

Heart of the Matter: The Altar of Sacrifice Exodus 27:1-8

As we enter the gate into the Tabernacle court, the first thing we see is a wooden altar overlaid with brass. It is centered, large, imposing, and important. It was life-giving for the Israelites and it symbolizes some vital truths that need to capture our hearts today. When you understand and embrace what the altar represents it can change your life!

The altar was a square and on each corner was a horn. These four horns became places to literally hang onto when you faced tough times. God provided them to His people. These four horns of the altar can help us remember four truths about the altar... about God's provision for us symbolized in the altar.

- **First horn - a place of humility**
Isaiah 6:1-6, Philippians 2:9-11
- **Second horn - a place of relief**
Isaiah 6:7, Hebrews 9:26b-28, I John 1:9
- **Third horn – a place of protection**
Exodus 21:13-14, I Kings 1:50-53, Colossians 3:3-4
- **Fourth horn – a place of joy**
Leviticus 9:22-24, Psalm 32:1

In Christ, God the Father brings His children to a place of humility, relief, protection, and joy! And in that place we can really live!

Big Idea:

God's got me covered!