

**Christians on Campus**  
**Spring 2024 Worship & Ministry Series**  
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**Song 1**

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot  
Be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses,  
But One who has been tempted in all respects like  
us,  
Yet without sin, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come forward  
With boldness to the throne of grace  
That we may receive mercy and find grace  
For timely help.

**Song 2**

There's a gospel of today  
That says believe and you'll be saved and then  
You can go to heaven and see the pearly gates  
And walk the golden streets;  
Words like these fail to treat  
All the vanity that is hidden in me.

But the gospel is to me  
The Triune God within humanity  
As the Spirit reaching me to be in me  
The one reality;  
Love untold—Gospel Thee  
Never getting old—story told eternally.

Left the ninety-nine behind—  
You searched until the lost sheep You did find,  
Laid me on Your shoulders there, You bore me in  
Your tender loving care;  
Rejoicing—You found me  
Though a small lost sheep—You gave all to come  
find me.

Sweeping in my deepest parts,  
You lit a lamp and searched my inward heart,  
Sanctifying deep within You shined in me,  
Exposed me of my sin;  
Repenting—now I see  
Lord, You're sprinkling me—with the blood You  
shed for me.

Eagerly awaiting me  
That I the slightest turn to Thee would make  
Though my life had been a wreck, You ran to me  
And fell upon my neck  
Kissing me, affectionately;  
Killed the calf for me—"Let us eat and be merry."

## **The Golden Incense Altar**

**Exodus 30:1-10** <sup>1</sup>And you shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. <sup>2</sup>Its length shall be a cubit, and its width, a cubit; it shall be square, and two cubits its height; its horns shall be of one piece with it. <sup>3</sup>And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides around it and its horns; and you shall make a rim of gold around it. <sup>4</sup>And you shall make for it two rings of gold under its rim; on its two sides, on its opposite sides, you shall make them; and they shall be as holders for poles with which to carry it. <sup>5</sup>And you shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>6</sup>And you shall put it before the veil that is over the Ark of the Testimony, before the expiation cover that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you. <sup>7</sup>And Aaron shall burn on it fragrant incense; every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it. <sup>8</sup>And when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before Jehovah throughout your generations. <sup>9</sup>You shall not offer any strange incense on it, or a burnt offering or a meal offering; and you shall not pour a drink offering on it. <sup>10</sup>And Aaron shall make expiation on its horns once a year; with the blood of the sin offering of expiation once a year he shall make expiation for it throughout your generations. It is most holy to Jehovah.

**I. The burning of the incense at the incense altar signifies the prayer of the saints ascending to God.**

**Luke 1:9-11** <sup>9</sup>According to the custom of the priestly service, the lot fell to him to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup>And all the multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of the burning of incense. <sup>11</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

**Psalms 141:2** Let my prayer be set before You as incense, / The lifting of my hands as the evening offering.

**II. The incense altar signifies Christ praying, Christ interceding.**

**Romans 8:34** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died, and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

**III. In Revelation 8:3 the incense altar is directly before the throne of God, signifying that the prayers offered at the incense altar execute God's divine administration on the earth.**

**Revelation 8:3-6** <sup>3</sup>And another Angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer, and much incense was given to Him to offer with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup>And the smoke of the incense went up with the prayers of the saints out of the hand of the Angel before God. <sup>5</sup>And the Angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar and cast it to the earth; and there were thunders and voices and lightnings and an earthquake. <sup>6</sup>And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to trumpet.

**IV. We need to learn to intercede with Christ at the incense altar.**

**Romans 8:26-27** <sup>26</sup>Moreover, in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup>But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God.

**A. The incense altar was within the tabernacle, signifying that the prayer at the incense altar requires that we are in God.**

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**B. The incense altar was preceded by the Table of the Bread of the Presence, signifying that we pray with Christ within us as the energizing life supply.**

**John 6:51** I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread which I will give is My flesh, given for the life of the world.

**John 15:7** If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

**C. The incense altar is connected to the altar of burnt offering by the blood and the fire; this means that without passing through the cross, no one can have the prayer that is as fragrant incense acceptable to God – Exodus 30:10; Leviticus 16:12-13.**