

Exodus 30-31

February 5th, 2021

Study Guide

Pray: Ask God to help you see and hear His word rightly and ask Him to reveal himself to you as you read through the designated chapters this week.

Read through **Exodus 30-31**. Then, **reflect** upon what you read as you consider the study questions.

1. a. The altar of incense stood right outside the Most Holy Place, and it was an important element in Israel's worship. The Lord gave instructions for Aaron to burn incense both in the morning and in the evening (**Exodus 30:7-8**). What do you think the incense represented (**See Psalms 141:2, Luke 1:8-10 and Revelations 8:3-4**)?

b. *Personal Reflection, sharing optional.* What encouragement to pray do you find in the three verses mentioned above?

2. Like the altar of burnt offering, the altar of incense also had four horns. Once a year Aaron was to anoint the horns of the altar of incense with blood from the sin offering. For what purpose was this done (**verse 10; see also Leviticus 16:34**)?

3. a. **Read Exodus 30:11-21.** The Lord instructed that everyone was to pay the same amount. The rich were not to give more, the poor not to give less (**verse 15**). What do you think was being implied here?

b. How was this foreshadowing of Jesus Christ (**1 Timothy 2:5-6**)?

4. The priests were to wash their hands and feet as they prepared to lead the Israelites in worship. Read **Hebrews 10:19-22**. How do we best prepare ourselves for worship?

5. Just as God Himself chose Moses and Aaron, He also specifically chose Bezalel and Oholiab for His service. For what work of service did God call Bezalel, Oholiab, and 'all the craftsmen'? How did they obtain the skills and inspiration needed for their important assignments (**Ex. 31:3-6**)?

6.
 - a. *Personal Reflection (sharing optional)*. For what specific tasks has God chosen you?

 - b. In what ways have you seen God equip you for these tasks?

 - c. How important do you think it is for you, as a Christian, to recognize your own special skills and abilities and to develop them to the greatest possible extent? (**See Colossians 3:23**)

7. At the very end of all the instructions to build the tabernacle, the Lord again instructs the Israelites to observe the Sabbath. Why was observing the Sabbath so important (**verses 13, 16-17**)?

8. Though we are no longer bound to the compulsory inactivity imposed by the Sabbath under the Old Covenant, what continuing lessons or values can we find in observing the day of rest?