

“Hebrews #19”

Hebrews 13: 10-16... (We Have an Altar)

V10-11 Read...

- The altar of the old covenant was a bloody altar.
- The priest and the people were allowed to eat certain portions of their sacrifices and offerings.
- But the sin offering was different...

Leviticus 4: 11-12 (Speaking of the sin offering, God gives the following instructions)

“But the bull’s hide and all its flesh, with its head and legs, its entrails and offal (dung) the whole bull he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.”

- This is the sin offering, performed on the O.T. altar.

V’s 12-13... read.

Jesus Christ, by offering Himself (outside the camp) became a sin offering, thereby cleansing us, forgiving us and freeing us from the guilt of sin.

Albert Mohler:

“Jesus suffers outside the gates so that He might sanctify the people by His blood. His blood actually makes believers holy. This astonishing reality once again reveals that the old covenant sin offering pointed to a better new covenant offering of Jesus Christ’s blood.”

- Let’s look at God’s prescribed altar. **We will come back to suffering outside the camp.**

Exodus 20: 18 – 21 Read... Remember this is following the giving of the ten commandments.

Exodus 20: 22 – 26

- V22 This is what I want you to tell or instruct the people...
- V23... what is God doing? **He is restating the first commandment...**

Look at Ex. 20: 1 – 5a (Read)

- V24... An altar of earth, **why an altar of earth?**

- **Every place I cause my name to be remembered... I will come to you.**
- **V25-26... God says My altar will be of earth or natural stones.**
- **With no steps... why?... What does He mean, not exposing our nakedness?**

False religions and their altars...

Ex. 21 thru 23 God gives laws about different things...

Ex. 23b – 27 God reaffirms His covenant and gives instructions concerning the tabernacle...

Exodus 28 God gives instructions about the Priest garments... How they are to be dressed when they enter the holy of holies to make offerings and sacrifice.

Exodus 28: 39-43 (Read) [I Just want to look at a small portion of the Priest Vestments]

- **So, we have no steps that their nakedness should not be revealed. And undergarments to cover their naked skin. *What does that mean to you?***
- **Remember this is a time when people didn't wear undergarments.**

So... we have an altar, what is the new covenant altar?

Everyone is equal at the foot of the Cross!

- **Conclude with going outside the camp and what that exactly means.**

Exodus 33: 1-8... read. (Right after the golden calf) Ex 32: 33-35

Exodus 33: 7-11... read. (Moses is standing in the gap for the people)

- **What does it mean to you to go outside the camp?**
- **Following Jesus means joining Him outside the camp... bearing His disgrace.**

Romans 12:1-2 (JB Phillips translation)

“With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him and acceptable by Him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.”

Gordon Mote: Mercy walked in