

## DIG DEEP at the Altar

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

Rev. 5 & 8 speaks of the prayers on the saints being presented as incense before the throne.

Not only are your prayers incense, but your life is the sacrifice!

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Where will you lay your life? On what altar are you presenting your life? Is it being presented to the ancient and enduring command of the Lord or to a new idea of easy and comfortable religion? DIG DEEP, GET REAL, and WORSHIP in SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

John 4: 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Not only does it empower you to dig deep and endure, but it is the place where you put into practice what God has already given you as potential. You won't find a person of endurance and possession of the promise who has not first learned to build an altar.

### 1.) THE ALTAR OF OBEDIENCE

Obedience is everything.....

#### CAREFUL AND PARTICULAR OBEDIENCE

Gen. 22: 22 1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.....6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. 9 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.

- LAY YOUR OFFERING OF TRUST ON THE ALTAR OF OBEDIENCE

- Answered immediately. TRUST OVERCOMES HESITATION
- Acted early (in the morning) TRUST OVERCOMES APATHY
- Took responsibility and ownership (saddled His donkey)—he could have had anyone do it but this was a sacred thing to him. Every element of the obedience was sacred to him. TRUST OVERCOMES THE DISCONNECT
- Split the wood, then laid it on the back of his son. Trusted God enough to share the responsibility of obedience with his son. He knew that there would be a response from God, and he wanted Isaac to have his part in it. TRUST OVERCOMES THE UNKNOWN