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RESTORING THE FIRE ON THE ALTAR (Part 2)

God's Prophetic Calendar

Where do we stand corporately in God's prophetic timetable? The stations of service in the tabernacle of Moses perfectly picture the progressive work of God to perfect His Bride in the earth. The Protestant Reformation restored the spiritual truths depicted by the brazen altar and its blood sacrifice. The simple yet profound understanding of justification by faith in the blood of Christ is the beginning place in our journey into the presence of God.

Perhaps today, in God's progressive plan of unfolding truth, we find ourselves ministering at the altar of incense. As the New Testament priesthood of believers, we are prophetically swinging the censer of praise and prayers unto the Lord Most High. Today, in the global prayer movement, we stand collectively before the altar of incense and the time for lighting our incense has come!

Revelation 8:3-5 NKJV

[3] Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. [4] And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. [5] Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

What goes up does come down! Our prayers arise from our humble earthly habitation unto their heavenly destination. The angels, acting as altar attendants, take their censers and fill them with much incense (which is the prayers of the saints). The angels become the heavenly cantors, swinging our prayers and praises before our Lord. Then they take the censers and fill them with the fire on the altar and throw it back down on the earth. Signs and wonders follow as what went up is cast down on the earth.

Life Application

Engage daily in prayer and worship like incense rising before God—schedule focused times, join prayer groups, and turn everyday moments into sacred offerings of praise and intercession.

Live as a modern priest, keeping your heart pure, fueling your spirit with Scripture, and expecting your prayers to bring real change—just as the fire from heaven responded to the incense in Revelation 8. Remember that our prayers are collected in the golden bowls (Revelation 5) that when it is filled, it is poured out as wrath on the earth (Revelation 16).