

FROM ALIENATION TO ACCESS
Exodus 27:1-21 // January 25, 2026 AM

The gospel undoes the alienation caused by our spiritual treason.

I. Access to heaven's King is *restored* (vv. 1-8).

II. Access to heaven's King is *restricted* (vv. 9-21).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is alienation, and what causes it?
2. What was the very first piece of furniture a worshiper would encounter when he or she drew near to the tabernacle?
3. What is an altar for? Can you describe how this altar was to be designed?
4. Why don't we have a literal altar in our worship space? Does that mean we don't have an altar under the new covenant?
5. Why was the fence for the courtyard made of bronze and white fabric instead of gold and heavenly fabric like the frame and inner curtain of the tabernacle?
6. How did the courtyard (vv. 9-19) and the offering of oil (vv. 20-21) both teach that the restored access to God was restricted?
7. Read Ephesians 2:18. Are there restrictions to God's presence in the new covenant? Why, or why not?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is the relationship between religion and alienation? Why does it matter to understand the relationship rightly?
2. How might I explain the significance and purpose of the bronze altar to an unbelieving friend?
3. Do I grasp my unworthiness to dwell in God's presence in myself, and is it causing me to cling to the crucified Lord Jesus and to find my identity in Him?