

EXODUS – LESSON ELEVEN

- I. THE TABERNACLE AND SIGN OF THE SABBATH (Chapters 30-31)**
- A. God instructs Moses concerning the ALTAR OF INCENSE (30:1-10).
1. *Dimensions:* 1foot 6 inches long, 1foot 6 inches wide and 3 feet high.
 2. Horns of altar and altar all one piece.
 3. Made of Acacia wood overlaid with gold.
 4. Four gold rings (two on each side) with poles to be inserted of acacia wood overlaid with gold.
 5. Placed before veil in tabernacle in front of ark of the testimony.
 6. Aaron to burn incense twice a day on altar – morning and twilight.
 7. No other offerings and only the proper incense to be offered.
 8. Aaron to make atonement on its horns once a year.
- B. God instructs Moses concerning the HALF-SHEKEL – the atonement money (30:11-16)
1. Half-shekel – twenty gerahs (beans) in weight of silver.
 2. To be paid of those twenty years and older when numbered.
 3. As numbered as God’s people in service – conscious of sin – need of atonement.
 4. Used in supplying needs of tabernacle (cf. 38:26).
- C. God instructs Moses concerning the LAVER (30:17-21)
1. Laver and its base made of brass.
 2. Used for Aaron and his sons to wash their hands and feet before entering the tabernacle or approaching the altar to present a offering made by fire.
- D. God instructs Moses concerning the ANOINTING OIL (30:22-33).
1. A fragrant specified mixture of the finest spices and olive oil.
 2. Used to anoint all the furniture and utensils of the tabernacle and Aaron and his sons.
 3. Holy: only used in specified mixture and for specified people.
- E. God instructs Moses concerning THE INCENSE (30:34-38).
1. A fragrant specified mixture of spices.
 2. Beaten into small pieces and set before the ark of testimony, but outside the veil.
 3. Holy: not for private use.
- F. God instructs Moses concerning SKILLED CRAFTSMEN (31:1-11).
1. Bezalel of tribe of Judah – skilled in design and cutting of metals.
 2. Oholiab of tribe of Dan – skilled in weaving of cloth.
 3. Bezalel and Oholiab leading craftsmen for furniture, utensils, garments, anointing oil and incense – Filled with spirit of God to work according to God’s pattern.
- G. God instructs Moses concerning the Sabbath as a sign (31:12-17).
1. Seventh day for rest.
 2. Penalty: death – cut off from among the people.
 3. A sign between God and Israel

H. God gives Moses the tablets of the testimony on stone – written by the finger of God (31:18)

QUESTIONS:

1. Where in the tabernacle was the altar of incense to be placed.
2. When was Aaron to burn incense upon the altar?
3. What would be “strange” incense?
4. What happened once a year with the altar of incense?
5. Who paid the atonement money of the half-shekel?
6. For what was this tax used?
7. For what purpose did the laver serve?
8. Where was the laver located?
9. The anointing oil was made of only olive oil. (T) (F)
10. What was to be anointed with the anointing oil?
11. What *two* points did God emphasize that stressed the “holiness” of the anointing oil?

12. What *two men* were *called by name* to head the work of constructing the things of the tabernacle?

13. To whom was their skill attributed?

14. What was the purpose for the “sign” of the sabbath?

15. Which sabbath was to be kept among God’s “sabbaths”?

16. To whom was the Sabbath a sign? How was it to be observed?