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**ESTABLISH AN ALTAR OF WORSHIP**  
**ACTS 16:25-26**  
**REVELATION 8:2-5**  
**ROMANS 12:20**

An altar is a table raised before the Lord. It is a raised platform where people offer gifts and sacrifices to their Lord. Whether we know it or not there is an altar. There is a table before with the elements of Holy Communion which represents an altar of God. In it we have the bread and cup, which represents the body and blood of Jesus.

It is given to man that we should worship. Whether man knows this fact or not, or whether he or she accepts it or not, man was and is made to worship. Everybody worships. Some worship money while others worship pleasure. The object of worship which has been created by man is ultimately worshipped. Those that worship pleasure will not sleep until they have worshipped it. Those that worship money will be devoted to money and become devoted to it. Some of us are from there; the lifestyle of worshipping pleasure.

There are two sources of altars just as there are two objects of worship; God and satan. Every altar speaks. The altar of satan which entails altars of ancestors, result in curses and evil. We also have the altar of God which will speak blessings and goodness.

There are several types of altars.

**1. Personal altar.**

This is an altar which you set up at home. The Lord says that when you pray close the window, close the doors and pray to your God. There is no pastor there. Neither is there husband nor anyone else. It is a place where you meet with your God alone. It is just between you and God and you speak to Him there.

**2. Family altar.**

Where two or three are gathered in his name He (God) is there. The bible says that where two or three agree He (God) will answer. That is a family altar. The Lord honors the prayer of agreement between two or three people. This is an altar where people come together.

Do you have a personal altar?

2016 has been declared as the year of fulfillment. If you do not have it today then you must establish a personal altar. A place where you do not want anyone to disturb you. A place in which you do not want anyone to see you. A place it is just between you and God.

Do you have a family altar?

You might say that you do not have a husband or a child but where two or three gather in corporate prayer you are establishing a family altar.

As pastors, we want to raise people who have personal relationships with God. We want to raise families that are strong. We want to raise husbands that are pastors, priests and heads of their own homes. That is what the bible says; as a husband you are the head of your family. If you are a husband and you have not taken the position of priesthood in your home, begin to do so today because there is power in that altar. That is why families are falling apart and divorce cases are high; your ancestors have built altars with strong forces that cause you not to continue and fail as a family. You must take charge of your children, family, and wife. You are the priest and you are appointed by God. Establish a family altar.

In the story of Paul and Silas, you may ask, "pastor, where is the altar in this scenario?" Paul and Silas were arrested for delivering somebody. They were casting away a demon from the girl's life, and for that reason they were arrested. They remove a demonic altar from the girl's life. The community became distressed. The people were not happy and so they were arrested. When they were arrested they let the altar speak. Every altar speaks. They began to praise, worship, exalt and magnify God. They did not magnify the problem but they magnified God. Something began to take place in the heavens.

Each time you partake of the altar something happens. John was given a revelation of what happens when you worship God.

This is what happens when you come to the altar of communion; In this altar there is bread and there is a cup. These represent the body and blood of Christ, respectively. When you partake of these elements, something happens in Heaven. The bible says that when one sinner repents there is a celebration in Heaven. When a sinner comes to this altar, something happens in Heaven.

Seven(7) Angels stand before God holding trumpets. They are ever ready. They are about to announce something. As they are poised to make the announcement, there is another angel, Angel number eight(8) who comes with the golden censor with a lot of incense inside. Incense is what you burn in order to perfume a house. It creates sweet smelling smoke. He(the eighth Angel) was given a lot of incense to mix together with your prayers. That is what is happening in heaven. On earth we are praying. In heaven there is an angel who is appearing before the throne with a golden censor in his hand. As incense is mixed with the prayers the smoke rises before God. Lightnings, thunders and earthquakes are then thrown to the earth.

While Paul and Silas were praying and praising God, the angel in Heaven threw a guided missile in the prison and there was an earthquake. The doors flew open. Chains came off. What was happening? It was the altar. The altar speaks.

These two apostles of God were chained and thrown deep into the maximum prison. They are locked up and there was no hope of them coming out. The system said "you cannot come out

for you are creating confusion in the community." As they worshipped the Lord, He sent a guided missile and rescued them.

The Lord is interceding for us in heaven. Prayers are coming before him in the form of incense. One perspective of looking at the situation of Paul and Silas is as follows; They were sent by the church there. Does the church send us to worship here? Do the pastors force you to come to church? You come because it's your life before God. You come because you need to be saved by God. You have to come personally. No body can drag you to the altar. You come because you want those prison walls to come down and not because someone said that you must come. You come because the Word of God and the Spirit of God has told you to come. The doors that could not and will not open will open because there is someone interceding for you in heaven.

Some of us are chained to one thing like Samson. They chained Samson. Round and round he went. Do you sense chains around you? Do you see the doors that are open but you are failing to go through them? Is something holding you back? You need to go to the altar. You must make a personal decision that you want to come to the Lord.

Let your declaration in 2016 be; I want to worship God not because someone is putting pressure on me but because I need to worship God in order for the walls around me to fall down.

Romans 12:20 tells us that when you just obey that, the same intercession that is happening in heaven of lightning strike, thunder and earthquake will be sent forth to earth. There is a spirit that is in that person who hurt you. The bible is not against individuals or human beings. We are not fighting flesh and blood. We are fighting spiritual forces. It is a spirit that driving that person. God is dealing with the spirit in that person and there will be fire wherever they gather against your name.

That is why many people do not worship. They do not want to worship what they do not see. People Prefer to worship things made by their hands. They worship them as their gods. Some worship money, others golden vessels, while some worship the sun because they can see these things with their eyes.

When you say to someone "come to church", they fold their hands in disbelief for they do not see what you are worshipping. Spiritual things cannot be explained by the natural, neither can we use education to explain spiritual matters.

Ensure that there is no unforgiveness in your life. Where someone took your money or did you harm, and you are now harboring hatred in your heart in your heart as result. The Lord says forgive.

You also need forgiveness and you must receive forgiveness for the wrong which you have done. Whatever you have done, the blood of Jesus has the capacity to wash you clean so that you may come before God.

The angel took fire from the altar and poured it into the earth. Be consumed by the fire of God. Be passionate about the Word of God. Let not a day pass by without being consumed by the Lord's word. That will show that you are worshipping in Spirit and in truth. If fire pours on your head as heaps of coal that means that you do not belong and should not partake of the altar (the Holy Communion).

In Heaven there is serious intercession taking place on your behalf when you come in spirit and in truth to partake of the cup and bread, which are elements that have been put on the table and raised before the Lord as an altar. You will be released from the bondages and prisons in your life that have kept you bound.

Many of us prefer that the pastor should lay hands on us. It is okay. It is biblical. However, what happens when you are posted to a place where your pastor is not there? There are places in the world, for example China, where it is hard to find churches. Those that are there are underground. For you to find them there has to be some serious searching done on your part. There is no pastor. What are you going to do then, backslide? No! There is an altar wherever you go.

Come to the altar. Paul and Silas, brought an altar that brought down earthquakes to the prison. The altar spoke for them to be released. It will speak on your behalf. It will speak to your boss to promote you. It will speak to the market to give you business.

Let go. Forgive. Come and receive forgiveness. Receive the Word of God. Be consumed by the word of God and the results will be made manifest.