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God's light

In Old Testament times, God asked the Israelites to light a fire in the sanctuary, a symbolic act of profound significance. Lamps in the Bible usually represent light, wisdom, revelation, and the presence of God. It is a way of worshiping God and symbolizes that God's revelation will guide people on the right path.

In Christianity, Jesus Christ is considered the Son of God, the Savior and Redeemer. In the New Testament, Jesus claims to be the "Light of the world" (John 8:12), and his teaching and presence are considered to guide people on the right path, like a lighthouse guiding a sailing ship. Jesus' teaching is wisdom and revelation, and his presence symbolizes God's love and mercy.

"Light" in Christianity represents truth, justice, wisdom and hope. Christians believe that Jesus is the Redeemer of the world, and that his life and teachings have brought light to mankind, enabling people to walk out of darkness and enter the kingdom of God.

Therefore, the phrase "Jesus in our modern Christianity has become a lamp to our bare feet in our path" emphasizes the guiding role of Jesus in the life of Christians. Christians believe that by believing in Jesus Christ, they can find direction, understand the truth, and receive God's love and grace in their journey of life. The presence and teaching of Jesus gives Christians courage, strength and hope to overcome difficulties and challenges in life.

In modern times, we can react and respond to this request differently, depending on individual beliefs and values. These reactions may include:

Religion: For adherents of the Old Testament, such as Judaism or Christianity, lighting a lamp within the sanctuary remains an important tradition and form of worship. They may see it as fulfilling God's commandments and showing their love and respect for God.

Cultural heritage: Some communities or cultures carry on a tradition even if they do not practice a particular religion because it represents their cultural heritage and history.

Spiritual Significance: For some, lighting a lamp can have spiritual significance, not only representing wisdom and enlightenment, but also the coming of light and hope.

Let's pray for the light of God

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for being our creator and guide. We humble ourselves before you, and come to you to ask God's light to shine on our lives.

May your light illuminate our hearts so that we may know your truth and your way. Let your light remove the darkness and wrong thoughts in our hearts so that we can understand your will and obey your will.

May your light guide our steps and let us walk on the path of justice. May your light illuminate our path so that we may find strength and comfort in the face of adversity and trials.

May your light illuminate our community and our world so that love, peace and goodness may blossom among us. Let your light be our witness, let us be the bearers of your love.

Your light shines on those in darkness, bringing them hope and a chance for change. Let us be an extension of your love, reach out to them and let your light shine in their lives.

Father, we beg you to give us your light to illuminate this world with our lives. Let us be your light bearers to change the world with love and compassion.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Exodus Chapter 27

Ex. 27:1 "Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide.

Ex. 27:2 Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze.

Ex. 27:3 Make all its utensils of bronze — its pots to remove the ashes, and its shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans.

Ex. 27:4 Make a grating for it, a bronze network, and make a bronze ring at each of the four corners of the network.

Ex. 27:5 Put it under the ledge of the altar so that it is halfway up the altar.

Ex. 27:6 Make poles of acacia wood for the altar and overlay them with bronze.

Ex. 27:7 The poles are to be inserted into the rings so they will be on two sides of the altar when it is carried.

Ex. 27:8 Make the altar hollow, out of boards. It is to be made just as you were shown on the mountain.

Ex. 27:9 “Make a courtyard for the tabernacle. The south side shall be a hundred cubits long and is to have curtains of finely twisted linen,

Ex. 27:10 with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 27:11 The north side shall also be a hundred cubits long and is to have curtains, with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 27:12 “The west end of the courtyard shall be fifty cubits wide and have curtains, with ten posts and ten bases.

Ex. 27:13 On the east end, towards the sunrise, the courtyard shall also be fifty cubits wide.

Ex. 27:14 Curtains fifteen cubits long are to be on one side of the entrance, with three posts and three bases,

Ex. 27:15 and curtains fifteen cubits long are to be on the other side, with three posts and three bases.

Ex. 27:16 “For the entrance to the courtyard, provide a curtain twenty cubits long, of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen — the work of an embroiderer — with four posts and four bases.

Ex. 27:17 All the posts around the courtyard are to have silver bands and hooks, and bronze bases.

Ex. 27:18 The courtyard shall be a hundred cubits long and fifty cubits wide, with curtains of finely twisted linen five cubits high, and with bronze bases.

Ex. 27:19 All the other articles used in the service of the tabernacle, whatever their function, including all the tent pegs for it and those for the courtyard, are to be of bronze.

Ex. 27:20 "Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning.

Ex. 27:21 In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain that is in front of the Testimony, Aaron and his sons are to keep the lamps burning before the LORD from evening till morning. This is to be a lasting ordinance among the Israelites for the generations to come.

Exodus chapter 27 describes the altar of burnt offering and the courtyard surrounding the tabernacle. The altar is to be made of acacia wood and covered with bronze, with a grate of bronze and poles for carrying. The courtyard is to be

rectangular, enclosed by a curtain made of fine linen and supported by bronze posts. The gate is to be on the east side, and there are to be hangings of fine linen for the walls of the courtyard. The chapter also describes the oil for the lampstand and the pattern for the tabernacle.

The key verses Chapter 27 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 27 provides instructions for the construction of the altar of burnt offering and the court surrounding the tabernacle. The key verses are:

1. "You shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits broad. The altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits" (Exodus 27:1): This verse describes the dimensions of the altar of burnt offering.
2. "You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. And the poles shall be put through the rings, so that the poles are on the two sides of the altar

when it is carried" (Exodus 27:6-7): This verse describes how the altar is to be transported and the materials used for its construction.

3. "You shall make the court of the tabernacle. On the south side the court shall have hangings of fine twined linen a hundred cubits long for one side" (Exodus 27:9): This verse describes the construction of the court surrounding the tabernacle, which will be made of fine linen.

4. "And you shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn" (Exodus 27:20): This verse describes the importance of providing pure olive oil for the lamp in the tabernacle.

Overall, Exodus chapter 27 emphasizes the importance of constructing a sacred space for worship and connection with God, providing detailed instructions for the construction of the altar and court surrounding the tabernacle.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 27:

Exodus chapter 27 continues the instructions given by God to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle. In this chapter, God provides specific guidelines for the construction of the altar of burnt offering, the courtyard, and the oil for the lampstand.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the emphasis on worship and sacrifice. The altar of burnt offering was a significant element in the tabernacle, where sacrifices were made to atone for sins and express devotion to God. The construction of this altar and the procedures for offering sacrifices symbolized the Israelites' desire to draw near to God and seek His forgiveness and favor.

The chapter also describes the construction of the courtyard surrounding the tabernacle. This space served as a designated area for the Israelites to gather for worship, offering sacrifices, and seeking God's presence. The courtyard was an outward representation of the separation between the sacred and the profane, reminding the people of the need for reverence and holiness in their approach to God.

Furthermore, this chapter highlights the importance of the oil for the lampstand, which was to be kept burning continually in the tabernacle. The lampstand represented the light of God's presence and guidance. The instructions for procuring and using pure olive oil for the lampstand reflected the need for a continual source of illumination and spiritual enlightenment in the presence of God.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 27, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the significance of worship and sacrifice in our relationship with God. Just as the Israelites offered sacrifices to seek forgiveness and express devotion, we are called to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, surrendering our lives to God and worshiping Him with sincere hearts.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the importance of creating spaces and opportunities for gathering and worship. While we may not construct physical courtyards like the Israelites, we can cultivate environments where we can gather with other believers, worship together, and seek God's presence. These spaces can serve as reminders of the sacred and provide opportunities for communal worship and fellowship.

Furthermore, the emphasis on the lampstand and the oil reminds us of the need for spiritual illumination and guidance in our lives. Just as the lampstand needed a continual source of oil to keep the light burning, we need to continually seek the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance to illuminate our paths and reveal God's truth to us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 27 highlights the importance of worship, sacrifice, and creating spaces for gathering and seeking God's presence. It calls us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, cultivate environments for worship and fellowship, and continually seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our worship, foster community, and walk in the light of God's presence in our lives.