



THE EMPTY ALTAR

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The Altar was the place where
God was encountered,
worshipped, and appeased.

The Failure of an Empty Altar

(1-10)

Our Altars are empty when
religion replaces righteousness.

Our Altars are empty when
worship stays at the altar.

Our Altars are empty when we
presume on God's forgiveness
as an excuse to sin.

The Promise of an Empty Altar

(11-15)



In Jesus, we encounter and are
called to replicate the full
goodness of God.

In Jesus, worship spills out into
every aspect of our life.

In Jesus, forgiveness is received
and forgiveness flows out to others.

Practical Implication 1

Public faith *and* replace private faith are essential.

Practical Implication 2

Those who cannot *forgive* or *ask forgiveness* have never been *forgiven*.