



UNDERSTANDING ALTARS (2)

THEME SCRIPTURE

""Gen 22 v9 – (Amplified) “When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood, and bound Isaac his son and placed him on the altar, on top of the wood”

An altar is a platform or a place of contact or exchange where the spirit realm makes contact with the physical realm. It is a place of opportunity to connect with the spirit realm based on a legal ground. For an altar to be, there must be a human being, a spiritual element/realm in connection with each other consistently.

THE PROPHET ELIJAH & THE PROPHETS OF BAAL (BIBLE CASE STUDY)

In this case study, we see Elijah building the altar of God against the altar set up by the prophets of Baal. It is clear both parties understood the significance of altars, they built the altars in honour of the one they worship. It was clear that Baal bowed before the true God of Israel and remained silent before the higher power of the God of Israel.

This is the demonstration of principle of authority; the lesser authority must always bow to the higher authority in every situation. In the story of Elijah, not that Baal doesn't exist because if he didn't, there wouldn't be an altar dedicated to it. Baal became powerless because of the presence of a higher authority, it bowed to the highest authority; the God of Israel.

Therefore, as long as there is no higher authority in a place, the lesser authority dominates and takes charge. In the same account of 1 King 18 v20, there were over 450 prophets of Baal against Prophet Elijah which indicates that before Elijah rebuilt the altar of the God of Israel, Baal which was the lesser power remained in charge of Israel because the power of God was not present at that time. Also verse 28 identified a regular time for the evening sacrifice; which means they sacrifice consistently on the altar of Baal.



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PATTERNS OF ALTARS

In verse 31, Elijah rebuilt the altar of the God of Israel according to the pattern set by God through the altar Moses built years before Elijah was born. This means there were no altar dedicated to the God of Israel because the altar of Baal took over the nation of Israel at the time. So, God instructed Elijah to build an altar in the name of God of Israel, he understood the pattern set by God through Moses and followed. Once the altar of God was built according to the pattern set by God, the altar of Baal bowed down to the true God and remained silent. Glory to God!

In conclusion, we must take advantage of the reality of altars, as we have been called to destroy the works of the kingdom of darkness and establish God's will. We do this by destroying demonic alters and building Kingdom Altars.

Further reading;

Exodus 24 v2; Numbers 22 v 1 -23, Hebrews 13 v15, Genesis 12 v7, Genesis 22 v9, Genesis 35 v 3, Genesis 13 v5 &18, 1 Peter 2 v5