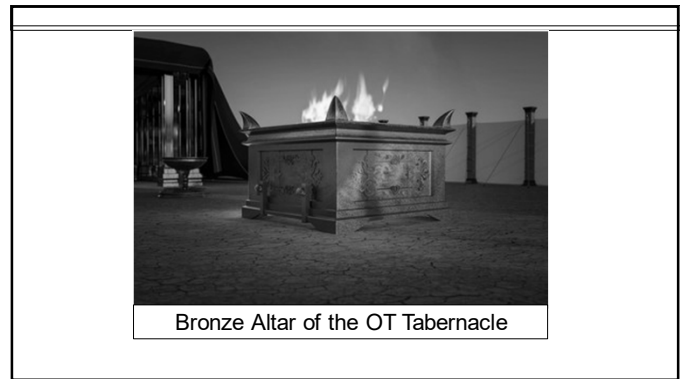




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Hebrews 13:7-14

⁷ Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the outcome of their conduct, imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be confirmed by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the Tent have no right to eat.

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Hebrews 13:7-14

¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come.

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Hebrews 13:7-14

- practical applications for endurance in the life of faith, including...
- avoiding “strange teachings” that undermine the all-sufficient person and work of Christ

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Outside the Camp

1. The Christian Altar

A. What is it?

- not a physical altar but the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus, which sanctifies us once for all (v.12) (cf. Heb. 10:10-14)
- completely different than the old Tent-altar – the two are mutually exclusive

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Outside the Camp

1. The Christian Altar

B. Where is it?

- the burning of the animals outside the camp is fulfilled in Jesus' sacrifice outside Jerusalem
- Jesus was made a curse for us as the means of true cleansing and ultimate access to God (c.f. Gal. 3:13-14)

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Outside the Camp

2. The Christian Response

A. What?

- we must go to Jesus (our altar) outside the Old Covenant forms of worship
- we must take our place with the suffering Christ excluded from unbelieving society and covered with shame and reproach

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Outside the Camp

2. The Christian Response

B. Why?

- here in this world we do not have an enduring city – we are strangers and sojourners (11:13)
- we are earnestly seeking the City which is about to come – the heavenly City built by God (c.f. Heb. 11:8-9; 24-26)

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