

“ALTAR’D” – Part I – “Making Space to Surrender”

THE FIRST ALTAR IN THE BIBLE

GENESIS 8:15-20, NLT. “Then God said to Noah, ‘Leave the boat, all of you—you and your wife, and your sons and their wives. Release all the animals—the birds, the livestock, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—so they can be fruitful and multiply throughout the earth.’ So Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat. And all of the large and small animals and birds came out of the boat, pair by pair. Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose.”

1. Noah’s altar was not _____ by God
2. It provided a place for Noah to offer a _____ as a sign of his faith

“Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat...Then Noah built an altar to the Lord.” GEN 9:18-20

3. This act revealed that Noah’s first _____ was worship
“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” MAT 6:33

4. Noah gave what he had as an act of _____
“It is in the act of sacrifice that we experience the transforming power of Christ.” Susan Kent

ALTARS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

Altars were a place for the people of God to do _____ with God

1. To _____ for sin
2. To _____ and _____
3. To experience the forgiving _____ of God

ALTARS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

With the coming of Jesus, we are now called to worship the Lord and offer sacrifices of...

- Our _____
“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” ROM 12:1
- Our _____
“At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.” PHIL 4:18
- Our _____
“Let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.” HEB 13:15
- By carving out _____
“And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.” MAT 6:6
- To _____ your life to Christ
“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” MAT 6:33
- And live in _____ to His Word and His Spirit
“If you love me, obey my commandments.” JN 14:15

A new life _____ requires
SPACE, SURRENDER, and **SUBMISSION** to experience
the _____ transforming work of God in your life.