

ALTARED

ALTARED (Part 4): Do Not Falter

Key Scriptures: 1 Kings 8, 1 Kings 12:28–33, Amos 3:14, Hosea 10:1–2

1. Solomon's Start: A Powerful Dedication

(1 Kings 8)

- Solomon builds and dedicates the Temple with reverence.
 - He offers worship, a prayer of repentance, and sacrificial offerings.
 - God responds with fire and glory.
The altar is where heaven meets earth—and where we meet God.
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2. God's Second Visit: A Warning

(1 Kings 9:3–9)

- God reminds Solomon to walk in obedience and stay faithful.
- The promise: If you follow, I will establish your kingdom.
- The warning: If you turn away, the Temple will become a warning sign to all.
A holy altar requires a holy heart.

3. Solomon's Fall: A Compromised Altar

(1 Kings 11–12)

- Solomon's heart turns to foreign wives and false gods.
- Jeroboam, his political successor, builds golden calves in Bethel and Dan.
- God issues judgment through prophets:
 - **Amos 3:14** – “I will destroy the altars of Bethel.”
 - **Hosea 10:1–2** – “Their heart is divided... their altars will be broken down.”

Solomon didn't falter in wisdom—he faltered in worship.

4. Guarding Your Altar: A Personal Call

- The altar must remain pure, intentional, and uncluttered.
- Do not allow distractions, idols, or compromise to crowd your worship.
- This message is not just historical—it's deeply personal.

What's crowding your altar today?

Final Reflection:

“This thing is from Me...” – 1 Kings 12:24

Even in discipline, God's plan is redemptive. He's still calling His people back