

He is apt not to go to heaven who is content to go alone.

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word
it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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The Terrible Tragedy Of Mixed Marriages With Catholics

A well-known pastor in southern California and a young Army officer just back from war, were directed to us for some advice. As the pastor introduced the officer to us, our hearts were deeply moved when the officer suddenly broke out in tears and explained in a voice of one who had suffered much: "I love my wife; I love my children: I will do anything to have them back." What was the story behind this tragic situation?

The officer was non-Catholic who had married a Roman Catholic girl. Because of their love for each other, she consented to be married to him in a Protestant church by a Protestant minister. After the marriage, the husband was called

into his country's service, and was sent overseas. While he was away fighting for his country, the local priest began visiting his wife and children. From the lips of the priest she discovered the awful fact that, according to the Roman Catholic Church, she was not legally married. When she went to the altar and answered "I do" to the minister's question regarding her love for the young man at her side, the priest explained to her she only entered into a life of sin. He continued, that according to the Roman Catholic Church, in her present marital state she was excluded from the blessings of God and the communion of the Roman Catholic Church, and her status was that of a mother of illegitimate

children.

While fighting for his country, and unaware of his wife's repeated visitor, the young Army officer was wounded and sent back to America. He arrived with hopes and visions, the deepest love for his wife and tender sentiments for his children. He was ecstatic with happiness when the ship's whistle announced port was near. Shortly after they landed a letter was given him. As he started reading the first paragraph, his heart began pounding: "Do not come home," it read. "I will not receive you. I do not want the children to see you."

This is not an isolated case, though the circumstances may be different in individual instances. (Continued on page four)

SATAN AND MOTHER EVE

By E. C. Vaughan, Jr.

The serpent hissed; he made a bow.
He said to Eve, "Come now."
He made his bow; he showed a smile.
Then he said, "Let's talk awhile."
He showed his smile; he took a seat.
He sat right down at Eve's feet.
He took his seat, and on to talk.
He didn't hear Pa Adam walk.
And on to talk he said to Eve,
"Those words of God you can't believe.
Hear me now. This you must,
When you eat, you'll be as us.
For at that time God doth know,
You'll be as He: even so,
Take a bite. See how purt?
Just one bite. O, it won't hurt."
So Eve saw that it was good.
Just to the eye? No, for food.
Then Eve fell for Satan's lie,
Ole Adam said, "So will I."
And into sin they plunged the race,
And none escape this dark disgrace.
From this sad story get it you,
Just one sin will never do.

Is God An Honest Judge?

There are many false gods in the world. But, usually when we give thought to this fact we think of the gods of heathen lands, as China, Africa, India, etc. Few of us give much consideration to the truth that there are many false gods right here in our own midst.

To be sure, here in our country, all these false gods are theed God. But, when we examine the character attributed to these gods, we discover that they are not the Jehovah God of the Bible.

Reader, search your own heart! Is the god you worship the God of the Bible? Is the Jesus you know the Jesus Christ of the Bible? Eternal and inestimable values rest upon your answer to this question.

"JUST SO LONG AS YOU ARE SINCERE"

That's what a plumbing salesman told me one day — and so many people have said the same thing that it is almost a proverb.

But sincerity is not enough. Miss Jones sincerely believed it was a dose of medicine she was taking from the bottle in the medicine cabinet. It turned out to be poison, and she died.

Sincerity is a fine thing—one of the noblest of virtues—but it didn't save Miss Jones.

Nor will sincerity save your soul if you believe the wrong thing.

If you rest your faith in religious ceremonies, you are lost. If you think the pearly gates of Heaven will swing open for you because you are a good moral man, or because of the good deeds you have done, you may be as sincere as the day is long, but you will certainly be lost.

A person can be saved only by coming as a needy, helpless sinner to the Lord Jesus Christ (Continued on page three)

What kind of a Person is Jehovah God, the God of the Bible? What is His attitude toward sin? Will He deal honestly with sin and with the sinner? Is He an honest Judge?

In Habakkuk 1:13, we read: "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity." In I Peter 3:12, we find, "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil." Thus we see that the character and disposition of Jehovah God are such that sin cannot be passed over, but must be dealt with positively.

In Romans 1:16,17, we hear the Holy Spirit saying, through Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed." How God deals with sin is revealed in the gospel message, the message of "good news."

"There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20). "All

are under sin. . . . There is none righteous, no, not one. . . . There is none that doeth good, no, not one. . . . All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3: 9, 10, 12, 23).

"Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them" (Gal. 3:10). "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten, son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10). "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing (wishing) that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). "Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel. . . . How

that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:1-4). "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

Now, just how righteous does God reveal Himself to be in the Gospel of Christ?

Man, since Adam, has been a rebellious sinner against God, of whom God can say that, "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart are only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). In God's great love, He desired to save a people for Himself (Acts 15:14), "that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:7). Now, in keeping with His character and Person how can that be accomplished?

God gave Adam and Eve one law and they immediately broke that (Gen. 1:17; 2:6). He gave the full law to Israel on

Sinai but every page of sacred history shows how miserably they fell down in keeping it. In every test man showed that he would not, could not keep the perfect commandments of Jehovah God. Then, He graciously steps in, not as an afterthought, but in harmony with His eternal purposes of grace, and provides a Sure Remedy. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin (sin-offering), condemned sin in 'the flesh'" (Rom. 8:3).

Herein God reveals His character of righteousness. He cannot wink at sin, He cannot overlook it. As He declares (Continued on page four)

A NEGRO PREACHER'S PLEA FOR MISSIONS

A devout colored preacher, whose heart was aglow with missionary fervor, gave notice to his congregation that in the evening an offering would be taken for missions, and asked for liberal gifts. A selfish, well-to-do man in the congregation said to him, "Yer gwine to kill dis church ef yer goes on sayin' 'give!' No church can stan' it. Yer gwine ter kill it." During the sermon that night, the colored minister said to his people, "Brother Jones told me I was gwine to kill this church if I kep' a askin' yer to give; but, my brethren, churches doesn't die dat way. Ef anybody knows of a church dat died, 'cause it's been givin' too much to de Lord, I 'ud like somebody to tell me where dat church is, for I'se gwine to visit it, and I'll climb on de walls of dat church under de light of de moon and cry, 'Blessed am de dead dat die in de Lord!'"

MORAL: Let's be liberal with missions!—Copied.

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"THE TABERNACLE IN THE MIDST OF ISRAEL"

"THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE"

(Read Ex. 30:1-10; Luke 1:8-13; Rev. 8:3, 4.)

I was rather impressed this last week, after having preached for five Sunday evenings concerning the tabernacle, that a little lad, whom I think has been in attendance for everyone of these services, said to his mother, "Why doesn't Brother Gilpin hurry up and get inside the tabernacle? I want

to know what is in it."

Well, beloved, my answer to that lad, or to anyone, is that you have to take some other steps before you are capable of coming into the tabernacle. I have tried to take these steps one by one, that you might appreciate your position in Christ Jesus today. Before a man is fit spiritually to come into the tabernacle, he has to come to the gate that is at the entrance

of the courtyard. That gate represents the Lord Jesus Christ.

He said, "I am the way." Beloved, there was just one way that you could get into that courtyard for worship, and there is just one way that you can get to Heaven, and that way is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Just beyond the gate was the brazen altar, upon which they (Continued on page two)

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"BRETHREN, THE TIME IS SHORT"

"But this I say, brethren, the
time is short."—I Cor. 7:29.

"But the end of all things is
at hand: be ye therefore sober,
and watch unto prayer."—I Pet.
4:7.

These two statements by Paul
and Peter were never more ap-
plicable than to the Christians
of our generation. They were
never more appropriate than
today. With conditions growing
worse and worse, and becoming
more tense day by day, these
two verses mean more to us
now than ever before.

Morally, spiritually and doc-
trinally, people are getting far-
ther from God all the time. The
majority of churches are but
social clubs, devoid of power
and useless to the Master. Com-
munism, Catholicism, Armin-
ianism, feminism, universal-
churchism, alien baptism, open
communion and unionism are
striking blows at churches
which, in the main, are already
spiritually strangled and help-
less.

Very few are the voices that
are lifted against these on-com-
ing evils. Thank God, there are
a few independent Baptists
scattered over America who are
opposed to these heresies which
have practically paralyzed the
most of the religious world. The
editor rejoices to be pastor of
such a church of independent
denominational affiliation. He
rejoices to have friends scat-
tered over America who are
likewise independent and who
are contending for "the faith
once delivered."

It is a joy to once a week
edit a paper which is independ-
ent and is in no wise an official
organ for any group. It is in-
deed a joy to send forth the
messages of this paper from
week to week to those who ap-
preciate a clear-cut stand
against heresy.

To do so, costs considerably.
It takes better than \$600.00 per
week to operate our shop. There
is never a time but what a gift
from any reader is acceptable
and deeply appreciated. Espe-
cially is that true just now, in
view of the purchase of our
needed printing equipment. May
it please the Lord to lay this
matter heavily on the hearts of
many of our friends today.

"The Altar Of Incense"

(Continued from page one)
offered the sacrifice. That sac-
rifice was a type of our Lord
Jesus Christ. The word "altar"
literally means "to lift up," or
"the killing place," and the
altar is a type of Calvary where
the Lord Jesus Christ Himself
was crucified. That is why it

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM

CHRISTIANITY stands in a class by itself in all moral and
spiritual teachings. First, it gives a correct picture of man's con-
dition; second, it offers man salvation from that condition; third,
it keeps him in the new condition in Christ. Christianity instructs
public officials, business men and servants. It ennobles man, exalts
woman and blesses children.

BRAHMANISM has had several reformers who have sought
to put down idol worship, promote female education, abolish in-
fant marriage and permit the remarriage of widows. A Brahman
said: "Englishmen rule over us because their religion produces
high moral virtues of which we have not a vestige."

THE LORD USES THOSE WHO SEE THEMSELVES LITTLE IN THEIR OWN EYES.

HINDUISM presents but few benefits outside of its reform
movements. The Arya Samaj, which was a movement from the
very center of Hinduism, broke the confines of caste and introduc-
ed some of the moral teachings of Christ though it has bitterly
opposed Christianity. It is endeavoring to give life when it does
not possess a spark nor the power to generate it.

BUDDHISM proclaims equality of civil rights and social free-
dom. Women are free. Education, literature and art were de-
veloped in the earlier monastic schools. War was condemned.
Moral purity of thought, word and action was inculcated. The
taking of any animal life was forbidden.

THE CHRISTIAN IS HUMBLE BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN UP SEEKING GOOD IN HIMSELF TO ADORE THE ONE IN WHOM THERE IS NOTHING BUT GOOD.

TAOISM. "All the good that can be found in Taoism is like
a few grains of gold dust in heaps of offensive debris." The nar-
row, carnal minds of Taoists are not capable of understanding
how a man can devote himself in any unselfish way for the service
of his fellowmen. No religion which presents false views of God
can present right views of living.

CONFUCIANISM. Ancestral worship has as its essence filial
piety, which has tended to consolidate and perpetuate the nation.
The Confucian ethics have had a higher moral standard than that
of many other non-Christian religions. The purity of the Chinese
school books and classic literature has done much to preserve a
wholesome public sentiment in China.

WE CAN'T HAVE THE LOWLY LIFE UNLESS WE HAVE THE UPPER LIFE.

ZOROASTRIANISM presented the cleanest writings and
teachings of its day among the heathen. The high moral tone of
teachings had a tendency to restrain evil and turn the minds of
people to the development of high attainments. Its moral stand-
ards prepared the mind for a larger development than the sur-
rounding systems possessed.

THE PARSEES' high standard of honesty, morality and other
virtues has developed in them a high grade of human kind, yet
their success has developed a race pride which makes them quite
impervious to the Gospel. They have become proud of their re-
ligion through comparing it with the weaker systems around them.

TAKE CHRIST FOR HUMILITY. IT CANNOT BE CULTIVATED AS A MERE HUMAN VIRTUE.

SHINTOISM. Ancestral worship welded families together
and formed a basis of tribal and national unity. Loyalty to the
emperor, who was believed to be of divine origin, produced
patriotism which added greatly in cementing the Japanese people
together.

MOHAMMEDANISM has many strong teachings in its "Ko-
ran," such as temperance, honesty, hospitality, reverence, but
"sadly lacks the power of the divine Holy Spirit (whom it rejects)
to enable its followers to perform any of its behests."

is that you can't come into the
tabernacle to worship until
first of all you come through
the gate and by way of the
brazen altar and have come to
be at peace with the Lord Jesus
Christ. When we come into the
tabernacle itself, we do so for
the purpose of worshipping,
but, beloved, you can't worship
God as long as you are in your
sins. You have to receive Jesus
as your Substitute. You have
to come by way of the Cross
that your sins be removed at
Calvary before there can be
any worship.

Let me insist, beloved friends,
if you are unsaved, you can't
worship God. You may be
reverent in God's sight, but you
can't worship God until you are
saved. The Bible says that they
who worship God must worship
Him in spirit and in truth, and
no man can worship God in
spirit and in truth until first of
all that individual has seen
Jesus Christ as his Saviour at
the Cross of Calvary. When we
come to the tabernacle to wor-

ship this evening and to see in
this tabernacle our blessed
Lord Jesus, we do so after hav-
ing come by way of the brazen
altar and after having seen
Him as our Saviour who poured
out His life's blood and who
gave Himself as a substitute to
pay fully for our sins at the
Cross.

I

INCENSE IS A SYMBOL OF
PRAYER. The Word of God
tells us this to be true.

"Let my prayer be set forth
before thee as incense; and the
lifting up of my hands as the
evening sacrifice."—Psa. 141:2.

"And when he had taken the
book, the four beasts and four
and twenty elders fell down
before the Lamb, having every
one of them harps, and golden
vials full of odors, which are
the prayers of saints."—Rev.
5:8.

I cite you these two Scrip-
tures, but I could multiply
them again and again, and in

each instance show you the
truth that prayer all the way
through the Bible is symbolized
by the offering of incense.

As the incense is placed upon
the altar and is burned, and
the smoke from that incense
ascends up into space, we have
a picture of your prayer life
before God. As the smoke of
that incense ascends up into
the presence of the Father, so
do your prayers that come from
a heart that has been cut by
contrition and a soul that has
been saved by the blood of Jesus
Christ. The prayers from a
contrite heart and a blood-
washed soul ascend up to the
Father just as the smoke from
the incense ascended up into
space.

II

THE INCENSE ON THE
ALTAR, OFFERED BY AARON
THE HIGH PRIEST, WAS A
SYMBOL OF JESUS CHRIST
IN HEAVEN OFFERING UP
PRAYER IN BEHALF OF US
WHO ARE HIS.

Aaron, who offered the in-
cense on this altar originally,
was a type of the Lord Jesus.

"Now of the things which we
have spoken this is the sum:
We have such a high priest,
who is set on the right hand of
the throne of the Majesty in
the heavens."—Heb. 8:1.

The high priest who offered
the incense on the golden altar
was a type of Jesus Christ as
our great High Priest now.
What a blessing this has been
to me as I have studied it, just
to notice this truth, that when
Aaron took that incense and
offered it on that altar and the
smoke of that incense ascended
up into the skies, that that is a
type of the Lord Jesus Christ
as our High Priest, who offers
up prayer in behalf of those
who are His.

Beloved, that is exactly what
the Lord Jesus Christ is doing
for you today if you are saved.
Listen:

"For Christ is not entered
into the holy places with hands,
which are the figures of the
true; but into heaven itself, now
to appear in the presence of
God FOR US."—Heb. 9:24.

Brother, sister, I am glad
that I have this assurance, that
I have a High Priest who as-
cended into Heaven and is there
to appear in the presence of
God for us. As Aaron took that
incense and offered it upon
this golden altar, and as the

smoke of it ascended, that is a
type and a picture of the Lord
Jesus Christ Himself and as He
appears in the presence of God
for us now.

Oh, what a blessing it is just
to know that we are not left
alone to fight this weary battle
within this world! What a
blessing it is just to know that
the Lord Jesus Christ is in
Heaven today to appear in the
presence of God for us!

I am glad that my salvation
didn't depend upon me; I am
glad that my salvation depends
upon the finished work of
Jesus Christ at Calvary. I am
further glad that my keeping
saved doesn't depend on me. It
it depended upon me to keep
myself saved, I would go to
Hell, and you would too. There
isn't a person who can keep
himself saved. If it depended
upon you, the last one of you
would spend your eternity in
Hell. I am saved by what Jesus
Christ did at the Cross, and I
am kept saved by what Christ
does at the right hand of God
as He intercedes for me day
by day.

III

THE MATERIALS.
The altar of incense was
made of shittim wood, or acar-
cia wood, and overlaid it with
gold. It was made of two ma-
terials—wood and gold. This
was a type of our Lord Jesus
Christ, which would tell us
His humanity and His divinity.
As that wood was beautiful and
embellished and made more
beautiful by the gold, so the
humanity of our Lord Jesus
Christ was beautified and glori-
fied by His divine nature.

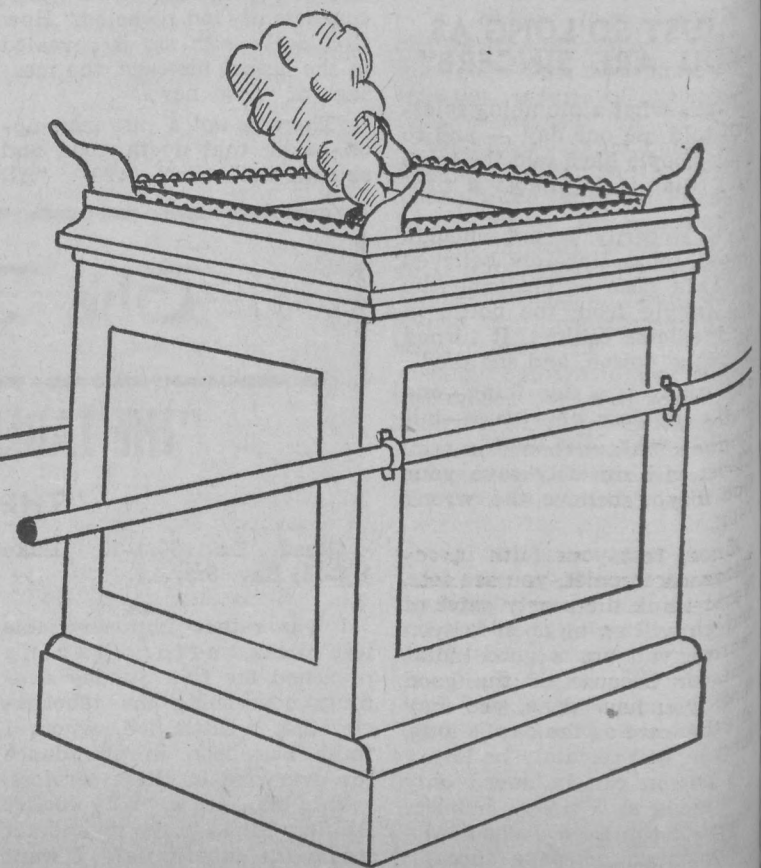
I say then, beloved, the wood
and the gold of the golden altar
are types of the human and the
divine nature of the Son of
God.

How wonderful it is to know
that the Lord Jesus Christ can
still feel our infirmities! Lis-
ten:

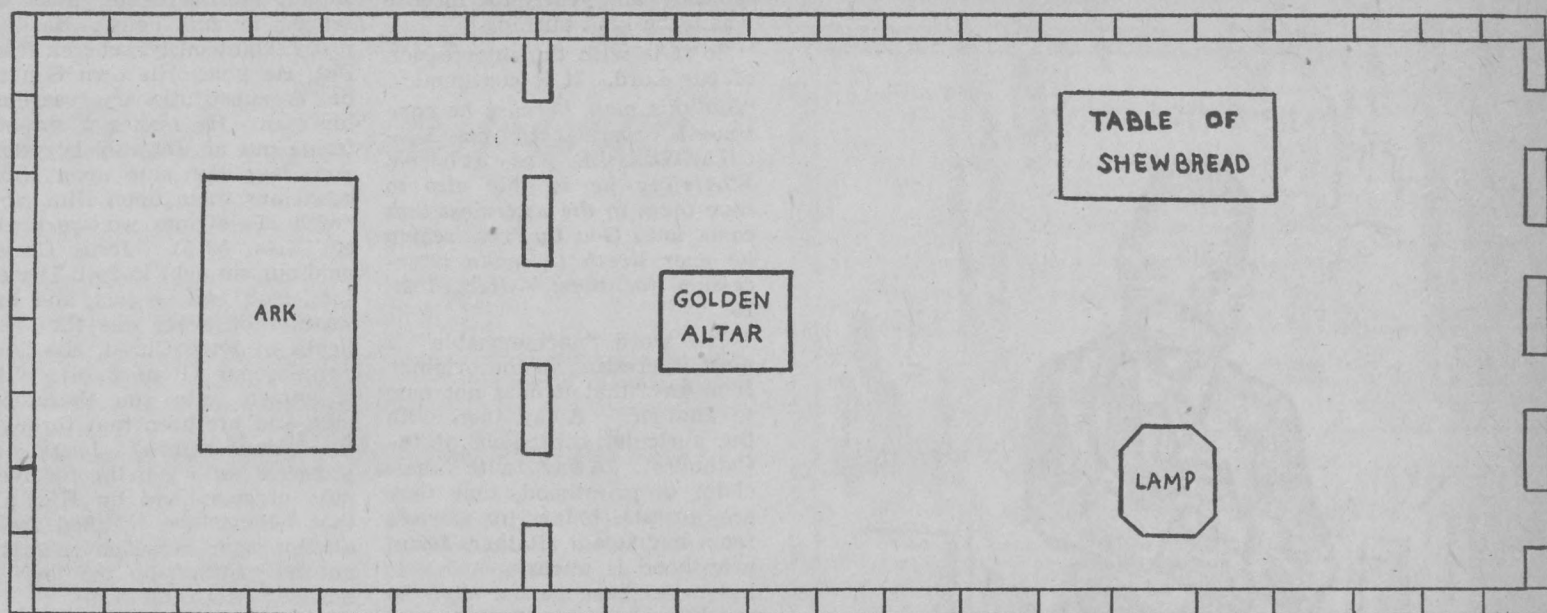
"For we have not a high
priest which can not be touched
with the feeling of our infirmi-
ties; but was in all poi-
tempted like as we are, yet
without sin. Let us therefore
come boldly unto the throne of
grace, that we may obtain
mercy, and find grace to help
in time of need."—Heb. 4:15, 16.

Beloved, as this altar of in-
cense was made of two mater-
ials—wood overlaid with gold
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"THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE"



THE GROUND PLAN OF THE TABERNACLE



"The Altar Of Incense"

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—and being typical of the humanity and the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, it would tell us that our Lord can still be touched with the infirmities of our human nature.
I am glad that Jesus Christ can still feel what I feel. How this should encourage us in our prayer life!

IV

THE POSITION OF THE ALTAR OF INCENSE.

It is highly significant that this altar was placed in the center of the Holy place next to the veil which separated the Holy of Holies from the outer Holy place. This meant that it was actually just before the mercy seat. The ark of the covenant with the mercy seat upon it, located just inside the Holy of Holies, represented the throne of God and was symbolic of God's presence. Just in front, separated only by the veil, in the outer Holy place was the altar of incense which represents the Lord Jesus Christ as our great High Priest.

What a precious truth this then presents to us, for it thus tells us that our High Priest is continually before the throne, making intercession for us.
What could be more precious to a believer than to have the assurance that we have a High Priest who continually intercedes before the throne in our behalf.

V

THE HEIGHT OF THIS ALTAR.

The Scriptures indicate that it was two cubits in height. It was just a half cubit higher than any of the other pieces of furniture. Of course, each of these was to tell us of Jesus, and I used to wonder why it was that this one was higher in size than any of the balance.

I think it is obvious that the Lord Jesus, who is now our High Priest, hath been greatly exalted. Once He humbled Himself in death, but now He is "highly exalted."

"Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far ABOVE all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come."—Eph. 1:20, 21.

"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Phil. 2:7-11.

Once Jesus was the "lowly Nazarene; now He is the lordly Nazarene. He has been exalted, and since this altar of incense represents Him as our High Priest in Glory (it is significant that it should be higher than all the other pieces of furniture.

VI

THE STAVES.

These were never removed

from the sides of the altar. Thus the altar was ever ready for the march. If the command to move came at midnight, or midday, or in the early morning hours, the altar was always ready. It was only a matter of a moment's time for it to be ready for the march.

This is highly typical. Christ's intercession may be ours in every place and under every circumstance. He is ever ready to intercede in our behalf. No believer can come to Him at an unacceptable time. Whether it be the darkest hour of midnight—whether it be the longest day of the year—or whether it be the early hours of the day, Jesus Christ is always ready and always near. We have His promise in this respect.

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world."—Mt. 28:20.

How precious it is to each of us to know that as the altar was ever ready to be moved, so our High Priest is ever ready for intercession in our behalf.

VII

THE HORNS ON THE ALTAR.

There was a horn on each of the corners of this altar, or, in other words, there were four horns on the top side of the altar.

Throughout the Scripture the horn is always symbolic of power. In this instance they would tell us of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ in His intercession for us. Thank God, His intercession is with power!

"Wherefore he is ABLE also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Heb. 7:25.

"Who are KEPT by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Pet. 1:15.

"Now unto him that is ABLE to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."—Jude 24.

What a blessed truth is here presented to us that the power of the Godhead is definitely behind the intercession of the Lord Jesus. It is not in meekness that He intercedes for us, but rather with all the power of God at His disposal.

VIII

THERE WAS A CROWN ON THE TOP OF THIS ALTAR OF INCENSE.

This crown was in the form of a ridge and went all the way around the top of the altar. It

was to keep the coals from falling off the altar when it was being moved.

Those priests who handled the ark were only human. It was only human that one of them might stumble, and if he were to do so might mean that the coals would be jarred from the top of the altar unless this crown were there to prevent such from happening. However, regardless of how many times the priest might stumble, those burning coals upon which the incense was offered were preserved by this crown of gold. Each believer today is his own priest beneath the Lord Jesus as our great High Priest. It is mighty easy for a believer priest "to stumble" as he walks through the wilderness of the world, as we brush elbows and rub shoulders with sin on every hand. It is exceedingly easy for a believer priest to stumble.

In the days of our Lord's sojourn here on earth, we have the story of how Peter stumbled and fell. However, the coals of Christ's prayer failed not.

"But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."—Luke 22:32.

I am glad that Jesus didn't fail Simon Peter when he stumbled. I am glad that there was a crown to keep the coals from falling off the altar. I am glad that Jesus Christ doesn't fail us when we stumble and falter today.

IX

THE INCENSE WHICH WAS OFFERED UPON THIS ALTAR WAS EXCLUSIVELY FOR ISRAEL.

Not one time was incense ever offered on this altar in behalf of any outside of Israel.

It is thus that Jesus prays for those who are His. He does not pray for the world. Even when He was here in the days of His flesh, in His great High Priestly prayer He said:

"I pray for them: I pray NOT for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine."—John 17:19.

How amazing it is when we remember that Jesus is Master of both Heaven and earth, and yet He prays for us. How often it is that we escape sickness, disease, death and problems because He has prayed for us.

Precious truth this is that as the incense was offered only for Israel, so Jesus prays exclusively for those who are His.

X

OUR HIGH PRIEST NOT ONLY LIFTS UP HIS PRAYERS IN OUR BEHALF, BUT HE ALSO TAKES OUR PRAY-

ERS AND PRESENTS THEM, LIKE INCENSE, BEFORE THE FATHER'S THRONE.

"And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne."—Rev. 8:3.

This is indeed helpful. Without His intercession, not one prayer of ours would ever reach God. Has He not said:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, BUT BY ME."—John 14:6.

I am glad that our prayers, which would never be acceptable in themselves, are thus presented by the Lord Jesus unto the Father.

XI

THE HORNS OF THIS ALTAR OF INCENSE WERE STAINED ONCE YEARLY WITH THE BLOOD OF ATONEMENT FROM THE BRAZEN ALTAR.

Once each year the blood from the sacrifice that was offered upon the brazen altar was used to stain the horns of the altar of incense. This is highly typical.

It would tell us that the intercession of even our Lord is based upon the sacrifice of the Cross. In other words, He would be no intercessor if He had not died as our sacrifice.

This would surely tell us that no unsaved person can pray. Only those who have come to the Cross and have had their sins blotted out, have Jesus Christ as their intercessor.

XII

THE MORNING AND EVENING WERE SPECIAL TIMES FOR REPLENISHING THE INCENSE. However, a perpetual fragrance ascended from the altar.

It was as the priest conducted morning and evening worship that the incense was replenished, yet as the priests went about their duties all through the day, the fragrance from the morning worship continued to ascend to God.

Here is something that each child of God needs to remember. If each of us spend time with our Lord in the morning, there is bound to be a beautiful fragrance about our lives all day. No individual can come into the presence of the Lord in the early morning without having the blessings of God to rest upon his life all through the day.

XIII

A CURSE WAS PRO- NOUNCED UPON ANYONE THAT ATTEMPTED TO IMITATE THIS INCENSE.

God was very careful in telling Israel the ingredients which were to make up the incense. (Read Ex. 30:34-38). The "stacte," "onycha," "galbanum," and the "frankincense"—the ingredients of the incense—were to be used only when thus compounded, in worship. In other words, this incense was not to be used for any purpose other than worship.

This incense was not to be imitated. There was a sweet savour that went up, so much so that when it ascended to the Father, that even the Almighty accepted it as a beautiful fragrance and a sweet savour on the part of the worshippers of Israel.

In contrast, many come today to worship the Lord in their own righteousness. Such is an abomination unto God. The savour of our own righteousness is abhorrent to our Thrice-Holy God.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as FILTHY RAGS."—Isa. 64:6.

Even the best there is about us is repulsive unto the Lord. No man can thus worship the Lord acceptably until he ceases in his attempt to imitate that which is pleasing unto God.

As there was a curse pronounced upon the imitation of this incense, so there is a curse to be pronounced upon the individual who comes before the Lord with his abhorrent self-righteousness. Listen:

"And he said unto him, Friend, how camest thou in? (Continued on page four)

Sincerity

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and accepting His pardon — a pardon made possible because Christ died on the cross the death we deserved to die. Christ alone can save us. "Neither is there salvation in any other," cried the apostle Peter, "for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

It does matter what you believe. Anchor your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ with all the sincerity of your heart, and He will give you peace with God and everlasting life.

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Mixed Marriages

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stances. The general procedure and outlook of the Roman Catholic Church is the same. The priest is just a mouthpiece of the ecclesiastical system and in many cases he does not happily fulfill his duties. He is only obeying the laws of his church, the instructions of his prelates. If the priest does not exercise zeal in this direction, he probably will be demoted to a smaller and less important parochial church, without hope of attaining higher rank. Many times the priest would like to help people in mixed marriage cases, but he must follow his instructions, not his own desires. A Roman Catholic priest does not have any power in reserved cases of excommunication. In fact, the priest himself would also be excommunicated if he should ever attempt to absolve the subjects from their sin in confession. Canon 1094 of the Catholic Church establishes that only those marriages are valid which are contracted before the pastor or ordinary of the parish, or a priest delegated by either of these and at least two witnesses.

According to Roman Catholic teaching, a marriage performed by a Protestant minister is comparable to one performed by a civil authority. This type of marriage was called by Pope Pius IX in his allocution of September 27, 1852, "Nothing else than a shameful and abominable concubinage." The same Pope, in his letter to King Victor Emmanuel dated September 9, 1852, declared that marriage "without the sacrament is pure concubinage." For the instruction of both Roman Catholic as well as Protestant be-

lievers, we remind them that the Roman Catholic priest cannot officiate in the case of a mixed marriage unless the following demands and pledges are received in writing from both parties:

A. That they will be married only by a Roman Catholic priest.

B. That all children born of their marriage shall be baptized and educated solely in the Roman Catholic religion.

C. That the non-Catholic party will never interfere in any way with the faith of the Roman Catholic party nor with the Roman Catholic education of the children, nor with the free exercise of the duties of the Roman Catholic party and children.

D. That even in the case of the death of the Catholic party, the non-Catholic party will educate the children in the Roman Catholic religion.

E. That in the event of the death of both parents, the guardians are bound to carry out this pledge.

F. That the Roman Catholic party promises to do missionary work on the non-Catholic party, but the non-Catholic party may not do likewise.

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hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."—Mt. 22:12, 13.

XIV

THE BURNING OF THIS INCENSE WAS TO BE CONTINUAL.

Though it was replenished night and morning, it continued to burn all day. It was never

allowed to be extinguished. Night and day, daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly the incense was to be kept burning.

So it is with the intercession of our Lord. It is continual.

"But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an UNCHANGEABLE priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Heb. 7:24, 25.

The word "unchangeable" is most interesting in the original. It means "that it does not pass to another." Away then with the auricular confession of the Catholics! Away with their claim of priesthood, that they are priests today in Christ's room and stead! Rather, Jesus' priesthood is unchangeable. It has never been passed along to another. Instead, His intercession is continual.

This is why it is that we are eternally secure in Him. Not one of us would continue secure were it not for His intercession.

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:34-39.

How wonderful it is to know that Christ is everywhere taken up with our individual thoughts and interest.

"How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; and when I awake I am still with thee."—Psa. 139:17, 18.

CONCLUSION

I trust this evening that by this message we have been communing with God Himself. I sincerely pray that we may have seen Christ in His glory. It should transform us with the same glory.

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."—II Cor. 3:18.

When Moses spent eighty days on the mountain and came back down in the camp of Israel, it is said that the skin of his face was shining. He had been in the presence of God. He had been communing with the Lord and was thus transformed to be like God. May this have been our experience this evening.

Likewise, may it please the Lord to pick up someone of His elect that that one might see how Jesus died for his sins and thus be eternally saved.

An Honest Judge

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through Nahum, He "will not at all acquit the wicked" (Nahum 1:3). God cannot be the God

of the Bible and acquit the sinner. The penalty against the sinner, eternal death, must be settled in full before He can justly, righteously, set him free. But, He gives His own Son to be a substitutionary sacrifice for man. He makes a sin offering out of His only begotten Son, lays our sins upon Him, condemns them upon Him, and "with His stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). Jesus Christ paid our sin debt in full. Therefore, God, can be just, and the justifier of every one that believes in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Saviour (Rom. 3:26). "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren that through this Man (Christ Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:38,39).

Now, let's reduce the case to human application that we may see what is involved. Let us suppose that a man is brought before the court of our own country accused of murder. He is duly tried. The evidence is submitted before the jury, and after thorough and deliberate consideration the jury returns a verdict of "guilty" with no mitigating circumstances, and no recommendation for leniency. The case comes before the judge to pronounce sentence. He has sworn to uphold the law of the land and to administer it justly and honestly. The law demands that one guilty of murder in the first degree, without mitigating circumstances, shall be punished by hanging, or by electrocution.

Let us further suppose, that as the convicted man comes before the judge, he begins to weep, and tells the judge how very sorry he is that he has committed the crime. With many tears and much earnestness he fervently promises the judge that if he will only set him free, he will be a model citizen thereafter. A group of friends also gather around and plead with the judge for the convicted man.

The judge faces this problem: The law has taken its due course. The man stands guilty by the unquestionable verdict of the constituted authority in law. He, the judge, sits as one sworn to enforce and uphold the law. But, on the other

hand, the doomed man is unquestionably sincere in his sorrow for his crime, and in his desire to do better if he is spared. And there are the many friends pleading with him for the convicted man. What shall he do?

Suppose he says, "Well, seeing that you are genuinely sorry for what you have done, and seeing that you promise to do the best you can in the future, and seeing that there are many of your friends pleading for you, you may go free. Case dismissed!"

What has he done?

He has broken the law! He has broken his word! He has violated his oath! He has desecrated the court! He should be impeached. He is unquestionably a dishonest man.

But, there are multitudes of people who call themselves Christians, and who stoutly claim to believe in the God and in the Jesus of the Bible, who believe that God saves sinners on the same basis as illustrated above.

Now, if after that man was convicted, and as he stands before the judge for sentence, there should come in one against whom there is no charge who could prove himself acceptable to the court in every way, and volunteer to go to the gallows, or the electric chair, for the doomed man, and the court should accept him, then the judge could be, and would be honest and would uphold his word and oath if he should set the guilty man free. But, only on the ground that the penalty of the law had been duly and justly met in full.

Reader now you can see how righteous God, the God of the Bible, is. He must punish sin. To punish it in man, man must spend eternity in hell. There was, and never can be any other, only one acceptable substitute for man and that was the Man Christ Jesus. He forever and completely satisfied every demand of the just and holy law of God and God can be justified (set forever right in His sight) any one and every one who believes in His Son, Jesus Christ. Our sins were punished on Him, and we may go free because He suffered our hell-death for us.

"Dost thou believe on the Son of God?"—A. M. Overton

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