

Message - Altar of Incense

a. The Alter

-ALTAR (Hebrew: מִזְבֵּחַ, *mizbeah*, "a place of slaughter or sacrifice").

-2 Alters in the whole Tabernacle

_The first represented the sacrifice of Christ for our sins (it was not continual).

_The second has to do with our sacrifice. (Present yourself as living sacrifices).

_It was a continual sacrifice: The Priest burnt incense every morning and evening.

_We must continually sacrifice to God (HOW/WHAT?)

-Flesh, praise, love, self for calling, time, etc.

-Renew your mind daily is setting ourself up to sacrifice daily.

-If we don't sacrifice daily we don't get to enter into the Holy of Holies when the opportunity comes.

-Going into the Most Holy place was only once a year and everything had to be in order.

-We don't get to go into the deep place whenever we want, we have to be ready and **DAILY SACRIFICE** makes us ready when God says come.

b. The Incense

-Incense as Prayer (Rev 5:8 - Psalms 141:2)- Incense as Prayer)

Rev5:8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

Psalm 141:2

May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

_The continual burning of the incense is like "Praying without ceasing" - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

_This aroma filled the room (My house shall be a house of prayer Matthew 21:13 - of incense)

- 4 types of Incense (prayers)

1. Stakte - a kind of myrrh, its bitter - hard/ sorrow prayers

2. Onycha - Roar like a lion - pilled off by the concussion of Sound - (Literally was a mussel shell)

3. Galbanum - to be fat, humans and animals, the choicest, best part, abundance (of products of the land)
(was a tree resin)

4. Frankincense - white - come in the salvation of Christ -
White as snow - (some think Moral
purity)

-In order for the incense to smell it has to be burnt by **FIRE**

_The incense was lit by the coals of the altar of sacrifice/burnt altar

_The coals (leftovers of burnt sacrifice) of the sacrifice to me represents the Holy Spirit

the Holy Spirit was the leftover effect after Christ was sacrificed.

_Let the Holy Spirit fuel your prayers (Natural and Spiritual Tongue)