

# PRAYER CORNER

“Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar.  
He was given much incense to offer,  
with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.  
The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints,  
went up before God from the angel’s hand.”  
Revelation 8:3-4

I’ve been reading a study written by Frank Barnes about the Old Testament Tabernacle that the people built in the wilderness by God’s specifications, together with all of the regulations, various instruments, furniture and areas of sacrifice and worship. His comments teach that the “Tabernacle in the Wilderness contained a rich and fascinating treasury of spiritual truths.” and he says, “It is ‘God’s Portrait of Jesus Christ.’”



The Altar of Incense stood in front of the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. The incense was composed of four sweet spices that,

when burned on the Altar, ascended to the presence of God as a sweet savor and is a picture of our prayers coming before the Throne of God. In the Tabernacle the High Priest was the only person permitted go to the Altar of Incense. In our day, all may come to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ our Savior.

The teaching of the Altar of Incense presents two prerequisites for answered prayer. The High Priest must carry fire from the Brazen Altar where animal sacrifices were burned; then he washed in the Laver of Cleansing. The fire from the Brazen Altar was used to ignite the incense, which the Priest then kept burning continually. We also must claim the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and confess our sins and be cleansed from all unrighteousness as a prerequisite to prayer before God.

One more thing of importance about the Alter of Incense (our prayers), the High Priest was to come every morning and evening and keep the incense burning perpetually. This is a picture of having a constant attitude of prayer - always being in touch with God.

As we have passed this Easter Season, let us continue to be impressed by the greatest treasure we have been given - our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ - who became the sacrifice for us once and for all so that we may pray to God our Heavenly Father. We praise His Wonderful Name for this act of love for all mankind!

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