

THE BELIEVER'S ALTAR

Intro. Altars always assoc with rel worsp. Heb word means place of blood sac. Stones, then in tab bronze altar before door and smaller wood overlaid with gold before veil (incense). Acts 17:23(heathen), other NT ref to OT altars, or in trib temple or heaven. Xnty no altar but it does.

I. Nature of our Altar, 10-12

A. It is a Person, not a place--Jesus. Theme: X superior. Provides superior altar.

1. Single sacrifice, 12 suffered (aor).

9:7, 12, 26.

2. Sanctifying sacrifice, 12. Positional. thru b

3. ~~Sin offering~~ sacrifice, 11. Lev.16:14-16,

27. In burnt, peace priest recd flesh or skin. Those who reject this sac have no altar

II. The Priests (Servants) of the Altar, 13-

The all bel have altar and are priests, only some will be serving priests as in OT Lev 21. Outside camp, Jn 19:17, 20. Marks X as sin offering, but also place of conder (crucifixions outside city), rejectn by Jew

A. Separated. Outside camp--separatn from false rel, racial superiority, political privilege, security.

B. ~~Stipulation~~ Matt 6:22-24. Being in God's place and doing will more imp't th riches.

C. Self-denying, Rom 15:3. Reproaches--insult

D. Seeking, not settled, 14.

Launch out to Him in routine prob. Not satisfied with safety of camp.

III. The Ministry (Use) of Altar, 15-16

Thru Him who is our altar continually

A. Thankful confession of lips

B. Loving concern of life. Godd, Acts 10:38

Communicate--give money, Rom 15:26, 2 Cor

9:13. Concl. "We have"--Do you have X?

"Let us" --will you serve X?