

Tabernacle Lesson 8

Exodus 30:1-10, 34-38

The Place of Communion

Theme: It is at the Golden Altar of incense that we see the ministry of prayer.

Introduction: On our way to the Shekinah glory of God we must stop frequently at the altar of prayer. Salvation is free. Anyone may come to the altar of sacrifice

At the Brazen Altar or the cross salvation was secured and nothing else need to take place concerning the relationship between God and the one bowed there. But the cross only marks the begging of sanctification for the believer. The life of the believer after the cross is one of growth and service. Just as a baby grows and moves from the bottle to the table God expects the believer to grow as well.

From the beginning of time, men have prayed, Gen. 4:26. In all types of places, at all times and in every conceivable situation, men have prayed. Christian and heathen alike have spent massive amounts of time in the pursuit of prayer. However, few people have made prayer their supreme priority. Those who have, stand out as bright lights in a dark world. Many have chosen to pray when it was convenient, or when they were undergoing a time of great stress and trial. Yet, it is clear that Jesus wants prayer to hold a preeminent place in our lives. Tonight, we are going to consider the place of prayer. We are going to see that God expects us to be in constant contact with Him.

The greatest neglect of the church today is in the area of prayer. And yet the greatest need of the church today is prayer. When the altar of prayer is well used, it sets everything else in order. Show me a church who neglects prayer and I will show you a weak church. But show me a church that faithfully burns the incense on the altar of prayer and I will show you a church full of the Spirit and fervent in service. It is at the table and the altar that we will find God's will for our life. God's will is revealed through the study of His word and in humble prayer. It is at the Candlestick and the altar that we find our witness in life. Here the oil for the light is poured into us. Prayer is one area that we can all improve on in our lives.

Vance Havner a preacher now at home with the Lord made several great statements about prayer. Three of them should stick with us. He said, "The measure of any Christian is his prayer life." "The thermometer of a church is its prayer meeting." And finally, he said, "Many a man who would never think of dashing out in the morning without his breakfast, vitamins, and his briefcase. Plunge headlong into a perilous day with an unprepared soul. 'A little talk with Jesus' readies the body, the mind, and the spirit for whatever comes."

I. The power of the altar. Vv.1-5

- A. The _____ of the altar. Vv.2a
- B. The _____ in the altar. Vv.1, 3a
- C. The _____ of the altar. Vv.2b

1.

2.

D. The _____ of the altar. Vv.3b

E. The _____ of the altar. Vv.4-5

II. The position of the altar. Vv.6

A. Placed in our _____ to God.

B. Placed to get the _____ of God.

III. The purpose of the altar. Vv.7-8

A. _____ used the altar. Vv.7a

B. _____ the altar was used. Vv.7b-8

C. _____ the altar was used. Vv.8

IV. The purity of the altar. Vv.9-10, 34-48

A. It had a specified _____. Vv.10

B. It had a specified _____. Vv.9, 34-38

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- The great work of Christ.

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- Stacte
- Onycha
- Galbanum
- Frankincense

C. It had a specified _____.

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