

Learning to Linger in Prayer

EXODUS 30:1-10

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God
Dwells
WITH US

I. Incense offerings were burned in response to having _____ to God.

"And you shall put it in front of the veil that is above the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is above the testimony, where I will meet with you. And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the Lord throughout your generations." vv. 6-8

The sweet aroma represented the security of covenant relationship.

The smoke represented the devotion of the people in the form of prayer. (Ps 141:2; Rev 8:1-4)

II. The ministry of Jesus enables us to _____ God in prayer.

Jesus tabernacled with us so we could linger with Him. (John 1:14; Heb 9:11-12, 10:19-20)

Jesus fulfilled the symbolism of the tabernacle in His life, death and resurrection. (John 1:14; Heb 9:11-12, 10:19-20)

Jesus is continually interceding for us.

He _____ for us before the Father. (Rom 8:34, Heb 7:24, 1 John 2:1)

He prays that our faith will not _____. (Luke 22:31-32, John 17:11)

He sent the Spirit to _____ our prayers. (Rom 8:26-27)

Jesus taught us how to pray to a Heavenly Father.

Prayer is not a _____. (Matt 6:5-6)

Prayer is not _____. (Matt 6:7-8)

Prayer can be about _____. (Matt 7:7-11)

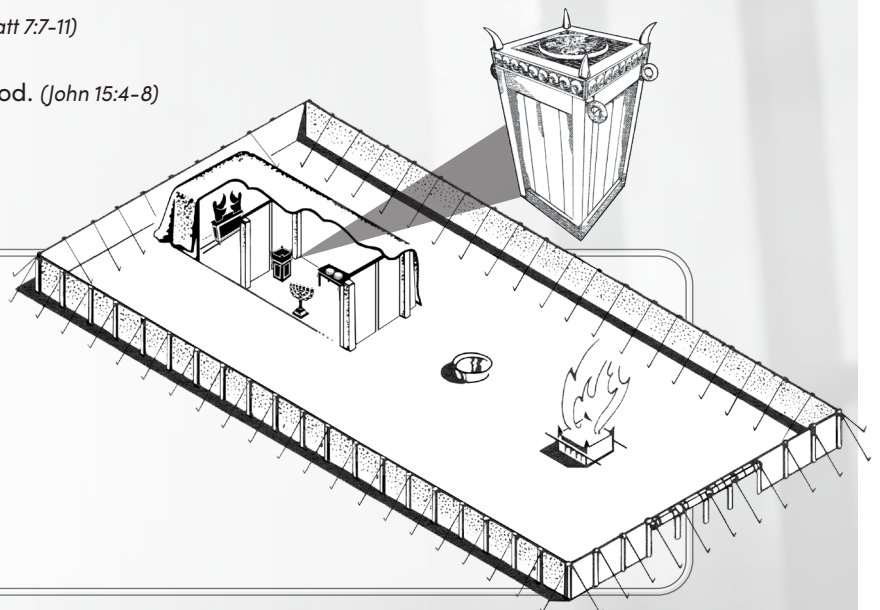
Prayer keeps us _____ to God. (John 15:4-8)

Learn to linger:

Pray _____.

Pray _____.

Pray _____.





Communion

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor 11:26). Learn more about how we remember Jesus and proclaim him as our risen Savior through the Lord's Supper.

Future Spanish-Speaking Outreach

Stay connected to what God is doing as we launch a Spanish-speaking ministry in Fort Worth next year. Sign up for updates, ways you can pray, and ways you can be a part as we REACH together.



HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 30:1-10. What is the significance of the Altar of Incense?
2. The fire for the incense came from the Bronze Altar of sacrifice outside the tent. What would be the symbolism behind this action?
3. What was the significance of salting the incense?
4. What steps have the priests taken so far in order to get to this point in the Tabernacle? What does all this reveal about God, and about us?
5. What has taken the place of the Altar of Incense today? What is the only "altar" believers now have? What do we present there?
6. The ingredients for incense were a prescribed mixture of spices. What are some of the ingredients of prayer? Which are you most in danger of neglecting?
7. What "fire" fuels your prayer? How did the sermon encourage you in this aspect of your walk with the Lord?

HELPFUL

Quotes

Because of the work of Christ on the cross, believers today can go through the veil into the very presence of God, and there present their worship and petitions in the name of Jesus (Heb 10:19-25). Our living, reigning Priest-King, Jesus Christ, is interceding continually for us in heaven (Rom 8:33-34; Heb 4:14-16; 7:19-28), and the Holy Spirit also intercedes in our hearts (Rom 8:26-27). While it's good to open and close the day with special prayer, as the priests did, it's also good to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17) and stay in communion with the Lord all during the day.

- Warren Wiersbe

The incense was not prayer, but it reminded the Israelites, and especially the priests, of the importance of continual prayer. Today, Jesus Christ ever lives to make intercession for believers (Heb 7:25), and believers are to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). - Tom Constable

He who offers no sacrifice in his prayer, who does not sacrifice his self-will, does not really pray. - F. B. Meyer

I have heard lots of people say, 'Now that I am saved, I can go directly to God.' No, you cannot! You go to God through Christ [1 Tim 2:5]. - J. Vernon McGee

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner With Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!