

# Exodus 27:1-8

## 3 Attitudes Of Worshipping God



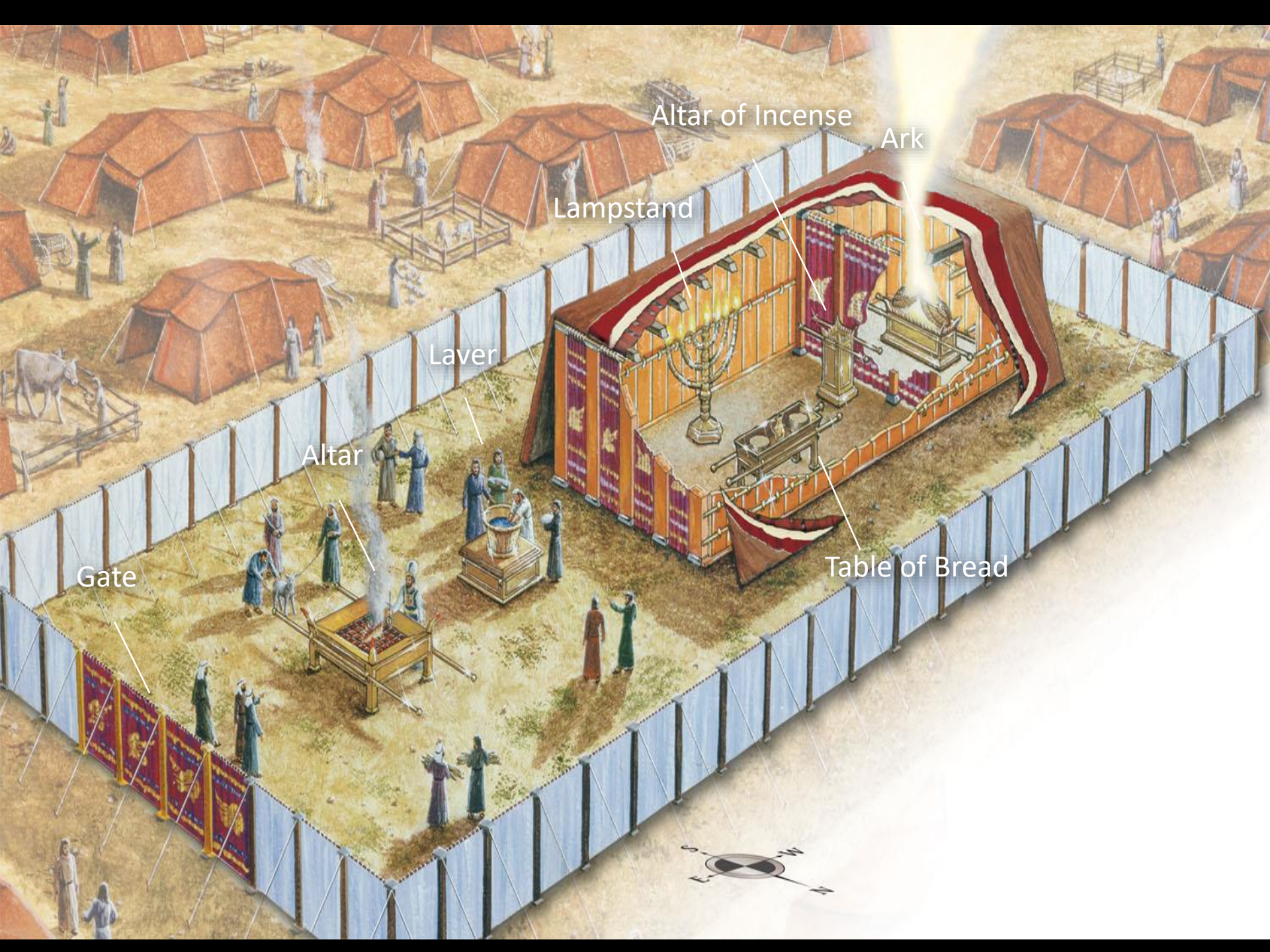
# Context/Background

- Uniqueness to Tabernacle; communicates revelation from God about relating to Him
- Reveals God's heavenly throne room
- Moses (Exodus 27:8b) was "shown" the Tabernacle and told to build what he saw
- In book of Revelation, John told to write what he "saw" (Rev. 6:9)
- Moses shown an "altar", John shown an "altar" in heaven
- Earthly Tabernacle is replica of God's heavenly throne room; direct revelation from Heaven

# Agreeing With God's Standards

- (vv.1-2) First furnishing, Brazen (bronze) Altar; also called Altar of Sacrifice
- Altar: place where worship occurs through the offering of sacrifice through devotion
- Tabernacle Altar: made of Acacia wood covered with bronze; 7 ½ ft. sq. and 4 ½ ft. tall; altar sat on grill-like grate (animals placed); each corner had extended curved pieces called "horns"
- Altar implements; shovels, bowls, firepans





Altar of Incense

Ark

Lampstand

Laver

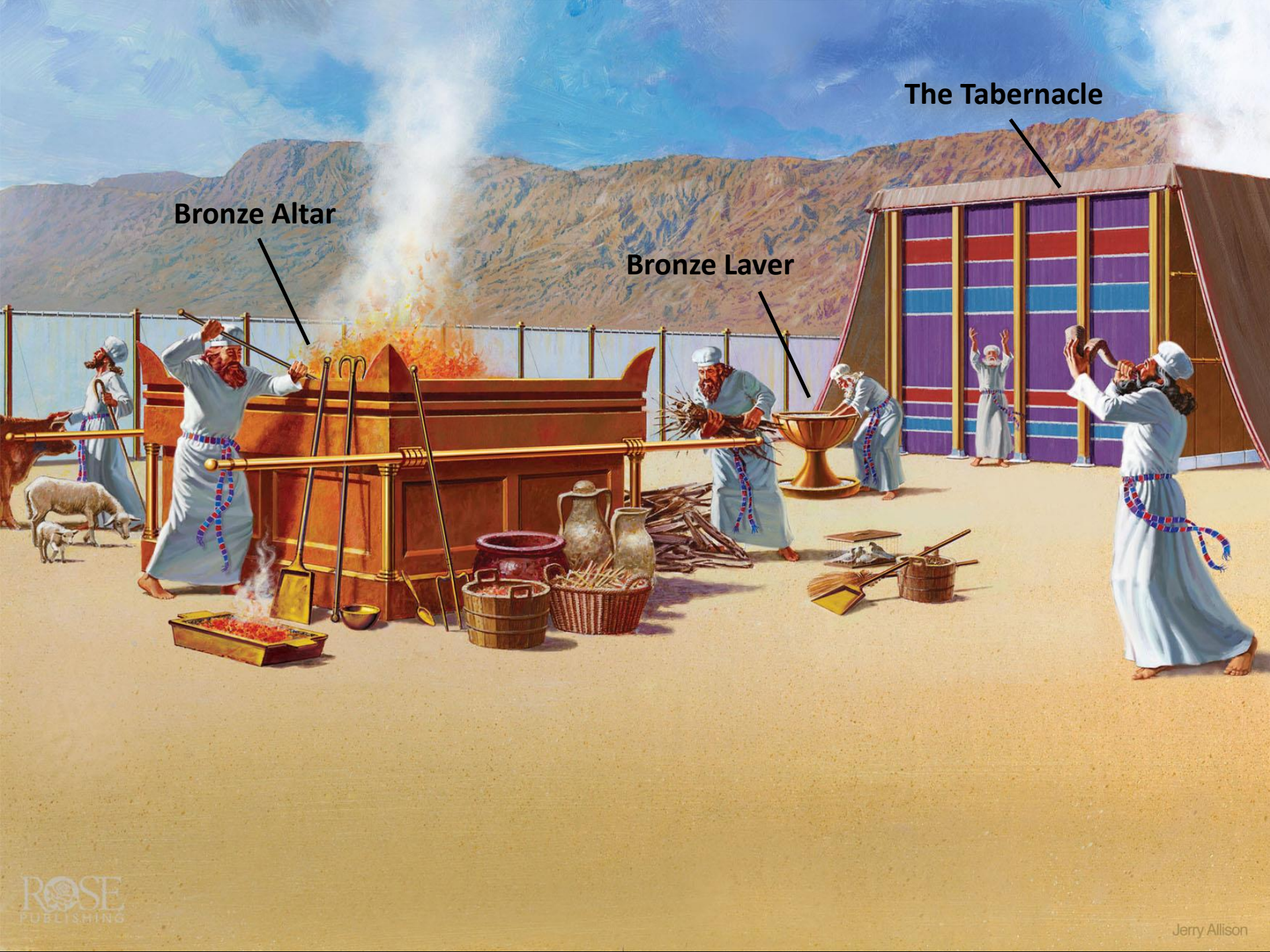
Altar

Table of Bread

Gate







The Tabernacle

Bronze Altar

Bronze Laver



- 2 Tim. 4:3, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned to fables.”



# Seeking The Savior's Perspective

- (vv.3-5) Altar God's loving and merciful provision for cleansing/forgiveness
- But important attitude is inner devotion not just external action
- God provided cleansing through animal sacrifice, but not blood of animals that priority; but inner repentance and devotion
- Outward action was/is to reflect inner attitude
- Religious activity doesn't always equate to loving devotion

- Micah 6:8, “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. “
- Mark 7:6-7, “...as it is written, ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me,....”





# Growing Toward The Savior's Example Of Sacrifice

- (vv.6-8) Altar of Sacrifice, represented place of dedication/devotion
- Altar area involved all the senses; smelly animals, blood, death, heat, flies, ashes, bleating of sheep
- Being at Altar stayed in mind; caused worshippers to think and live out when they left Tabernacle
- Act of worship was to influence act of living

- Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

