

An Altar Is Required

Genesis 12:7-8

- **Genesis 12:7**
- Abraham built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.” –
- **Genesis 26:25**
- “Isaac built an altar there and called upon the name of the Lord.”
- **Genesis 32:9-10**
- “Then Jacob said, ‘O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who said to me, “Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will prosper you,”’ and he built an altar there.” –

- **1 Kings 18:30:**
- “And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him.
- **And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down."**

1 Kings 6:38

“So Solomon built the house and finished it, and he built the altar of burnt offering before the Lord and the house.” –

- These verses highlight the significance of altars in worship and sacrifice throughout the Bible.

- **The altar**

- A personal godly altar is a dedicated space where an individual connects with God in worship, prayer, and communion.
- It symbolizes the place of divine encounter, spiritual renewal, and covenant with God.
- Throughout Scripture, godly men and women established altars as an act of devotion and commitment to the Lord.
- Building a personal godly altar is essential for deepening our relationship with God and maintaining spiritual strength

- **Functions that altars facilitate.**
- Altars are the meeting point between a human, referred to as a priest, and the spirit being.
- **Personal Identity**
- **Revelation 5:10**
- And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
- In the new covenant, the altar that the believer has is in his or her heart because our body is a temple that houses the Holy Spirit.

There are three primary resources that you can access when your altar is established correctly.

Divine Wisdom

- **James 1:5**
- “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, without rebuke; and it shall be given him.”
- The spirit of wisdom refers to the Holy Spirit's role in imparting divine wisdom and understanding.
- It emphasizes the ability to grasp and apply God's truths in daily life, going beyond mere intellectual knowledge.

- Wisdom, in this context, is seen as the practical application of God's truth, cultivated through prayer, study of the Word, and obedience to His commands.
- Overall, the spirit of wisdom enables believers to understand God's ways and purposes, fostering a deeper intimacy with Him.
- This concept is deeply rooted in Christian theology and reflects the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life

- **Protection or supernatural backing**
- **Isaiah 59:19**
- So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.
- **1 Samuel 10:10**
- When they came to the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

- For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds
- Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing Into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

- **Psalms 91:11-12**

- For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

- **Power and Authority**

- The Bible teaches us many important lessons about life, and one powerful theme is the authority that God gives to His followers. **Authority means the power to make decisions and take action.**

- **Luke 10:19- 20**

- Behold, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you.
- Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

- **Power and Authority**
- **John 15:7**
- “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”
- **2 Timothy 1:7**
- “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”
- **This exhibit from so-called believers is embarrassing to the Kingdom.**
- **Mark 11:24**
- Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

- **Power and Authority**
- **1 John 5:14**
- “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”
- **James 5:16**
- “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”
- **John 8:36**
- “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” –
- **Philippians 4:13**
- “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” –

The rules of engagement were articulated in the Old Testament and need to be unveiled.

- **Two major requirements.**

- **The first**

- **Romans 12:1**

- We must submit ourselves as a living sacrifice unto God.

- **The second**

- **1 Peter 2:5**

- We offer our spiritual sacrifices to God, and these sacrifices must be wholly pleasing and acceptable to Him through Jesus Christ.

It is not just any sacrifice on the altar that will yield benefits with the Spirit of God;

- It is the pleasing sacrifices that garner His attention.
- This is why Abel's and Cain's sacrifices were viewed differently in the Spirit and received different responses from God. **Genesis 4:3-5**
- **Significance of the Sacrifices**
- The differing responses from God to their offerings illustrate themes of faith and the quality of offerings. Abel's offering was accepted because it was made with faith and sincerity, while Cain's was not, indicating that the heart behind the offering matters to God.

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Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

WHY BUILD A PERSONAL GODLY ALTAR?

To Encounter God Personally

The altar is a place of divine revelation and fellowship

Exodus 33:7-11

To Establish a Covenant Relationship

A godly altar strengthens your covenant with God and aligns you with His will (**Genesis 17:1-7**).

To Strengthen Your Spiritual Life

Regular time at the altar builds intimacy and spiritual resilience (**Isaiah 40:31**).

To Wage Effective Spiritual Warfare

A personal altar empowers you to confront and overcome spiritual battles (**Ephesians 6:12**).

MAINTAINING YOUR PERSONAL GODLY ALTAR

Keep it Holy

Leviticus 19:2

Avoid distractions and ensure your altar remains a sacred space

Be Consistent

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prioritize daily communion with God, even in busy seasons

Stay in the Word

Psalms 119:105

Let the Scriptures guide your prayers and strengthen your faith

Be Spirit-Filled John 14:26

Depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance, revelation, and empowerment

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Leviticus 19:2

Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

God's holiness must reflect His holy nature in one's relationships with other people and their sincere love for fellow believers.

Peter also lays out how we can live in the light of God's command to be holy as He is holy.

First, he says to discipline our minds: “**So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control.**

Stay alert both mentally and spiritually.

This mental discipline requires a concentrated focus on trusting in the Lord to get us to our final destination, where we will experience the fullness of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:13

this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,”

We struggle with Forgetting

Paul's statement about forgetting what lies behind emphasizes the importance of not letting past mistakes or achievements hinder our progress.

The phrase suggests an intentional act of the will, focusing on continually moving forward in faith.

Paul's focus is on living in and for Christ each new day, leaving behind guilt, regrets, and failures, and accepting God's full forgiveness in Christ.

He is not suggesting that we forget the past completely or that it is irrelevant, but rather that our spiritual life and growth are not chained to the past. By God's grace, we can move into each new day in the freedom and hope of the gospel.

This change of behavior begins on the inside with our attitude and mindset.

When our inner thought life, our purpose, and our character are changed into the image of Christ, our outward selves and our behavior will naturally alter.

This process is the Holy Spirit's work of sanctification:

2 Corinthians 4:16

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

THE BENEFITS OF A PERSONAL GODLY ALTAR

Intimacy with God

Spending time at your altar fosters a deeper relationship with Him

James 4:8

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.

Are you closer or farther from God after your last episode?

THE BENEFITS OF A PERSONAL GODLY ALTAR

Spiritual Empowerment

The altar strengthens your spirit to overcome challenges

Isaiah 40:29

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Direction and Revelation

God provides guidance and clarity at the altar

Isaiah 30:21

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

THE BENEFITS OF A PERSONAL GODLY ALTAR

Peace and Assurance

Regular fellowship with God brings peace and confidence

Philippians 4:6-7

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Is the problem a lack of?

Biblical Thinking

Biblical Reaction

Biblical Aggression

Divine Reaction

No Personal altar

Satanic Reaction can never stop you!

Matthew 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ALTARS

A Place of Sacrifice

Both testaments highlight altars as places where sacrifices are made to honor God (Leviticus 1:9, Hebrews 13:15).

A Place of Worship

Altars were used to glorify God through offerings and prayers (Psalm 43:4, John 4:24).

A Place of Revelation

God revealed His plans and instructions at altars (Judges 6:25-26, Acts 10:9-16).

A Place of Divine Intervention

Miracles, deliverances, and blessings often followed altar encounters (1 Kings 18:30-39, Acts 16:25-26).

Biblical Example:

Elijah called down fire from heaven on Mount Carmel to prove the supremacy of God (1 Kings 18:30-39).

THE TRANSITION FROM OLD TO NEW TESTAMENT ALTARS

From Physical to Spiritual

The physical altars of the Old Testament evolved into spiritual expressions in the New Testament

John 4:23-24

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

THE TRANSITION FROM OLD TO NEW TESTAMENT ALTARS

From Rituals to Relationship

The focus shifted from ritualistic sacrifices to personal relationships with God through Jesus Christ

Matthew 27:51

“And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS:

1. Your altar will bring divine encounters that change your story.
2. Every ungodly altar in your lineage is destroyed in Jesus' name.
3. Your life will become a testimony of God's faithfulness.
4. The Lord will reveal His plans to you at your altar.
5. Your spiritual altar will manifest signs and wonders.

PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS:

6. Divine blessings will flow from the altar you raise unto God.
7. Every stronghold opposing your altar is broken today.
8. You will experience supernatural breakthroughs as you worship.
9. The altar of God in your life will bring generational blessings.
10. From today, your altar will testify of God's glory in Jesus' name.