

Christ In The Old Testament
“There Is A Fountain”
Exodus 35:16; 30:17-21

Introduction:

1. Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles Tonight:
 - To Exodus 35 - Where:
 - We Are Following The Outline:
 - Given There:
 - About The Construction Of The Tabernacle!
 - And - Through It All:
 - We Have Been Given:
 - A Glimpse Of Christ:
 - In Some Way Or Another!
 - Starting Back:
2. In 35:11:
 - Where - Again - We Were Told About:
 - “The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets!”
 - And - This Tabernacle Structure Itself:
 - Points Us To The Person Of Christ:
 - With His Two Natures:
 - As Both Man & God!
5. Then - In 35:12:
 - We Were Told About:
 - “The ark, and the staves thereof, with the mercy seat, and the vail of the covering!”
 - All Of These Articles:
 - Which Were Placed In The Holy Of Holies:
 - Point Us To Jesus Christ:
 - As The Greatest Treasure:
 - Of The World!
6. Next - In 35:13:
 - We Were Told About:
 - “The table, and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shewbread!”
 - The Table Of Shewbread:
 - Shows Us That Jesus Christ:
 - Is The Exclusive Connection:
 - Between Heaven & Earth!
7. While - In 35:14:
 - We Were Told About:
 - “The candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light!”
 - This Menorah:
 - Reminds Us That:
 - Jesus & His People:
 - Are Still “The Light Of The World!”
8. In 35:15:
 - We Had Described For Us:
 - “The incense altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle!”
 - And So - The Smoke & Scent:
 - That Came Off The Altar Of Incense:
 - Teaches Us About:
 - The Ongoing Intercession Of Christ:
 - For His People!
 - Because - He:
 - “Ever Liveth To Make Intercession” For Us! (Hebrews 7:25)
9. Next - In he First Part Of 35:16:
 - We Were Told About:

- “The altar of burnt offering, with his brasen grate, his staves, and all his vessels!”
 - This Altar Was The First Object:
 - That You Would Come To:
 - If You Were Coming To The Tabernacle!
 - And This Altar:
 - Reveals That Christ:
 - Was The Only One Capable:
 - Of Giving Eternal Significance:
 - To The Sacrifice He Made:
 - On The Cross:
 - For Our Sin!
10. Well - There Is One More:
- Article Mentioned:
 - In 35:16 - And That Is:
 - “The Laver And His Foot!”
 - Or - “The Basin & Its Stand!” (ESV)
 - So - We Have Here:
 - Two Separate Pieces:
 - That Made Up This Article!
 - It Was A Large Cauldron Lifted Up From The Ground:
 - By A Pedestal OF Some Kind!
 - And - The Instructions - Given By The Lord To Moses:
 - About This Article Are Found In:
 - Exodus 30:17-21 - “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!”
11. This Bronze Laver:
- Is Yet Another Portrait:
 - Of Jesus Christ - And:
 - The Purification That He Offers:
 - To All To Believe In & Call Upon Him:
 - As Their Savior!
 - As Matthew Henry Once Described It:
 - The Bronze Laver:
 - “Signified The Provision That Is Made In The Gospel Of Christ For The Cleansing Of Our Souls From The Moral Pollution Of Sin By The Merit And Grace Of Christ, That We May Be Fit To Serve The Holy God In Holy Duties!”
 - And - There Are Three Ways:
 - That The Bronze Laver:
 - Teaches Us About Christ:
 - And The Purification:
 - That He Offers!
 - First - Christ Is:
 - The Source:
 - Of Purification!
 - Second - Christ Is:
 - The Supplier:
 - Of Purification! And:
 - Third - Christ Is:
 - The Sufficiency:
 - Of Purification!
 - That Is - He Is Enough:
 - For All Needy Sinners:
 - Like Us!

12. In Some Ways:
- Christ Provides The Moral & Spiritual Purification We Need:
 - The Same Way:
 - Water Is Provided:
 - To A City In The Desert!
 - **IE:** Like Some Of The Big Cities Out West - Like Phoenix, Arizona & Las Vegas, Nevada!
 - Without Fresh Water - To Serve The Millions Of Residents - These Thriving Cities Will Die!

* Without A Reliable *Source* Of Clean, Fresh Water - These Cities Will Die!

- And - In The Same Way:

- Christ Is:

1. The Source Of Purification:

- That We All Need!

- **IE:** For Many Cities Out West - The Main Source Of Water Is The Colorado River - Which Begins In The State Of Colorado - And Collects Water From The Snow & Ice That Melts Throughout The Spring & Summer! Without A Good Source Of Water - The River Itself Can Run Dry - And Affect The Lives Of Millions!

- The Bronze Laver - Which Was To Be Filled:

- With Fresh Water Every Day:

- Points Us To Christ As:

- The Perfect Source Of Purification:

- For All Who Need To Be Cleansed!

- This Can Be Seen:

- In The Assembly Of:

- The Laver Itself:

- As We Just Read In 30:18-19!

- The Plan For The Laver (30:18):

- Is Not As Detailed As:

- The Other Objects & Articles:

- That We Have Looked At!

- We Are Not Told:

- Anything About Its Size!

- Nor Are We Told:

- Anything About Its Shape!

- We Are Only Told:

- About Its Support!

- A Pedestal / Stand Of Some Kind!

- Like The Altar Of Sacrifice, It Was To Be Made Of Bronze!

- The Placement Of The Laver (30:18):

- Is Also Provided - But Once Again:

- Not In So Much Detail:

- As Some Of The Other Articles!

- It Was Just To Be Placed:

- Somewhere "Between The Tabernacle Of The Congregation & The Altar!"

- From Other Descriptions - It Was Placed To The Side - So That:

- The Priests Could Use It When They Served In The Tabernacle Or At The Altar!

- However - The Purpose Of The Laver (30:18):

- Reveals Its True Significance!

- When Water Was Put Into The Basin:

- It Was Used:

- "To Wash!"

- And - This Is One Of:

- The Great Purposes Of Christ:

- Coming Into This World!

- To Cleanse & To Wash:

- His People From Their Sins!
- In 1 Corinthians 6:11 - Paul Tells Us:
 - That - As A Christian:
 - “Ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God!”
- Jesus Alone Is:
 - The Source Of The Purification:
 - We Need!
 - But - Not Only Is This Seen In:
 - The Assembly Of The Laver:
- This Can Also Be Seen:
 - In The Anointing Of The Laver!
 - Which We Find In 30:28-29:
 - Where - After The Lord Tells Moses How To Make The “Holy Anointing Oil!”
 - He Was Supposed To Take It & Anoint Everything Including - “The Laver And His Foot!” / “And Thou Shalt Sanctify Them, That They May Be Most Holy: Whatsoever Toucheth Them Shall Be Holy!”
 - So - What Made This Basin Of Water So Special?
 - It Was Special Because:
 - It Was Chosen & Set Apart By God:
 - For The Purpose Of Religious Cleansing & Purification!
 - It Was “Anointed!”
 - And - This Is What Made:
 - Christ So Special - As The Source:
 - Of Our Own Purification:
 - From Sin!
 - In Mark 1:9-11 - We Are Told About:
 - The Anointing Of Jesus:
 - At His Baptism - “And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. / And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: / And there came a voice from heaven, [saying], Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!”
 - This Anointing:
 - Was Not With Oil - But Was:
 - With The Holy Spirit Of God!
 - And It Was A Sign That:
 - Jesus Was Already Pure & Holy!
 - So That - Anything Connected To Him:
 - Could Become:
 - Holy & Sanctified As Well!
 - When Jesus Was Anointed By His Father:
 - It Proved That:
 - His Body Was Holy!
 - So That - He Could Be “Tempted Like As We Are, Yet Without Sin!” (Hebrews 4:15)
 - When Jesus Was Anointed With The Holy Spirit:
 - It Proved That:
 - His Blood Was Holy!
 - So That His Blood Could Do What Water Never Could!
 - According To Revelation 1:5:
 - He “Has Washed Us From Our Sins In His Own Blood!”
 - When Jesus Was Anointed From Heaven:
 - It Proved That:
 - Believers In Him:
 - Could Be Sanctified By Him As Well!
 - Because - “Whosoever Toucheth Him Shall Be Holy!” (30:29)
- Jesus Christ Is The Source:

- For All The Purification You Need!
- Because He Is Holy:
 - He Can Make You Holy:
 - And Set Apart For:
 - The Master's Use!

* But Then - Second - Without A Reliable & Consistent **Supply** Of Water:

- The Cities Of The Desert Will Die!
- And - In The Same Way:
 - Christ Is:

2. **The Supply Of Purification:**

- That We All Need!

- **IE:** One Of The Problems That Phoenix, Arizona Has Is That Its Located Hundreds Of Miles From The Colorado River - One Of Its Biggest Sources Of Fresh Water - Supplying About 40% For Over 7 Million People! To Solve This Problem - A Concrete Aqueduct Was Built - 17 Feet Deep / 80 Feet Wide / 336 Miles Long - To Bring The Much-Needed Supply Of Water To A Thirsty City!

- Once Again - The Bronze Laver Of The Tabernacle:

- Points Us To Christ As:
 - The Reliable Supply Of Purification:
 - For All Who Need Him To Be!

- In 30:19-20 - The Lord Told Moses:

- Who & What The Bronze Laver Was For:

- "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:

- The Laver Was To Be Used For:

- The Cleansing Of The Hands:

- Of His Priests!

- As Well As Their Feet!

- Some Think There Might Have Been:

- A Pool Of Water:

- Along The Pedestal:

- For Their Feet!

- Others Think There Might Have Been:

- Faucets From Which:

- The Water In The Main Basin Could Be Accessed!

- Without More Detail:

- We Just Don't Know:

- What This Laver Looked Like In The Tabernacle!

- We Are Given More Details:

- About The "Sea" That King Solomon Had Made:

- For The Temple - In 1 Kings!

- And - It Was A Massive Tub Made Of Bronze:

- Placed On The Backs Of Twelve Oxen Facing Out!

- But - In Either One:

- Ritual Cleansing:

- Was Important For The Priests:

- In Their Service:

- To The Lord!

- So Serious That:

- If They Did Not Wash With Water:

- Before They Came To Minister:

- In The Tabernacle Or At The Altar:

- They Were Liable To Die!

- John Gill - "No Man Was Fit For This Service, Or Admitted To It, Until He Was Washed!"

- But - This Washing:

- Was Only On The Outside!

- One's Hands & Feet!
- On Solemn Occasions:
 - The Priests Would Purify Their Whole Bodies From The Water:
 - Of The Bronze Laver!
 - But - To Be Truly Pure:
 - A Deeper Cleansing:
 - Was Needed!
- The Cleansing Of The Hearts!
 - And This Is Why:
 - The Bronze Laver:
 - Points Us Even More:
 - To Christ!
 - Because Without Another Kind Of Cleansing:
 - An Inner Cleansing:
 - Noone Could Ever Be Saved!
 - David Understood This:
 - When He Penned:
 - Psalm 24:3-4a - "Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? /He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart!"
 - But - How Can You Have A Pure Heart?
 - This Was The Kind Of Cleansing:
 - That Was Promised In:
 - Zechariah 13:1 - "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness!"
 - And - This Was The Kind Of Cleansing:
 - Fulfilled & Offered:
 - By Our Lord Jesus Christ!
 - So - The Bronze Laver:
 - Only Offered:
 - A Limited Cleansing:
 - With Water!
 - But Christ Offers:
 - A Limitless Cleansing:
 - Through His Blood!
 - So That - As 1 John 1:7 Tells Us:
 - "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin!"
 - Jesus Christ Is The Supply:
 - For All The Purification You Need!
 - And - He Starts:
 - Not With The Hands:
 - But From The Heart!

* But Then - Third - Without A Way To Save Up & Store Water:

- The Cities Of The Desert Will Die As Well!
- And - Once Again - In The Same Way:
 - Christ Is:

3. ***The Sufficiency Of Purification:***

- That We All Need!
 - **IE:** Just About Any Big City - Whether It Is Found In A Desert - Or Even - In A Place Like Indiana - Its Lifeline Is The Storage Of Water For When You Need It! In Greenfield - Water Towers Are Used To Store Up Enough Water - To Help Satisfy The Demands Of The City! In Other Cities - Large Reservoirs Have Been Created! Out West - Lake Powell & Lake Mead Are Used To Store Up Water For When It Is In Greatest Need! And - When Their Levels Are Low - Like They Are Now - Lowest Point In Decades - There Is Great Concern For The Cities & People Who Need The Water!
 - Praise God - The Lord Jesus Christ:
 - Is Abundantly Sufficient:
 - To Continue To Provide:

- Purification For His People!
- His Cleansing:
 - Is Like A Lake:
 - That Will Never:
 - Run Dry!
- In Exodus 38:8 - We Are Told:
 - How The Bronze Was Collected:
 - In Order To Make:
 - The Laver Of The Tabernacle!
 - When God Gave Great Skill & Wisdom:
 - To A Man Named Bezaleel - We Are Told That:
 - “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!”
- So - The Bronze Laver:
 - Was Made From:
 - The Bronze Mirrors:
 - That The Faithful Women Willingly Gave:
 - To The Lord!
- As Such - The Bronze:
 - Would Have Been:
 - The Finest Bronze Available!
 - And Was Burnished:
 - Until It Shined & Could Reflect Light & Images!
 - Of Course - These Mirrors:
 - Would Have Been Used:
 - By Those Women:
 - First & Foremost:
- To See Themselves!
 - They Were Prized & Valuable Possessions!
 - And - They Would Have Used Them:
 - To Help Them:
 - Look Their Best:
 - On The Outside!
 - Face / Hair!
 - But - What Became Even More Clear:
 - Is That They Wanted:
- To See God:
 - Even More Than Themselves!
 - So They Gave Up Their Mirrors:
 - Because - He Was Sufficient:
 - To Show Them:
 - Who They Really Were & What They Really Looked Like!
- And That Is Why:
 - As David Guzik Once Wrote:
 - “When We Come To Jesus We Are Initially Cleansed, But Must Also Be Continually Washed From The Dust And Dirt Of The World!”
 - And - We Do This:
 - Through The Ongoing “Washing Of Water By The Word!” (Ephesians 2:6)
 - So That - The Word Of Christ:
 - Like A Mirror:
 - Reveals More & More About Us:
 - That Needs Purified!
 - And Then - The Word Of Christ:
 - Like A Shower:
 - Cleanses Us More & More!
 - James 4:8 - “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded!”

- Jesus Christ Is Sufficient:
 - For All The Purification You Need!
 - The Power Of His Blood:
 - Is Sufficient:
 - To Save You! And:
 - The Power Of His Word:
 - Is Sufficient:
 - To Sanctify You!

Conclusion:

1. So - Keep Going To:
 - The Fountain Of Christ!
 - For - Christ Alone:
 - Can Purify & Cleanse You:
 - Of All Your Sin!

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