

THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERINGS 2

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Intro: Altars were built throughout the Bible by great people of God for many reasons. Noah after the flood, Abraham each time he entered the Promised land and to sacrifice his son, Elijah to challenge Baal, Moses after defeating Amalekites, Joshua after sin of Ai, Jacob after returning to face Esau, David after his sin, Zerubbabel after captivity.

Text: Leviticus 6:12-13 (NKJV) *And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.*

I. The altar of sacrifice was...

- A. A place where God spoke
- B. Was the entrance to the presence of God
- C. Was sanctified, anointed and holy
- D. Fire would come from the Lord and consume the sacrifice
- E. Whatever Touched the Altar Became _____

Exodus 29:37 (KJV) *Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.*

II. Don't Let Your Fire Be _____ Leviticus 10:1-3

- A. Through preparation, fire is brought into the presence of God
- B. The fire we bring into the presence of God must come from the altar of *sacrifice*
- C. Only the fire of sacrifice that produces wholeness glorifies God
- D. There are a lot of places to get fire, but only one produces change

III. The New Testament _____ Sacrifice

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT) *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

- A. God has provided many things for us
- B. His ways to obtain them are different from the world's ways
- C. Whatever is laid on the altar is Becomes Holy
- D. The Fire of God consumes what is laid on the altar
- E. This is the path to experiencing God's will for your life

Conclusion: Each person who built an altar was in search of a _____