

Exodus 27:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass.

Analysis

Bronze utensils—pans (for ashes), shovels, basins (for blood), fleshhooks, firepans—all bronze. Even the implements serving the altar share its bronze (judgment) character. This teaches that everything associated with sin-bearing must partake of judgment's nature. The practical tools for handling sacrifice, ashes, and blood must be consecrated for their solemn work. There's no 'common' service at the cross; all is holy, all is serious.

Historical Context

These utensils enabled priests to manage the continuous sacrificial system—removing ashes, manipulating burning flesh, catching and applying blood, maintaining the fire. The bronze construction ensured durability under the altar's intense heat while maintaining symbolic consistency with judgment.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. Why must even the 'tools' of sacrifice be consecrated (bronze)?
2. How does the seriousness of the cross affect how we 'handle' its message?

Interlinear Text

תַּעֲשֶׂה ה	סִירְתָּיו	לִדְשֹׁן ו	וְעֵייו	וּמִזְרְקֹתַיִם
And thou shalt make	his pans	to receive his ashes	and his shovels	and his basons
H6213	H5518	H1878	H3257	H4219
וּמִזְלָגָתַיִם	וּמַחְתֵּתַיִם	לְכֹל	כָּל יו	תַּעֲשֶׂה ה
and his fleshhooks	and his firepans	H3605	all the vessels	And thou shalt make
H4207	H4289		H3627	H6213
נְחֹשֶׁת:				
of brass				
H5178				

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 7:45 (Parallel theme): And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass.