

# Sermon Notes

**Message Title:** Wash in the Word – The Tabernacle and Our Daily Cleansing

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**Main Scripture:** Exodus 30:18–21

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## Introduction

- Personal testimony: heartbreak turned into God's best
  - Encouragement for those feeling overwhelmed
  - "This is not your end—it's only your beginning"
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## God's Pattern for Encounter: The Tabernacle

- God told Moses to follow a specific pattern (Hebrews 8:5)
- Tabernacle = earthly reflection of a heavenly reality
- Stages of approach reveal a pathway into God's presence

## Structure of the Tabernacle

1. **Bronze Altar** – sacrifice (Jesus as the ultimate offering)
2. **Bronze Laver** – washing (our focus today)
3. **Holy Place**
  - Table of Showbread – provision
  - Golden Lampstand – illumination
  - Altar of Incense – intercession
4. **Most Holy Place** – Ark of the Covenant (God's presence)

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## Focus: The Bronze Laver

- Made of bronze and mirrors (Exodus 38:8)
- Positioned between the altar and the tent
- Priests had to wash **every time** before ministering—“lest they die” (Exodus 30:20–21)

## Spiritual Meaning

- Jesus is the sacrifice (altar)
- The Word is the water (laver)
- Washing = **daily cleansing and sanctification**
- You can be saved and still “stink” without the Word

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## Why Washing Matters Today

- We live in a world that contaminates our hearts and minds
- Salvation is instant; sanctification is **daily**
- We must go beyond the altar and into transformation

“If salvation was the only goal, you’d go straight to heaven after believing.”

- Word of God is a **mirror**—shows what needs cleansing and who we’re becoming (James 1:23–25)
- The more we resist the Word, the longer it takes to grow
- Application is the goal—not just hearing, but doing (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

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## Closing Thoughts

- Don't stop short—go deeper
  - The laver teaches us to pause, reflect, and cleanse before entering deeper into God's presence
  - Let the Word do its work in you
  - You were made to do hard things—**things bigger than you**
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## Key Scriptures

- Exodus 30:18–21 – Instructions for the bronze laver
- Hebrews 8:1–5 – Tabernacle as shadow of heavenly things
- Ephesians 5:26–27 – Washing with the water of the Word
- James 1:23–25 – The Word as a mirror
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17 – Scripture equips us for every good work
- John 1:14 – The Word became flesh