

Exodus 30:17-21 **Laver**

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 18 "You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it, 19 for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. 20 When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the LORD, they shall wash with water, lest they die. 21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them--to him and his descendants throughout their generations." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The Laver is made of Bronze or copper, which represents judgment.
 - ✧ We must examine (judge) ourselves at the Laver and come before God cleansed by His Word before we can minister before God in any aspect of worship. [2 Corinthians 13:5, Galatians 6:4, Isaiah 59:1-3, Ezekiel 8:17-18, Amos 5:18-24, Micah 3:4, Zechariah 7:8-13, Malachi 2:13-16]
- ✧ It is filled with Water which represents the power of the Holy Spirit in His work of cleansing the soul and conscience of man through the Word of God.
 - ✧ Our cleansing is a spiritual thing that is accomplished by the Holy Spirit opening our minds and hearts to understand what is revealed in the Word of God. [Ephesians 5:26, John 16:13-14]
- ✧ It is placed between the Altar of Sacrifice and the Door of the Tabernacle.
 - ✧ The need to approach God with clean hands and feet stands between our Sacrifices and the presence of God. [Isaiah 1:15-18]
- ✧ The Priests are to wash their hands and feet **from** it.
 - ✧ Cleansing of the hands representing the works of our hands being cleansed by the Water of the Word of God before they can be used in the service of our God either for offering a sacrifice or entering the Holy Place with our prayers.
 - ✧ Cleansing of the feet represent the cleansing our feet by the Water of the Word of God, and is required before our walk is acceptable to bring our offerings, sacrifices, or prayers before God.
- ✧ It is a statute forever, and bears the death penalty for violating it.
 - ✧ Jesus is the only High Priest Who lives forever and Who is pure enough to be the acceptable Mediator to fulfill the requirements of the cleansing the Laver represents.
 - ✧ It is only as the Holy Spirit reveals Christ in our hearts and lives that we are able to understand the precious significance of the work of the Laver and the Water it contains.
 - ✧ The Priest is cleansed with Water taken **from** the Laver which takes the filth away.
 - ✧ He is not cleansed by water **in** the Laver which would defile the water and the Laver by the retention of the filth in the water.

Holy things of God must be honored and kept pure and undefiled because of the significance of that which they represent in respect to God.

We are not caught up to the Throne of God in Heaven until we have dealt with our sins and taken action toward their cleansing.

God has provided the only acceptable cleansing of sin by the precious blood of Christ Jesus, and He cleanses us from our sins when we believe His promise and come to Him through faith in Christ. [1 John 1:7-10]