

WINNIPEG HOUSEFELLOWSHIP- TEACHING SERVICE, MAY 6 2023

THE BRAZEN ALTAR, THE CANDLESTICK, THE ARK OF GOD-FIGURES OF THE CHRIST (BOTH HEAD AND BODY)

LEADING TEXTS- 2Chronicles 1:1-12, Isaiah 62:1-12; Psalm 50:5; I Kings 4: 20-34

INTRODUCTION-The person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ is fully pictured in the Tabernacle of Moses. He is seen in these two respects completely portrayed in the Tabernacle taken as a whole. Also, we are to understand that every one of the seven furniture of this glorious sanctuary adequately sets forth His person and work.

We are led by a consideration of what is said of the Tabernacle of Moses in 2 Chr. 1 to select out three of the seven furniture to look at closely in relation to the life and service of the our Lord Jesus Christ. These are brazen Altar, the Candlestick and the Ark of God. Looking at any one of these, one is able to discern the personal qualities behind the immeasurable success of His mission. Now we know Jesus shares sameness with the Father and enjoyed partnership with Him in ministry.

It is interesting to see that the Holy Scriptures sees a shared identity between Christ and His body. AS HE IS, EVEN NOW, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD (1 JOHN 4:17). SEVERAL SCRIPTURES ALSO POINT TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM (see 2 Cor. 6:1; Mk 16: 20; Matt. 28:20, for example).

MAIN THRUST- For brevity, we desire ONLY to make statements that are principles of truth respecting our subject.

- ❖ **The features of the Brazen Altar speak of the total commitment of Jesus Christ to faithfully doing Father's Will, not in part but wholly.**
- ❖ **The highest sacrifice that is made on it points to the total abandonment of Jesus Christ, not sparing His own life, to the fullest satisfaction of God's sworn oath to Abraham and his seed.**
- ❖ **The passion of Jesus Christ with which He committed to executing His Father's will sees Him doing exactly ALL that were written of Him as these are summarily but sublimely set for Isaiah 61, 62. Over and together with all listed elements, He particular SOUGHT OUT THE BRIDE. He is our Pattern and Example**
- ❖ **The Grace Covenant for which Jesus served the Father is one-sided, unilateral. The performance of this covenant is exclusively secured by God against failure.**
- ❖ **Nevertheless, the LORD requires a covenant of sacrifice from all who on their own terms joyfully open up in THANKS GIVING AND PRAISE to the unending, overwhelming abundance of the GRACE COVENANT**
- ❖ **King Solomon found out this unforced demand and 'gave his all unto God'. This was after painstakingly leading himself and an entire the congregation with whom "HE SOUGHT UNTO THE BRAZEN ALTAR". 2Chr. 1: 5, 6 captures this most revealing act.**

We read the immeasurable, all glorious result flowing from the self-committing sacrifices of King Solomon unto the LORD. (Read account of the reign of King Solomon- Take for great example 1 Kings 4:25; I Kings 4:20 -34)