

Life-Study of Exodus Summary - Messages 152-156

The Golden Incense Altar

The prayer we offer at the incense altar will be intercessory prayers. Instead of considering ourselves and praying for ourselves, we intercede for others. At that time we shall be in our experience a real member of Christ, a genuine part of the Body-Christ, the corporate Christ.

In order to pray at the second altar, we must **first** experience the **altar of burnt offering**. In our experience of this altar, we need to have a full realization concerning the **blood and the ashes**. Then we must go on to experience the **bread on the table**, the bread that signifies **Christ as our life supply**. After this, we proceed to the **lampstand**, which signifies **Christ as our light**. Following that, we go to the **ark**, which signifies **Christ as God's testimony**. This testimony is versus our natural being. After we have experienced the first altar, the table, the lampstand, and the ark, we may come to the incense altar and **remain** there.

What God desires is the prayer at the incense altar. Whenever we open our mouths to pray at the incense altar, our prayers will not be for ourselves. Instead, our prayers will be for **God's eternal plan**, for His recovery, for His move, and for all His churches.

The Propitiation Silver

The **propitiation silver** was not the redemption for all the children of Israel; it was not a ransom for all the common people. Unlike the Passover lamb, it was not the ransom paid for everyone. The propitiation silver was only for males twenty and above; that is, **it was only for those who were able to go to war**. In order to express the Lord, we need to **fight** against His enemy.

When we experience **Christ as our testimony**, we are qualified to come to the incense altar. When God's chosen people arrive at the incense altar, they intercede for God's move. **The answer to this intercessory prayer requires the formation of an army**. At the incense altar we pray for God's move. In order for this prayer to be answered, a census must be taken of those who are able to be formed into an army to fight for God's move on earth.

If we would be in the army to fight for God's move, we need to **mature**. Only when such an army has been formed will God be able to move on earth for His purpose. The Christ typified by the ransom silver is not the crucified Christ, the Christ who died on the cross as the sin offering and the trespass offering. As we fight in this army for God's move, we must fight by the **resurrected and ascended Christ**.

In order for us to pay the half-shekel, **our experience of Christ must reach the highest point**, the point where we are sitting with Him in the heavenlies. We need to experience such a Christ in order to have Him as the half-shekel. When we are in the meetings, we need to be in the heavens. Otherwise, we shall not be able to function.

The Laver of Bronze

The laver is for the **tabernacle's operation**. The service of the priests in the outer court and in the tabernacle depended on their **washing in the laver**. In order to wash away our sin, sins, trespasses, and transgressions, we need the blood. However, the problem here is of **dirt, of defilement**. Washing in the laver will remind us to be careful not to get our hands dirty. If we pray or function without washing in the laver, we shall bring **death to ourselves and also spread death to others**. (Life-Study of Exodus – Messages 147-151)