

THE TABERNACLE #9

Exodus 30-1-10

THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE

I. A Picture of Prayer – To Offer Incense

A. What is Incense?

1. Incense is a type of perfume – Sweet smelling

B. Incense is a symbol of prayer – (Psalms 141:2 – Revelation 8:3-5).

1. Both texts are references to the Tabernacle

C. Speaks of Jesus Christ – Our Supplication!

THIS IS NOT THE IMAGINATION OF SOME PREACHER'S MIND!

God gave this to us as a pattern for us to follow

A. Hebrews 7:23-27 "He ever liveth for make intercession for us."

1. His "Finished Work" was accomplished at the Brazen Altar (Christ our Sacrifice)
2. His "Unfinished Work" done at the Golden Altar (Christ our Supplication)

B. Hebrews 8:1-5

1. Old Testament High Priest – Picture of Jesus
2. Christ's work is done in the "true" Tabernacle in Heaven (Not in Moses')
 - a. Example (Verse 5)
 - b. Shadow (Verse 5)
3. Moses built "his" Tabernacle from the pattern God showed him from Heaven.

C. Hebrews 7:25 Picture of Christ offering Incense "to the Father."

D. Hebrew 9:24 – Done in Holy Place – NOT MADE WITH HANDS!

1. Done in the Tabernacle in Heaven

F. Why did He do that?

1. To appear for us
2. To offer prayers for us

E. When the Old Testament Priest entered The Holy Place, it was a picture of "Things to Come."

II. A Picture of Eternal Security (Hebrews 7:25)

A. Saved to the "uttermost"

1. Saved the worse sinner
2. Saved the worse sinner to the very end! (Acts 1:8) – "Uttermost part...."

B. Jesus never prayed a prayer that was not heard and answered?

1. John 11:42 – "I knew that thou hearest me always...."
2. The prayers of Jesus were always answered

C. Jesus prayed for His disciples

1. John 17:9 – Jesus prayed for His disciples
 - a. He was not praying for the people of the world (John 17:9)
2. He was praying for believers
 - b. Verse 11 – Keep them
 - c. Verse 12 – I kept them and have lost NONE
 - d. Verse 13 "have joy (No security – No joy)
 - e. Verse 15 "keep them from evil" (Literally – the Evil one)
3. What about believers today – You and I?
 - a. Verse 20-24 "not for them alone – all who will believe through them."

D. All of this is speaking of "Christ's Supplication."

III. A Picture of the Power of Prayer

1. Eccl 4:12 – A Three-fold cord is not quickly broken
 - a. You are praying
 - b. Jesus is praying with you (Hebrews 7:25)
 - c. Holy Spirit is making Intercession (Romans 8:26).

IV. A Picture of the Importance of the Altar. The Dimensions of the Altar – (Exodus 30:2).

- A. The smallest piece of furniture
 1. Not heard for our much speaking
- B. The tallest piece of furniture
 1. Closest to Heaven when on our knees
 - a. Closest to the "Meeting Place with God" (More Later in Lesson)

V. A Picture of the Mediator - The Materials of the Altar (Exodus 30:1).

- A. Wood and Gold
 1. The "God Man." (All God – All Man)
 - B. (I Timothy 2:5) Pictures Christ as THE "Mediator between God and Man.
 - C. (Job (9:1 & 32-33) – Illustrated!
 1. A Daysman – (Greek - Yakach)
 - a. One who argues a case
 - b. One who settles a dispute
 - c. One who pleads a case
- A MEDIATOR!

ILLUSTRATION OF A "DAYSMAN – MEDIATOR"

There was a disagreement between a King and a Beggar. They could not settle the disagreement, so they sought for a "mediator." The King chose another King to be mediator. The beggar said, Oh no! You two kings will always stick together and rule against me as a beggar. The beggar then choose another beggar to be mediator! The King said, "Oh no! You two beggars will stick together and rule against me as a King. They decided, "We need a "Daysman" one to argue and plead the case, one who can "Lay His hand on us both!" (One who understands God's Holiness –yet, at the same time – understands our flesh). No one can be a mediator if they do not understand "both sides" of a dispute.

2. Jesus Christ was: All King – All beggar – Therefore, He **Understands both sides!**
3. The Golden Altar speaks of Christ's "Humanity" and Christ's "Deity"
4. Jesus Christ, "The God-Man" can "lay his hand on us both!" Amen!
5. Clearly stated in I Timothy 2:5

*"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, **the man** (Anthropos – human being) Christ Jesus (Deity)"* NOTICE: It does not say, "the God" Christ Jesus. We could not have identified with him if he had not been "the man" as we are.

VI. A Picture of Power -The Horns

1. Luke 1:68: "Horn of Salvation"
2. Romans 1:16: "Power of God unto salvation!"
 - a. Four Horns – speaks also of the four corners of the earth
 1. We should pray for the Gospel to be preached to "the uttermost part." (Acts 1:8)
3. Golden staves speak of the Altar being portable.
 - a. It was to be carried everywhere they went.
 - b. God is EVER PRESENT with us

c. You can pray at work – at home – on vacation – ANYWHERE – ANYTIME

VII. A Picture of the believer "Approaching the Presence of God."

A. Immediately before the veil – (Exodus 30:6)

1. Keep in mind – There is no veil between us and God today (LATER LESSON)

B. Immediately behind the veil is the Ark and Mercy Seat

1. God said "And **THERE** will I meet with thee." (Exodus 25:22)

a. Not just, "And will I meet with thee." – "and **THERE** will I meet with thee!

Jer. 18:1 – "...cause you to hear my word **THERE**

I Kings 17:4 & 9 "... Commanded the ravens to feed him **THERE**

"...Commanded a widow woman **THERE** to sustain him.

2. You can read these verses and leave out "**THERE**" – still be grammatically correct

C. We cannot not meet with God unless we come

1. By the Brazen Altar Christ our Sacrifice (Heb. 10:12)

a. Ye must be born again(John 3:3)

2. By the Brazen Laver Christ our Sanctification (John 17:17)

a. Be clean in heart(Psalms 66:18)

3. By the Lampstand Christ our Sight (Eph. 5:18)

a. Led by the Spirit of God(James 4:3)

4. By the Table of Shew Bread Christ our Substance (Luke 4:4)

a. By Faith(Rom 10:17 – James 1:6)

5. By the Golden Altar Christ our Supplication (I Thess. 5:17)

a. Through Christ(Hebrews 10:19)

6. Then we can boldly "enter into the "Most Holy Place" and meet with God

D. A person of the world – lost - CANNOT walk in and talk with God

1. Apart from coming as a sinner to be saved.

E. A Christian with "sin in their life" cannot walk in and talk with God

1. If we go to God in prayer and have known sin in our heart - it is an abomination

a. (Isaiah 1:13 & Isaiah 66:3)

VII. A Picture of HOW we are to Pray, HOW we are to Worship, HOW we are to Serve.

(Exodus 30:9-10)

A. Instructions for making the oil (Exodus 30:34-36)

1. WARNED: Do not "add or change" ANYTHING just because you think it might help.

(Vs 30:37)

2. WARNED: Not to create or design it to PLEASE OURSELVES (Exodus 30:37)

WARNINGS!

A. WE ARE WARNED: We are not to create a "type of service or worship" for the "pleasure of man" or, one "that appeals "to the nature of the flesh or the sensuous side of man." Our service and worship is "holy unto the Lord." **For example:** We are not to use music that appeals to the natural man. We are not to "change or add anything" to worship that appeals to the "flesh or the natural part of man." If we ATTRACT people with the "things of the world" we must keep giving them the "things of the world" or they will leave! **Our prayers, our service, and our worship are to be, "Spiritual and not sensuous."**

In the New Testament, believers and Churches are to "Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ" as the power of God unto salvation and not to depend on human wisdom! (I Corinthians 1:18-31)

B. WE ARE WARNED: Not to "create or add" anything to the Gospel of the Work of God in order to "create excitement" of the flesh in a world way.

1. We are not to add "strange fire." (Lev. 10:1 & Numbers 26:61)
 - a. The fire on the "Golden Altar" - came from the "Brazen Altar."
 - b. This is the ONLY type of fire permitted at the Golden Altar came from the Brazen Altar!

2. Our fire is to be burning continually (Lev. 6:13)
 - a. To be perpetually burning
 - b. Pray without ceasing (I Thess. 5:17)

WE ARE INSTRUCTED, BY GOD, TO FOLLOW THE PATTERN
THIS IS TRUE OF "...ALL THE INSTRUMENTS..."
EXODUS 25:9