

# Exodus 38:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brasen altar, and the brasen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar,

## Analysis

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The bronze application—'the sockets for the door of the tabernacle,' altar and grate, altar vessels, court sockets, court gate sockets, tabernacle pins, and court pins—demonstrates comprehensive use. Bronze marked every threshold (tabernacle door, court gate), foundation (sockets), and anchor (pins), teaching that judgment and endurance characterize transitions, foundations, and security in God's dwelling. Moving from common to holy space requires crossing bronze (acknowledged judgment); standing in holy space requires bronze foundations (sustained judgment-awareness); remaining secure requires bronze anchors (established endurance).

## Historical Context

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The bronze distribution demonstrated strategic allocation: heaviest concentration at the altar (bearing continuous fire), substantial use in courtyard foundations (bearing traffic and weather), and distributed use in pins (securing against wind). Each application suited bronze's properties: durability, heat-resistance, weight, and strength.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## 1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

### Study Questions

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1. What does bronze at every threshold teach about necessarily acknowledging judgment when transitioning to holy space?
2. How does comprehensive bronze use (foundations, anchors, vessels) illustrate that judgment-awareness and endurance pervade all aspects of approaching and serving God?

### Interlinear Text

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And therewith he made	H0	H853	the sockets	to the door	of the tabernacle
H6213			H134	H6607	H168
מִוֶּעַד	וְאֶת	הַמִּזְבֵּחַ:	הַנְּחֹשֶׁת	וְאֶת	מִכְבַּר
of the congregation	H853	altar	and the brasen	H853	grate
H4150		H4196	H5178		H4345
הַנְּחֹשֶׁת	אֲשֶׁר	לִו	וְאֶת	כָּל י	הַמִּזְבֵּחַ:
and the brasen	H834	H0	H853	for it and all the vessels	altar
H5178			H3605	H3627	H4196

### Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 26:37** (Parallel theme): And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.