altar? Does this reveal the order of salvation and sanctification?

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7. What is the basis for the pouring out of the Holy Spirit? What do we learn from this?

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8. Why did the priests have to continually wash themselves, hands and feet, at the Laver before they performed their priestly duties throughout the day? What personal spiritual lesson can we learn from that?

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9. How do the Laver and the water each symbolize the Word of God?

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10. Please explain the main teachings from John 13, verses 8 to 10.

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**Personal Applications**

1. So far we have learned the spiritual symbolism of the Courtyard Fence, the Gate, and the Brazen Altar. What personal, spiritual, and experiential truths have you gleaned from this lecture about the Laver and its relationship to the Altar?

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2. Meditate on the passage in John 13, verses 8 to 10, and the teachings in this lecture about the Laver and its relation to sanctification. What thoughts do you have now about the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God?

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