

## Hell Has No Altars

### **Genesis 8:20-9:1** – NKJV - **God's Covenant with Creation**

<sup>20</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

<sup>22</sup> "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

### **God's Promise to Noah**

**9** So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

The establishment, construction, and ownership of an **Altar is mentioned 378 times in the word of God.**

### **God has placed a great emphasis on altars.**

- **An altar is a meeting place for God and humanity.**
- It's the place where God accepts the sacrifice
- And in turn **blesses the individual who gave the sacrifice.**

### **An altar is a place for God's mercy to come down.**

- It's the place of communication and direction from God.
- It's the place of submission for humanity.

**An altar was so important to God, that He required it in the tabernacle of the wilderness.**

**The brazen altar** was put directly in front of the entrance into the Tabernacle.

- The first order of business conducted was at the **Brazen Altar.**
- Failure to do so, **resulted in death.**

**An altar is so important to God that He put one in Heaven.**

**Revelation 8:3** - NKJV

<sup>3</sup> Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at **the altar.** He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon **the golden altar** which was before the throne.

I would say to you this morning that **an altar is a very important asset** in the Kingdom of God.

- **Lives are changed** at the altars of God.
- This carpeted area is more than part of a building
- It is **where God interacts with His people.**

**There aren't enough pages in a book, time in the day, or space in a hard drive, to tell of **all the wonderful things that have happened at the altars of God.****

**Please don't misunderstand me**

- **an altar is not** so much about the place...
- **as it is** about the purpose and the person.

**The altar in this church could tell a story**

- But an altar isn't a place - - -
- It's a **person and a purpose.**
- **That purpose is** a sacrifice and communication with God.

**An altar can be any place** where - - -

- you **submit yourself** to worship
- And **give God your** undivided attention.

**When you have done that - God will move and great things will happen.**

- **Did anybody come to touch Him? Seek Him? Find Him? Give Him Praise?**
- Did anybody come **needing an answer?**
- Did anybody come **for direction?**
- Did anybody come to **feel Him?**

***I would say to you that you can have all the above at the altar.***

- **At an altar** you can start fresh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The first recorded altar builder in the word of God was Noah.

Nowhere in the Bible, before the flood, is there mention of an altar.

- **Cain and Abel** offered sacrifice, but no altar was built.
- The first thing Noah did when he came off the Ark after the flood ---
- **Was build an altar.**

**Noah was thankful**

- That he found grace in the eyes of the Lord
- And made a new beginning after the flood
- He turned over a new leaf in his life.

Something happens when you come to an altar ready for change.

**Sinners are transformed at God's Altars.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** - NKJV

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**It's at an altar that a way out can be provided.**

**Genesis 22:9-13** - NKJV

<sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And **Abraham built an altar** there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. <sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

<sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

So he said, "Here I am."

<sup>12</sup> And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; **for now I know that you fear God**, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me."

<sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

If you come looking for an answer and are willing to sacrifice  
**God will always provide!!!!!!!!!!**

**It is at an altar that promises are made.**

**Genesis 12:7** - NKJV

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there **he built an altar** to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

**It is at an altar that God can appear.**

**Genesis 35:7** - NKJV

<sup>7</sup> And **he built an altar** there and called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.

***When God shows up anything is possible!!!!!!***

**It's at an altar where God will fight your battles.**

**Exodus 17:15-16** - NKJV

<sup>15</sup> And Moses **built an altar** and called its name, (Jehovahnissi) **The-Lord-Is-My-Banner;**

<sup>16</sup> for he said, "Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation."

**It's at an altar where you can find God again**

**Genesis 13:4** - NKJV

<sup>4</sup> to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

**Micah 7:8** – NKJV - Israel's Confession and Comfort

<sup>8</sup> Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, **The Lord will be a light to me.**

**It's at an altar that God can consume your sacrifice and let his fire fall.**

**1 Kings 18:30** - NKJV

<sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord *that was* broken down.

**1 Kings 18:38** - NKJV

<sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

**It's at an altar that you can have an experience with God.**

**Acts 2:1-4 – NKJV - *Coming of the Holy Spirit***

**2** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

**2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

**3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

**4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**The best thing about an altar is it's available all the time.**

**An altar is here right now.**

**The time to come and *find God is now.***

**But remember my title: Hell Has No Altars.**

- ***Hell has no place*** to repent,
- to find God,
- to start over again,
- to get it right,
- to find grace, or to find mercy.

**In Hell, everyone will pray and ask for mercy - - -**

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Come, let us get ahold of **the altars of God!**

