

SERIES: A JOURNEY TO THE GLORY

Volume 1: Every Christian Endeavor Begins with Prayer

Lesson 4: Burning the Right Incense at the Altar [8 December 2019]

Introduction:

➤ *Revelation 8:3 & 4 Amplified Classic Version*

- ³ And another angel came and stood over the altar. He had a golden censer, and he was given very much incense (fragrant spices and gums which exhale perfume when burned), that he might mingle it with the prayers of all the people of God (the saints) upon the golden altar before the throne. [Psalm 141:2]
- ⁴ And the smoke of the incense (the perfume) arose in the presence of God, with the prayers of the people of God (the saints), from the hand of the angel.
- The Altar of Incense is our Testimony to God
- The Ark of the Covenant is God's Testimony to us
 - ❖ Incense was burned in the tents & homes of the Israelites to drive away scorpions and snakes
 - ❖ True Worship at God's Altar drives away Demonic, evil forces

I. The Word of His Power

A. Hebrews 1:1 & 2

1. God has NOT done away with the Prophet's Ministry
2. Any Word from a prophet must be held up to God's Word in the Bible

B. Hebrews 1:3

1. Who = Son of God, Jesus — The Word
2. Brightness = clear vision, perfect vision (2020)
3. God's Glory
 - a. God's Manifest Presence
 - b. God's Manifest Power
 - c. God's Manifest Goodness

C. Jesus is the Expressed image of God (expressed through God's Word in the Bible)

D. When we pray the Word of God, we are praying the Power of God

1. John 15:7
2. We cannot pray effectively without speaking God's Word

II. Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

A. Hebrews 4:16

1. Let us = Hebrews 3:1 —the Holy Brethren, Partakers of the Heavenly Calling
2. The Throne of Grace:
 - a. Divine Influence of God's Word
 - b. Divine Power
 - c. Divine Favor

III. What Do we Believe?

A. John 14:8-9

1. "If you've seen Me you have seen the Father" — is not referring to just His physical appearance but also His Manifest Presence
2. God being revealed through the Works

B. John 14:10 - 11 = there are three questions asked here:

1. Do you believe I am in the Father and the Father is in Me?
2. Do you believe The Words I speak unto you, are not of Myself but of the Father?
3. Do you believe that the Father, Who dwells in Me, He is doing the works?

C. John 14:12

1. This is God the Father talking to Jesus Who is talking to John to write this
2. The is Now to the Body of Christ today
3. Verses 13 & 14 are dependent upon verses 15 - 17

IV. How did Jesus live in this world without sin?

A. John 15:10

1. John 14:21
2. Matthew 22:34 - 40