

Time to Build an Altar [\[Click here to see service\]](#)

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“Open with short prayer, then take time to get to know one another. Set a fun, welcoming atmosphere.”

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SCRIPTURE: Be prepared to open your Bibles to the Scriptures referred during the sermon.”
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INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION:

Question: Explain your understanding of what an altar is?

We have access to everything the kingdom offers.

The secret to revelation, is doing it.

The defining moment is when the revelation, the results of that begins to manifest it.

Everything and every need you have, is manifested in God’s timing.

The kingdom of God has many things available for your purpose, but you must tie in and be submitted under the assignment, and when you are obedience to that and follow the **principals**, God begins to use you to build something that He established and wants to do.

Message Text: Read Exodus 30:1-10

- The first principal in prayer God gave concerning the Altar of Incense is that it was to be lit in the twilight and in the morning, and was to be a practice from generation to generation forever.
- We are now that temple (remember the temple represents a system) and God has put that system within us. That does not mean that the principals and practice were done away with. Just as the Jews, so must we take on a spiritual connotation. What it means is that now we have become the priest.
- Our part for being managers of this temple, falls into the same practices. God used this as an example to teach a future covenant.

The main things that they had in the Old Testament was this temple, everything was around it, and within this there are different references to this altar.

When the incenses were lit, the smoke, the fragrances, it filled every part of that Holy Place, it even went under the curtain into where the Ark was. It filled the environment.

This is where they had to completely influence this environment, that was meant for the priest, and this is where God met them.

God met them there because they did something day after day after day, they were consistent.

You can create an **open heaven** over your home, over your church, or wherever you choose to build an altar. (Referring to a life of discipline and a place where you meet God).

Examples in the Bible of visitations

- Zachariah received a visitation from the angel concerning John the Baptist while lighting the altar of incense.
- The Apostle John had a vision in the Book of Revelation of the prayers of the saints coming from the altar of incense and heaven pouring out the judgment of God on behalf of the martyrs of the church.

Your real assignment is when you come to church and get your assignment and go home and duplicate what you have learned. This has to be established in your personal life.

The home must be a place (As for my house (me), will be called a house of prayer.

Scripture tells us how the enemy works.

God strategy gives us specific times, for example, when David faced Goliath.

Read 1 Samuel 17:8-32

Notice that Goliath came out in the morning and evening.

There are “Times of Prayer”

I believe in the spirit realm there are Goliaths that are sent out in the day and others that are sent out in the night.

Read Psalms 91:5-6

It talks about the arrow that flies by **day**; the destruction that lays waste at **noontday**; and the pestilence that walks in **darkness**.

When we don't understand the enemy, we have no reason to try to outflank.

Understand that hell is organized.

There were 3 angels in heaven, Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer.

When Lucifer fell to the earth, he lost his anointing, but he kept his structure – he was still organized.

He was not organized in administration and giftings, but he was organized in his priesthood.

When a church does not have a schedule, it will not keep the principals. We don't win, we fall behind. We always have problems, we are always behind, we are always asking somebody else for prayer, and there is fear and anxiety.

It's all about consistent, and the reason why people can not be consistent, is because they have no reference to go by.

We are God's Royal priest hood, a holy nation, a peculiar people. God has brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

David references the Altar of Incense in Psalm 141:2

Read Psalm 141:2

Let my prayers be set before you as incense...He is referencing to the tabernacles.

We are the tabernacle, but the question is where is the priest.

We are to assume the responsibility every single day of the week and meet Him as we light the incense.

There is a special recipe for the incense that God is please with is, the blood of Jesus.

When you have the Spirit of God, it is the only Spirit that God will accept.

Our spirit will give off a fragrance to the nostril of God. And when there is pure scent of love, no strings attached, and worship, our spirit gives off a fragrance from our life that is pleasing to God.

1. WHAT MEASURES ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE.

Read Exodus 37:25 (NLT)

God always gave specific measurements to everything he asked men to build on the earth.

Question: What measures are you willing to take to see your family saved and in the will of God?

Question: If God gave you the measurements, are you willing and obedient enough to receive them?

If God gave specific measurements, what good are they if we don't follow through.

A successful prayer life is measured by the will of God being done in your life.

Discipline is the measurement for a successful prayer life.

2. YOUR PRAYERS WERE MEANT TO ASCEND.

There are 3 heavens (God created the heaven(s) and one earth.)

1st heaven – where we live (in this realm).

2nd heaven - a space of **warfare**, between good and evil. This is where the prince of the air is dealt with.

3rd heaven – the holies of Holy – throne of God.

When God created the heavens and the earth, He did it evening and morning. Our words can restrict our prayers from reaching into the 3rd heavens. The wrong heart condition will produce the wrong Spiritual condition in your home.

Isaiah needed help with his words and look what happened to him.

Read Isaiah 6:1-7 (NLT)

When we learn how to build an “**Altar of Prayer**”, we can outflank all of Hell’s strategies and plans.

The incense was a type of prayer.

The incense was lit in the evening and again in the morning.

You must learn how to conquer a day to conquer a year, or your future.

One day at a time, why?

At nighttime is when the devil works. There are things sowed into your spirit, especially when you do not prayer prior to sleep (you don’t light an incense).

Question: How does your evening incense bring victory in your life?

Give God and the angels the assignment in your sleep. He (His Spirit) never sleeps.

In the morning, do as Job – command the morning.

Question: Why do we need to command the morning?

Command the morning to release the will of God into your day. You must cancel the plans of the enemy.

Morning – praises, blessings, and release. So important to pray in the spirit for the Lord knows what you have need of.

Pray from a new perspective. Speak according to God’s will. Align yourselves with the open heaven of God.

We must meet Jesus at the altar, and we must live by the light, as He is light, and we must keep the lights lit. He brings us out of darkness into His marvelous light (meaning understanding, wisdom, fear of the Lord, etc.).

Light the altar – remember, the incense which was a type of prayer.

CONCLUSION

Get the measurements, begin to build it and God will help you maintain the fire.

CALL TO ACTION

Begin to put into practice the teachings on “How to build an Altar”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check our website, oasistx.org for the latest announcements.

Reminder for Leader: Please remember to take attendance for your group and enter it into the Planning Center promptly.

APPENDIX — SCRIPTURES

Exodus 30:1-10 (NLT) ¹ “Then make another altar of acacia wood for burning incense. ² Make it 18 inches square and 36 inches high, with horns at the corners carved from the same piece of wood as the altar itself. ³ Overlay the top, sides, and horns of the altar with pure gold, and run a gold molding around the entire altar. ⁴ Make two gold rings, and attach them on opposite sides of the altar below the gold molding to hold the carrying poles. ⁵ Make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. ⁶ Place the incense altar just outside the inner curtain that shields the Ark of the Covenant, in front of the Ark’s cover--the place of atonement--that covers the tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant. I will meet with you there. ⁷ “Every morning when Aaron maintains the lamps, he must burn fragrant incense on the altar. ⁸ And each evening when he lights the lamps, he must again burn incense in the LORD’s presence. This must be done from generation to generation. ⁹ Do not offer any unholy incense on this altar, or any burnt offerings, grain offerings, or liquid offerings. ¹⁰ “Once a year Aaron must purify the altar by smearing its horns with blood from the offering made to purify the people from their sin. This will be a regular, annual event from generation to generation, for this is the LORD’s most holy altar.”

1 Samuel 17:8-32 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, “Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.” ¹⁰ And the Philistine said, “I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.” ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. ¹² Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of

Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse, and who had eight sons. And the man was old, advanced in years, in the days of Saul. ¹³ The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. The names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. ¹⁴ David was the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul. ¹⁵ But David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. ¹⁶ And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening. ¹⁷ Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp. ¹⁸ And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them." ¹⁹ Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. ²⁰ So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle. ²¹ For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army. ²² And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. ²³ Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. ²⁴ And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. ²⁵ So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel." ²⁶ Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" ²⁷ And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." ²⁸ Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." ²⁹ And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" ³⁰ Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did. ³¹ Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him. ³² Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." I believe in the spirit realm there are Goliaths that are sent out in the day and others that are sent out in the night.

Psalm 91:5-6 (NKJV), "You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday."

Psalm 141:2 (NKJV), *“Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”*

Isaiah 6:1-7 (NLT), *“¹ It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. ² Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!” ⁴ Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.”*