In 2 Kings 16:10-16, King Ahaz replaced the brazen altar with a copy of a pagan altar and later in 2 Chronicles 28:23-25 closed up the House of the Lord.

In 2 Chronicles 29: 18-36, King Hezekiah restored the altar to its proper place. That was revival.

#### THE PRESENTATION AT THE ALTAR

There were 'thank offerings' presented at the altar. Also the offering of the basket of the firstfruits.

Such love demands a response from the believer - our bodies as a living sacrifice; Romans 12:1.

Luke 23:33 ... CALVARY, THERE THEY CRUCIFIED HIM ..."

# **Teachings From The Tabernacle**

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Message 2
The Brasen Altar

Exodus 27:1-8; John 1:29; Hebrews 9:22-26; 10:12.

## Illustrates cleansing by the Blood - Salvation

The English word 'Altar' means 'lifted up.'

See John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32 along with 14:6.

Christ was lifted up on Calvary to be the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The Hebrew word means 'Place of Slaughter.' This was a place of blood and of death.

## THE POSITION OF THE ALTAR

At the door of the Tabernacle; Exodus 40:6. It was the first item seen on entering through the Gate.

#### THE PROMINENCE OF THE ALTAR

In size; Exodus 27:1.

In use; Exodus 29:38-42; 2 Chronicles 1:5-7.

In Scripture.

#### THE PLAN OF THE ALTAR

Designed by God but made by man (See Acts 2:23).

Substance v1. Strengthening v2. Shape v1. Staves vs6&7.

Support vs4&5. A grate.



## THE PROPITIATION AT THE ALTAR (v3).

1) Shedding of the blood and the death of the sacrifice: Leviticus 1:5; 17:11. cf. Hebrews 9:22,23.

The sacrifice was bound with cords to the altar; Psalm 118:27.

2) Fire of God fell on the sacrifice: Leviticus 9:24;

6:13. Hebrews 12:29; 1 Thessalonians 1:8.

Christ quenched the fire for His people.

3) Ashes: Leviticus 6:10,11; Hebrews 10:11&12; 9:26; John 19:41.

Ashes are the record that the fire had completed its work. They were carried to a clean place. Ashes were used for sprinkling the unclean (Numbers 19).

## THE POWER OF THE ALTAR (v2)

Horns are a symbol of Power – Habukkuk 3:4; Daniel 7:8; Revelation 13:1-11.

There is sin destroying power in the precious blood of Christ shed on Calvary.

## THE PENITENT AT THE ALTAR (Leviticus 1:2-51

The sinner was to put his hands upon the sacrifice as a symbol of confession, acceptance and identification with it.

When the sacrifice was offered, God said He would meet with them; Exodus 29:37,42 & 43.

### THE PERVERSION OF THE ALTAR

In Leviticus 9:24; 10:1&2, Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire to the Lord and fire from heaven destroyed them.