

PRIESTS AND ALTARS

Worship, War, and the Surrendered Life

LESSON 1 — PART 3 STUDY GUIDE

The Altar: The Enemy's Altars, Fully Developed

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PRIMARY TEXT

Hebrews 13:10 (ESV) *"We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat."*

SECTION 1 — REVIEW: THE FOUNDATIONS WE'VE BUILT

Before tonight's new content, anchor yourself in what we've already established.

THE OPENING QUESTION

What is the first thing you reach for in the morning?

My answer:

FILL IN THE BLANK — CORE DEFINITIONS FROM PARTS 1 & 2

The Hebrew word for altar is _____

It comes from the root verb _____

Which means _____

The Fourfold Function of the Altar:

1. **Sacrifice** — _____

2. **Meeting** — _____

3. **Covenant** — _____

4. **War** — _____

The Three-in-One Identity of the NT Believer:

1. You are the _____
2. You are the _____
3. You are the _____

The cross is our _____

SECTION 2 — THE ALTAR AS A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Key teaching from Apostle Isi Igenegba — Altars: Building and Fighting from Your Altar

FILL IN THE BLANK — KEY STATEMENTS

Every deity that wants to touch the earth needs an _____ .

That entry point is called an _____ .

The altar is not defined by the _____. It is defined by who has _____ to speak through it.

The first _____ is your altar telling on you. (Igenegba)

EVERY ALTAR CARRIES THREE THINGS:

1. A physical _____
2. A spiritual _____
3. A _____

KEY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:7–8 (ESV) *"Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent... And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD."*

MY NOTES

SECTION 3 — THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS: ALTARS OF THE ENEMY

A. WHAT THEY ARE — FILL IN THE BLANK

An altar in the kingdom of darkness operates on the same four principles — but inverted:

Instead of sacrifice unto God, it demands _____ to the enemy.

Instead of meeting with God, it creates a _____ for demonic presence.

Instead of covenant with God, it establishes a _____ with darkness.

Instead of war on God's behalf, it gives the enemy a _____.

Key definition from Dr. Francis Myles — Dangerous Prayers from the Courts of Heaven that Destroy Evil Altars:

An evil altar is an invisible _____ that grants forces of darkness _____ to your life by partnering with the enemy. It has _____ standing in the spirit realm.

B. HOW THEY ARE BUILT — FIVE MECHANISMS

► **1. Repeated patterns of sin** — When sin moves from occasional to habitual, from habitual to compulsive, from compulsive to identity —
an _____ has been built.

► **2. Language** — The door the enemy uses.

Genesis 3:1 (ESV) *"Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?"*

The serpent did not _____ Eve. He started a _____. (Igenegba)
Whatever realm a conversation was constructed in becomes the realm you are _____ toward.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (ESV) *"I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live."*

► **3. Generational iniquities** — Altars built by ancestors create access points across bloodlines.

Exodus 20:5 *"...visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation..."*

From Apostle Igenegba — Bloodlines: Unveiling What Was Buried, Redeeming What Was Lost:

► Blood acts as a _____ — carrying covenants, sins, blessings, and callings across generations.

► An altar built by a grandparent does not automatically close when that person dies. It remains _____, transmitting its instructions across bloodlines, until it is specifically identified and dismantled.

► **4. Vows, oaths, and agreements** — Explicit or unknowing.

► These require explicit _____ and dismantling — not simply stopping the behavior.

► **5. Objects and practices** — Dedicated to the kingdom of darkness.

► The object is not the altar. It becomes an altar when it is used to open a _____ for a spirit to speak. (Igenegba)

C. HOW TO RECOGNIZE THEM — THE DIAGNOSTIC

Check any patterns you recognize in your own life or family:

- ☐ Areas of life where progress is consistently blocked despite genuine effort and prayer
- ☐ Recurring sin patterns that seem to operate beyond your own desire or intention
- ☐ Spiritual dryness or inability to access the presence of God without obvious explanation
- ☐ Family patterns that repeat across generations with unusual consistency
- ☐ Fear, oppression, or spiritual heaviness disproportionate to circumstances
- ☐ Dreams, intrusive thoughts, or spiritual disturbances that are persistent and targeted

THE DIAGNOSTIC QUESTION

What _____ is feeding this? And who has been given _____ to speak?

THE SHABAR LEV WORD STUDY — ISAIAH 61:1–3

Isaiah 61:1–3 (ESV) *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion — to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified."*

שָׁבַר (shabar lev)

Shabar = _____ | Lev = _____

► Jesus came to bind up the shattered _____ of humanity.

► Brokenness has the power to _____ eternal purpose and trade it for temporary relief.

► The wound you carry from childhood was never _____. It was _____.

MY NOTES

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SECTION 4 — HOW TO DISMANTLE THEM: THE PROTOCOL

Deuteronomy 12:3 (ESV) *"You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherah poles with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place."*

Dr. Francis Myles frames this dismantling within the legal context of the Courts of Heaven — the believer presents a legal case before God as Judge, with Jesus as advocate and the blood of the cross as the legal instrument of cancellation.

THE FIVE-STEP PROTOCOL — FILL IN THE BLANK

- Step 1 — Identify and _____
- Step 2 — Renounce the _____
- Step 3 — Present the Case to the _____
- Step 4 — Repent and Receive _____
- Step 5 — Build the Altar of God in _____

KEY SCRIPTURE FOR STEP 3

Colossians 2:13–15 (ESV) *"And you, who were dead in your trespasses... God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."*

You are not _____ God to do something new. You are _____ what has already been done.

KEY SCRIPTURE FOR STEP 4

1 John 1:9 (ESV) *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

KEY SCRIPTURE FOR STEP 5

Matthew 12:43–45 (ESV) *"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first."*

You do not leave the ground _____. You build the _____ of God on it.

PERSONAL MINISTRY MOMENT — DISMANTLING THE ENEMY'S ALTARS

This page is for your personal use during the ministry moment. Take your time with each step. This is a priestly act — not a formula.

Step 1 Identify and Name It

Honestly, before God — without managing or minimizing. Ask: Who has been speaking through this altar? What protocol has it been running in my life?

What I am naming / doing in this step:

Step 2 Renounce the Covenant

Verbally, in the name of Jesus Christ — declaring the legal ground cancelled by the blood of the cross. This is a legal act.

What I am naming / doing in this step:

Step 3 Present the Case to the Courts of Heaven

As a royal priest with legal standing — not begging but adjudicating. Declare the covenant cancelled, the legal ground revoked, the enemy's access closed — through the blood of Jesus.

What I am naming / doing in this step:

Step 4 Repent and Receive Cleansing

By faith, through the blood of Jesus — receive the complete removal of what the enemy built. The cleansing is not partial. It is the executed verdict.

What I am naming / doing in this step:

Step 5 Consecrate the Ground to God

Declare that the space the enemy occupied now belongs to the Lord. Build the altar of God on it — the first reach, the first language, the first surrender of the communication channel to the Holy Spirit.

What I am naming / doing in this step:

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WHAT I AM COMMITTING TO AS MY NEW “FIRST REACH” BEFORE GOD:

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Take 30–45 minutes as a group to work through these questions. Be honest. Be specific. What you bring into the light loses its power.

Q1. Apostle Igenegba teaches that the altar is defined not by the object but by who has permission to speak through it. What in your daily routine has had the most consistent permission to speak into your life? How does that align with what God’s altar should look like?

Q2. Read Genesis 3:1–6. The enemy did not overpower Eve — he started a conversation. What conversations, thought patterns, or media have been functioning as doorways for the enemy in your life? What does it mean to “close” a conversation?

Read: Genesis 3:1–6

Q3. Apostle Igenegba writes in Bloodlines that blood acts as a recording system — carrying covenants, sins, blessings, and callings across generations. What patterns in your family bloodline do you recognize that may be the fruit of altars that were never torn down? Be as specific as you feel safe being.

Q4. Read Colossians 2:13–15. Dr. Myles teaches that dismantling an evil altar is a legal act — not just a prayer. The believer is adjudicating, not begging. How does understanding your identity as a royal priest change how you approach spiritual warfare and prayer?

Read: Colossians 2:13–15

Q5. Isaiah 61:1–3 describes Jesus coming to bind up the shabar lev — the shattered operating system. Apostle Igenegba teaches that the wound you carry from childhood was never random — it was strategic. Has understanding the enemy’s intentionality behind your wounds changed how you see them? How should that change how you respond?

Read: Isaiah 61:1–3

Q6. Read Matthew 12:43–45. The warning is clear — a swept house left empty is more vulnerable than before. What does it practically look like to “build the altar of God” in the place where an enemy altar once stood? What disciplines, practices, or commitments constitute that rebuilding in your life?

Read: Matthew 12:43–45

Q7. The teaching establishes that the first reach of your morning reveals the altar you are maintaining. As a group, share what a God-first morning altar would look like practically — not theoretically. What would change in your week if God had the first word every day?

Q8. This lesson moves us toward understanding our identity as priests. Hebrews 13:10 declares that we have an altar. Based on everything we have covered in the three parts of this lesson — what is the most significant shift in how you understand yourself as a NT believer before the altar of the cross?

Read: Hebrews 13:10; 1 Peter 2:9

MY QUESTIONS FOR APOSTLE BARRETT

Write down any questions that came up during this lesson that you would like Apostle Barrett to address at the next session. Be specific — the more precise your question, the more directly it can be answered.

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