

THE ALTAR FOR INCENSE EXODUS 30:1–10, 34–38 JULY 5, 2020

1. The Design of the Incense Altar
 - a. The Altar (30:1-10)
 - b. The Incense (30:34-38)
2. The Significance of the Incense Altar
 - a. The Altar of Prayer (Ps 141:1-2; Luke 1:5-13; Rev 5:8; 8:3-4)
 - b. The Connections Between the Bronze and Golden Altars (30:7-10; 29:38-42; Lev 16)
3. Fulfillment and Application
 - a. Christ As Great High Priest Fulfills the Altar of Incense (John 17; 1 John 2:1-2; Heb 7:25; 9:24; Rom 8:33-34)
 - b. The Call to Prayer through Christ (Heb 10:19-22; 1 Thes 5:16-18; Acts 2:42; 3:1)

“At the brazen altar Christ died for us, shed his blood, reconciled us to God, and made us forever secure in Him. But at the golden altar He lives in heaven to intercede for those for whom He has already died, and who are already saved. The brazen altar speaks of the death of Christ; the golden altar speaks of the living, resurrected, ascended Lord Jesus Christ. The two altars, therefore, speak of the death and the resurrection, and constitute the full message of the Gospel.” —M. R. DeHaan, *The Tabernacle*.

Reflection Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What is the significance of the golden incense altar?
2. What connections do we see in Exodus between the bronzer altar in the courtyard and the golden incense altar inside the Holy Place?
3. What is the symbolic significance of incense?
4. How does Christ fulfill the incense altar?
5. What can you learn from the incense altar concerning your prayer life today?