

THE CLEANSING PROCESS OF WORSHIP **EXODUS 30**
ALTAR OF INCENSE: FOR PRAYER, BY PURCHASE, WITH PURITY, OF PURPOSE

- Intro:
1. When Adam was created, the structure of his body was useless until what happened? –the breath of life from God and a purpose for living given by God (Gen.2:7,15)
 2. When this church building was completed, it was yet incomplete without a message preached from God's Word and people gathered in God's name.
 3. The Tabernacle of Worship is Yet INCOMPLETE without the two keys to Worship mentioned in this thirtieth chapter of Exodus: The Altar of Incense (our daily prayer) & the Laver of Washing (our daily cleansing in the Word).

Prop: **You must Prepare to Pray!**

I. By Understanding Prayer's Source (30:1-10).

1. vv.1-5, Divine Conception—God created the channel of prayer
Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day:
God initiated contact with people, and He pursues communication even with this symbolic Altar of Incense
Burn=with the fire/coins from the Altar of Sacrifice (only by Christ's sacrifice for sin can we communicate w/ God)
Wood=humanity is at the heart of Jesus' ability to mediate for us
Gold=divine purity and righteousness (A Picture of Jesus as God)
4 Horns=in the four directions of the compass—God's omnipresence.
Rings/Staves=portability—wherever the body of God's presence
2. vs. 6, Dedicated Correlation—Prayer is only & always to God
False gods have no answer (Baal against Gideon, Judges 6:24ff; Baal against Elijah, 1st Kings 18:19ff.)
Psalms 40:16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.
We don't pray to our boss, our family, our pets, etc.
3. vv.7- 8, Daily Connection—Prayer is a relationship, not a duty
Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;
1 Thessalonians 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;
2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye

received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

5:17 Pray without ceasing.

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4. vv.9-10, Devoted to Christ—made possible only by sacrifice
 - a. **Isaiah 59:1-2** details the impossibility of communicating with God apart from the removal of our sin
 - b. "atonement" [Heb.=Kaphar] = to cover over—that's all the death of an animal could do for sin, just cover over it .
 - c. **Hebrews 10:10** "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
 - d. **2 John 1:9** "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

II. By Understanding Prayer's Costs (30:11-16).

1. Shekel, approx. 65cents (a token of what is being purchased, the "at-one-ment" = is the translation of the Hebrew word, "Kaphar" (to cover over)...so, the picture is a price for sin, ROMANS 6:23→ wages of sin, death; gift of God, life
2. Worship is only realized personally when its price is understood perfectly: **2 Samuel 24:24** And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

III. By Understanding Prayer's Cleansing (30:17-21).

1. A picture of Christ's continual intercession for our sin and our pre-glorified humanity continuing in sin.
2. **Romans 7:19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. (compare to 1st John 1:8-9)

III. By Understanding Prayer's Holiness (30:22-38).

1. The incense was set apart (HOLY) exclusively for the Lord.
2. James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. minated with selfish motives of physical, human care.

Concl: Friend, you can pray today and know that God hears you. But, first you must look compare your life to God's standard as noted in Isaiah 59:1-2. Now, turn from your sin and come to God by receiving His Son as your personal Savior. Will you Let Jesus come into your heart today so that you can be prepared to pray?



Children's Challenge

Complete & Return to Pastor: 1=sweet 4=chalk-art print 8=Christian Book
16=Mini-New Testament 32=Leather Bound Large New Testament

MY NAME is _____

Today's Date _____

Today's Preacher _____

Exodus 30 describes ___ _ _ S H I P

Can you match the picture with the verse?



verse 6



verse 16



verse 19



verse 37

___ _ _ started Prayer; ___ _ _ Prays to God

God wants us to pray every ___ _ _

Christ made ___ _ _ sacrifice for sin forever.

Take the letters from all these words and complete
the following Scripture verse, Romans 14:11:

"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord,
every knee shall bow to ___ , ___ _ _
every t_ _gue sh_ ll confess to ___ _ _



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