

ALTARS

RESURRECTION BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY, NIGERIA.

WHATSAPP: +2347067511039 TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ONLINE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

Topic:

ALTARS

Bible Text: Revelations 16:7

Teacher: Adewuyi S. Oluwatobi

Prayer

Gracious Father of Light we thank You for a privilege like this to be in Your presence, as we are about going into Your word, we pray that You'd open our understanding to receiving from You and that our lives will be transformed to Your glory. Amen!

Thanks very much *Sister Kucherera Kudzai*. I'm glad to be in the midst of powerful women of God who are vessels unto honour. Praise God! I would be brief as much as possible and I hope that we would all be blessed tonight. Amen.

Study

The topic before us today is **Altars** ... That word on it's own is powerful because it's Spiritual as well as physical. I have been searching through the Holy Spirit for days now to know what to say tonight but started getting somethings just this afternoon, that is why I would like everyone to be sensitive to the move of the Holy Ghost tonight because He is the One that wants to speak to us not me.

Glory to God.!

Please can we quickly turn our bibles with me to the book of Revelations 16:7I want us to read from three different versions of the scriptures for better understanding.

Revelation 16:7 KJV

And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

Revelation 16:7 AMP

And [from] the altar I heard [the] cry, Yes, Lord God the Omnipotent, Your judgments (sentences, decisions) are true and just and righteous! [Ps. 119:137.]

Revelation 16:7 ESV

And I heard the altar saying, Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!

We are talking about **Altars**

The word altar appears more than 400 times in the scriptures and it's for similar

purposes. There is no how we would be talking about an altar and not talk about sacrifices.

What is an altar?

An altar is any structure upon which offerings such as sacrifices are made for religious purposes. It was usually a raised platform with a flat surface.

In the Old Testament the word altar is not a new one because of the process of atonement of sins that was used then, we know that most things that happened in terms of sacrifices in the Old Testament were the antitype of what was to happen in the New Testament.

The word altar is first used in Genesis 8:20 **And Noah built an ALTAR to the Lord and took of every clean [four-footed] animal and of every clean fowl or bird and offered burnt offerings on the ALTAR. when Noah built an ALTAR to the Lord after leaving the ark.** here we saw that Noah raised an altar as a platform to show appreciation to God for sparing him and his family from the flood. However, the idea was present as early as Genesis 4:3–4 when Cain and Abel brought their sacrifices to the Lord, they most likely presented their offerings on some type of altar even though the word altar is not used in that passage.

Is someone still with me please?

Before the Law, Altars had been existing, it always represented a place of consecration. It was often built to commemorate an encounter with God that had a profound impact upon someone.

Some of those who built altars were:

Abram (Genesis 12:7)

Isaac (Genesis 26:24–25)

Jacob (Genesis 35:3)

David (1 Chronicles 21:26),

Gideon (Judges 6:24).

These people built altars and worshiped after having a unique encounter with God.

Looking at these set of men who built altars we could see that they were great men during their time and had series of encounters with God. This tells us that there are mysteries behind raising up an Altar. Unfortunately, there was no record of any female who raised up an Altar in the Old Testament but it is now possible praise God! Giving both genders direct access to God, all are now privileged through grace, everyone of us can raise Spiritual altars to God. Let's quickly look at how an altar was raised by Jacob.

Genesis 35:1 KJV

And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. It was the Lord's command to Jacob to build an altar to Him at Bethel, this tells us that building an altar to God is in accordance to His will, it is not alien to Him. Genesis 35:2-3 KJV Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: [3] And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. After Jacob received the instruction to build an altar, the next decision he took was to see that his family were in right standing with God by not serving idols and are also clean both inwardly and outwardly, when one's heart is connected to an idol, such person's heart is unclean before God, so he told them to disengage themselves from idols and be clean, then change their garments. This is an act of consecration from polluted things. Which means that when we want make an altar to God we must make conscious efforts to get separated from defiling and polluted things, we must be Holy. Genesis 35:4-5 KJV And they gave unto Jacob **all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears;** and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. [5] **And they journeyed:** and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

Jacob called for a purification and they acted promptly, even without telling them which is which, they knew the things that were defiling, they gave Jacob **all the strange gods**, we have to observe this carefully, they gave all, which means for anyone who wants to make an altar to the Lord, such a person must do away with **all** the strange gods of his father's and mother's house, you must break yourself totally from their links through prayers and by getting rid of them just like what the newly converted people at Ephesus did. Acts 19:19 KJV **Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men :** and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So before an acceptable altar can be built the old altars must be pulled down. So we know that what the people who followed Jacob also did was to remove their earrings which were in their ears, Jacob simply said put away strange gods and be clean and they took that step which means that they recognised earrings as part of what has made them unclean, that is, as a man/woman removing our earrings as we consecrate ourselves to God is very important as they defile us before God. No wonder Hosea 2:13 KJV says **And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the Lord.** The Lord wants to visit her with punishment just for defiling herself with these things. Those use of jewelries makes one impure and such must turn away from it to be fit to stand before God. So Jacob buried all these things under the oak tree at Shechem and what happened next? They journeyed! Which means that they did not go back to take all those things, that is why the moment we have removed all these things from us, we

have to journey and not go back, we have to press forward to build an altar and leave the things behind us totally concentrating on our destination to have koinonia(fellowship) with God.

Our Bible verse says Revelation 16:7 **And I heard the altar saying, Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments! From the verse we see that an Altar has a voice!** This is one of the mysteries behind an Altar, it can speak concerning us, it can tell of God's wonderful works. Here we see that there is an altar in heaven speaking about how mighty the Lord God is, saying that he is the true God and he is just in his Judgments. The Altar is crying out making known the true nature of God. When you raise an Altar it will speak volume of you before God.

Altars were then used in the Old Testament as memorials for the good things God did. During the time of Israel's rebellion and idolatry the Lord's altar fell into dispair. Prophet Elijah, confronting the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, **"repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down"** (1 Kings 18:30). Elijah's restoration of the altar was significant, it was on this rebuilt altar that God rained down fire and put the Baal-worshippers to shame (verses 38–39).

Jesus Christ also talked about Altars when He was rebuking the Pharisees for desecrating the Altar, St. Matthew 23:19 **Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?** We have run through what Altars look like in the scriptures and we have seen that it's usually a place of encounters and a place that sanctifies the gifts/sacrifices, etc. Therefore, we know that what we sanctify must be Holy. Beloved, just the same way it was then it is also present these days, we now have consecrated Altars in our churches where the gospel is being preached and because the veil covering the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom at Jesus' death, we now have direct access to God! However, that is why the physical Altars no longer carry so much relevance to God like the Spiritual ones. Many church buildings have "altars" for prayer, communion, weddings and other sacred purposes. Some Christians create their own "altars" for personal worship.

But to us as the REDEEMED of Christ, an altar is a place of sacrifice and a power point to draw spiritual and supernatural strength. Altars are places of separation where we separate ourselves to God and separate from curses and generational traits. This means that for every child of God who really wants a transformation and supernatural encounters in his walk with God, such must be ready to place his whole being on the Spiritual altar of consecration and separation. Such person would be ready to live for God and no longer for himself. The thing with most believers these days is that we do not surrender our all to God. Most Christians always keep some aspect of their lives away from the altar of consecration and separation whereas God wants us to offer all to Him. It takes great sacrifice to follow Christ. The early Apostles literally sacrificed their lives on the altar of consecration to the point that they had nothing left they could call theirs. This was what Peter saw and he had to voice out. Matthew 19:27 **Then Peter answered Him, saying, Behold, we have left [our] all and have become Your disciples**

[sided with Your party and followed You]. What then shall we receive? Leaving all was an act of offering Spiritual sacrifices to God. Have you offered all to Christ too?

Every human heart has an invisible altar where the war between the flesh and the spirit rages. When we surrender areas of our lives to the control of the Holy Spirit, we are in effect laying that area on the altar before God. We can symbolically lay every aspect of our lives on the altar and let go. We don't need a flat-topped surface; we can surrender our lives to God on the altar of our hearts at any time as a sacrifice. ***Since there is no altar without sacrifice because what makes a platform an altar is its ability to accommodate a sacrifice.*** Apostle Paul talked about living sacrifice in Romans 12:1-2 **I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].**

From what Apostle Paul said we could see that presenting ourselves as living sacrifices on the altar of consecration and separation has to do with we surrendering both our inward parts and our outward parts to God, looking at sacrifice in it's real sense, a sacrifice is always an animal killed literally. But now the Lord does not want us to experience physical death before we can offer ourselves to Him on the altar because He has already done that on our behalf, he wants us to live in it so as to share the kind of life with others. We are now to carry the life of Christ around so that others can know him and by so doing we would be offering an acceptable Spiritual worship to him. It's unfortunate that many of us these days no longer present our whole to Him the way He wants it, we tend to present ourselves in the way we feel is right and not the way He wants. Some do not even bother presenting anything to Him whereas He is asking for everything about you. That thing that you value so much and can not do without needs to be presented at the altar and left there if you must follow Him. You want your voice to be heard in Zion? You want to have an encounter that will transform your generation? have you always yearned to live Holy and make it to heaven? Then you have to offer yourself totally When you do people will call you a mad fellow, in fact they will call you different names but the truth is that you are a living sacrifice no longer living for yourself but living for God.

Let's quickly go through what Apostle Paul said about offering ourselves on the altar.

If we look carefully at these two verses, we would see the two major ways God wants us to present our lives on the altar so that it can please Him. Verse one talks about the Body, while verse two talks about the Mind. So which we can classify as within and without. We want to be sanctified, we want to be in right standing with God by placing

our all on His altar, then we must offer these two aspects to God. From the verses we see that there is a way we can present our bodies on God's altar that will irritate Him, he requires us to make a decisive dedication of our bodies to him in a holy, devoted, consecrated and well pleasing to God. This tells us that it is an intentional matter, we have to be intentional about it, it does not happen by chance and he is requesting that we present our bodies to Him. This simply means that He values our bodies just as He does to our hearts, this is against what most people have been made to believe that God is not concerned with our bodies but only our hearts.

Praise God!

A body that must be placed on God's Spiritual Altar must be Holy and acceptable before Him.

It means we cannot continue in sexual sins such as, masturbation, lesbianism, homosexuality, fornication, adultery, incisions, drawing of tattoos, or decorating our faces, fingers with paints or hairs which are not our natural hairs, bleaching, smoking and drinking, and jewelries, including wedding rings, 1 Peter 3:3, 1 Timothy 2:9, and also by putting on clothes meant for the opposite sex. Deuteronomy 22:5, Zephaniah 1:8, Genesis 35:1-6, Hosea 2:13. Such as men wearing skirts and women wearing trousers, Jeans, wearing transparent clothes, front/back opening clothes, even plaiting of hair for men and women, heels etc because they do not allow us to present ourselves in acceptable ways to God. All these things are defiling and abominable and they serve as gods to those who really want to do the will of God which has been stopping them from standing right before God. We must present our bodies the way we were created on God's altar, this is an act of consecration and separation just as apostle Paul stated also in 2 Corinthians 7:1 **THEREFORE, SINCE these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God.**

Let's move to that of the mind as I round up.

A body that is meant to be placed on God's altar must not be a type that serves as an avenue of lust to the opposite sex, it must not serve as a stumbling block or cause another person to sin.

Placing The Mind to the Altar

Verse two talks about the Mind. If we must present ourselves as living sacrifice on God's altar then we must keep a pure heart, our thoughts must not be conformed to that of the world and it must be renewed. This talks about change, we can no longer afford to reason the way we usually reason before we knew Christ. Christ also wants that heart on the Altar because that is where a lot of defiling things that manifests physically takes place, this was why Jesus said in Matthew 15:19-20 **For out of the heart come evil thoughts (reasonings and disputings and designs) such as murder, adultery, sexual vice, theft, false witnessing, slander, and irreverent speech. These are what make a man**

unclean and defile [him]; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him unclean or defile [him]. The mind is the CPU of the body hence it must be guarded jealously, when the mind is sick the whole body will be sick, that is why we must always check our hearts if they are presentable before God. A heart filled with lust, hatred, malice, anger, bitterness etc. Can not be presented to God on His altar as a sacrifice Unless such wants to lay it there so that God can intervene to remove them from him. We can no longer follow the ideas of the world Romans 1:22 **Claiming to be wise, they became fools [professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves]**. Keeping a healthy heart that can be offered as a sacrifice on God's altar entails you to always set your minds on eternal things. The scripture says in Philippians 4:8 **For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, THINK ON AND WEIGH AND TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE THINGS [FIX YOUR MINDS ON THEM]**.

I do not know where you are missing it to place your whole on the altar that would transform your life, consecrating and separating you from the world so that you can enjoy eternity in heaven. This is the time to take the right step, remember that your soul is the first thing you have to offer to God. He only recognises His legitimate children and He wants everyone to come to Him. Go to the altar tonight and surrender all, it's a place of total surrender. You can also rededicate your life back to Him if you have missed it. God wants to bless generations through you but this cannot happen until you offer all on the altar to seek him seriously with all your life.

Because of our time this is where I would stop. Thank you so much for hosting me here, it's not an entitlement but a privilege, I pray that we will not miss the kingdom of God at last in Jesus name. Amen. Goodnight great women of the kingdom.

Note

This message was delivered at **The Lioness Ladies Fellow** WhatsApp forum

SOME OTHER MESSAGES BY RESURRECTION BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY

<u>Bible Study Materials in (PDF's Formats)</u>	
1. Restitution	106. The Ministry Of Reconciliation
2. Renewal Of The Mind	107. Separation From The World
3. A Living Sacrifice	108. Altars And Sacrifices
4. Putting Off The Old Man	109. Mystery Of Planted Seeds
5. Obedience	110. The Mystery Of Anger
6. The King's Meal	111. The Cry Of Jabez
7. Who Touched Me	112. Sanctification
8. The Truth About Rapture	113. The Mystery Of Withdrawal
9. The Fall Of Man	114. The Doctrine Of Balaam
10. To Catch Him In His Words	115. Justification
11. I Die	116. The Truth About Christmas
12. Costly Mistake	117. The Hard Teaching
13. Take Away The Stone	118. Spiritual Checkpoint
14. Valentine	119. Having A Role Model
15. Spiritual Resurgence	120. Handling Guilt
16. Break It Up	121. Thou Sluggard
17. Hating The World	122. Evangelism - God's Heartbeat
18. The Process	123. Survival in 2021
19. His Healing Wings	124. Sexual Immoralities
20. The Kingdom Seekers	125. The Little Foxes that Spoils the Vine
21. Wheelbarrow Christians	126. Secret Sins
22. Run	127. The Sheep and The Goats
23. Rudiments Of Prayer	128. Defeating Your Goliath
24. Jesus Is Weeping	129. The 4 Dark Powers We Wrestle Against
	130. The Intercessory Ministry

25. The Noisemakers	131. Shattered Purpose
26. The Missing Foundation	132. Insensitivity
27. The Missing Foundation (Part 2)	133. A Call Unto Holiness
28. The Right Attitude	134. The Tragedy of Extramarital Affairs
29. Mystery of God's Right Hand	135. The Mother-in-law's Formula
30. I Will Bribe God	136. Finding Peace In Christ
31. The Church And Growth	137. Christ's Love Far Above Valentine's
32. Dreadful Parts	138. Authority of the Scriptures
33. Breaking Root Curses	139. Tragedy of Star Hunters
34. Combating Heart Virus	
35. Kingdom Lifestyle	<u>Drama Scripts</u>
36. Truth About Tribulation And Rapture	1. Absolute Freedom
37. Fruit Of The Righteous	2. Grave Clothes
38. Twisted Love	3. Nailed
39. Mrs Potiphar	4. Spiritual War
40. Uncle Mordecai	5. The Visit
41. He Is Calling	6. World Changers
42. Remembrance	7. Pathfinder
43. Destroying The Grip Of Sin	
44. Overcoming Masturbation	<u>Audio Messages (AAC Formats)</u>
45. Legitimate Children	1. Hunger And Thirst
46. The Relevance Of Abiding In Christ	2. Being Your Brother's Keeper
47. Usability	3. Keeping Your Tongue
48. Mantle Of Worship	4. The Ways Of God
49. Turning Stone To Bread	5. Christian Living
50. His Love	6. Controlling Your Thoughts

51. The Man Job	7. Three Anti-Spiritual Growth Spirits
52. Holiness Our Highway	8. Enticed To Be Captured
53. Christian Dressing	9. Overcoming Sin
54. The Slave	10. The Blessed Man
55. A Living Testament	11. Fight Of Faith
56. Conquering Evil Dreams	12. Christian Living
57. The Armour Of God	13. Ungodly Company
58. Unhealthy Parental Love	14. Falling by Transgression
59. The Terror Of God	15. Waiting on the Lord
60. The Approval Of Evil	16. Forgiveness
61. The Master's Master	17. Fear Not
62. Doors Of The Mouth	18. Duty Of The Holy Spirit
63. The Church Pattern	19. The Efficacy Of God's Word
64. The Deceived	20. Temptations - 1 & 2
65. Embargo Must Expire	21. The Fear Of The Lord - 1,2 & 3
66. The Spirit Controlled Life	22. Mystery Of Moral And Spiritual Wound
67. The Master-Builder	23. Divine Direction
68. Losing All For Christ	24. The Time Has Come
69. Exposed By Light	25. Who Do You Seek
70. She Gave Me	26. The Cry Of The Righteous
71. The Falling Away	27. The Hidden Things Of Shame
72. Grave Clothes	28. Studying The Word Effectually
73. Praise & Worship - Kingdom Investment Series	29. How God Reveals Himself
74. Bible Study - Kingdom Investment Series	30. Steps Against Defilements
75. Offering - Kingdom Investment Series	31. The Dangers Of Not Believing The Word Of God
	32. Total Freedom From Bondages

76. Evangelism - Kingdom Investment Series	33. Sheep Amongst Wolves
77. Prayers - Kingdom Investment Series	34. The Tragedy Of Going Down
78. Tithes - Kingdom Investment Series	35. Deceit
79. Service - Kingdom Investment Series	36. Hour of Prayer (Part 1, 2, 3)
80. Ministries Of The Devil	37. The Price of Ignorance
81. Burning Incense	38. God's Presence (Part 1)
82. The Heart Of Man	39. God's Presence (Part 2)
83. Keys Of The Kingdom	40. Standing Against the Spirit of Orpah
81. Building Your Faith	41. What Makes You Different
82. Mr Devil's Business	42. Together With Him
83. Water Baptism	43. A Den of Thieves
84. Mystery Of Foolishness	44. Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God
85. Mr Gehazi	45. The Spirit of the Living God (Part 1&2)
86. Kibroth-Hattaavah	46. Guiding What Has Been Committed To You
87. Forgiveness	47. God's Presence
88. Idle Words	48. He Watches
89. The Unforgettable Sleep	49. Preach Christ
90. Evil Comparison	50. Safety in the Boat
91. Endurance	51. Do not Swear
92. Knowing God	52. Willingness to Obey
93. Persecution Of The Church	53. Mystery of the Five Loaves and two Fishes
94. Enduring To The End	54. Casting Down
95. Learning From Moses	55. God Over Pharaoh
96. Conquering Fear	56. The Good Pleasure of His Will
97. Learning From Job	
98. The Renewed Mind	

99. The Intercessors Call	
100. Are You A Murderer?	
101. The Mightiness Of God	
102. The Call For Loyal Servants	
103. Who Is This Jesus?	
104. Just Too Late	
105. The Spirits of The Endtime	

NOTICE:

All messages in PDF and AUDIO formats are given for free and can be used by anyone all over the world for the sole purpose of spreading the gospel of Christ and touching lives. If you have been blessed through these teachings and led to pay your tithe or sow a seed into this ministry, please contact the details below. If you were blessed and want more PDFs check our E-library on Telegram - <http://t.me/bsmonline>

For comments, questions and others you can also contact us, and If you want to be a member of Resurrection Bible Study Online Ministry, Kindly contact us on WhatsApp by sending a request to any of the numbers below. You can also share your testimony if the Lord has touched your life in anyway through any of these messages.

Contacts:

+2347067511039

+2349028350180

Follow RBSM on Mixlr to connect to our live broadcasts on <https://mixlr.com/rbsmlive> or search for rbsmlive if you already have the app.

This Ministry produces Inspiring Christian Movies, you can see these Godly Films on YouTube @ RCDMIN or @Adewuyi S. Oluwatobi

Edited by Rex Purity Esther

Compiled by

The Media Team

©Resurrection Ministries International