

Exodus 40:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.

Analysis

Anointing the laver and its base sanctifies the instrument of cleansing. The laver, containing water for washing, represents the Word cleansing believers (Ephesians 5:26; John 15:3). Consecrating the water basin teaches that cleansing itself requires divine enablement—humans can't sanctify themselves. The anointing oil (Spirit) on the laver (Word) illustrates that Scripture's cleansing power comes from the Spirit's illumination (1 Corinthians 2:10-14). Christ, through Word and Spirit, sanctifies His church (Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5).

Historical Context

The laver's unique construction from bronze mirrors (Exodus 38:8) enabled priests to see themselves while washing—self-examination accompanied cleansing. The anointing oil sanctified this process, teaching that even spiritual hygiene requires divine consecration, not merely human effort.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the anointed laver teach that spiritual cleansing requires divine empowerment, not self-effort?
2. What does the laver's dual symbolism (Word and Spirit) reveal about sanctification's means?

Interlinear Text

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