

Sermon Notes

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²² Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites this: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: ²³ Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

²⁴ “‘Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. ²⁵ If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. ²⁶ And do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.’ Exodus 20:22-26

1. An altar of earth:

His first choice was a _____.

An altar is a place where His name is _____.

2. Burnt offerings and fellowship offerings:

“The altar, as an elevation built of earth or unhewn stones, symbolizes the elevation of man to the God who is enthroned on high, in heaven.” Keil.

“Most especially it is a monument of the place where God is revealed; then a symbol of the response of a human soul yielding to the divine.” Lang

The altar is an important part not only in the _____ God but in man’s _____ God.

a. Burnt offerings.

Burnt offerings were made to express thanks, worship, devotion, and commitment to God. But it was also an _____ unintentional sin.

b. Fellowship offerings.

To _____.

If we are to be in a relationship with God, He has determined _____ for that relationship.

3. If you make an altar of stone:

Two completely different words

The word stone shows up twice; the first is simply stones while the second is dressed stone.

- Stones indicate rocks you can _____ and _____.
- Dressed stones are rocks that you have shaped and handled or that have been _____.

God preserves the truth that our access to Him is not the result of _____ or _____, but solely because of _____.

4. No Steps:

A word-for-word translation: “on it your nakedness is exposed, not that my altar to by steps you shall go up.”

On the stairs, your nakedness, or _____, your nakedness?

The most important object in the sentence is _____.

If you build an altar that requires stairs, you have to make stairs to _____ to the altar.

Nakedness and _____ are connected in scripture.

Being completely exposed is a reference to _____ lives.

In order to approach God, you can't _____ yourself, and your _____ must be covered.

Theophanies, Christophanies and Typologies

_____ is a type for Christ.

Dirt: The _____ was formed from the dirt

Where _____ failed, _____ was victorious, and _____ is given the title of the _____.

Rock: The bible refers to _____ rock.

Our nakedness: If we are to approach God, we need _____.

“Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ⁸ Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them. Romans 4:7-8, Psalms 323:1-2

The altar represents the avenue to a _____ God, and the only way is _____.

Come to me to have life

When we come to know Jesus and ask Him into our lives it's like the Altar that we read about today.

When you ask Christ into your life you become the temple of the Holy Spirit, where Jesus' sacrifice is now not something that is _____.

Let Him do what He does, and that is _____ that overflows onto the people around us.