

THE ALTAR OF PRAISE

HEBREWS 13:10-15

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- ¹⁰We have an altar from which the priests in the Tabernacle have no right to eat. ¹¹Under the old system, the high priest brought the blood of animals into the Holy Place as a sacrifice for sin, and the bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp.

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- ¹² So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make his people holy by means of his own blood. ¹³ So let us go out to him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.

HEBREWS 13:10-15

- **15** Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. **16** And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God. (NLT)

MALACHI 1:6-13

- **6** The LORD of Heaven's Armies says to the priests: "A son honors his father, and a servant respects his master. If I am your father and master, where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have shown contempt for my name! "But you ask, 'How have we ever shown contempt for your name?' **7** "You have shown contempt by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. "Then you ask, 'How have we defiled the sacrifices?' "You defile them by saying the altar of the LORD deserves no respect.

MALACHI 1:6-13

- 8 When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn't that wrong? And isn't it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!" says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. 9 "Go ahead, beg God to be merciful to you! But when you bring that kind of offering, why should he show you any favor at all?" asks the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

MALACHI 1:6-13

- 10 “How I wish one of you would shut the Temple doors so that these worthless sacrifices could not be offered! I am not pleased with you,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “and I will not accept your offerings. 11 But my name is honored by people of other nations from morning till night. All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name is great among the nations,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

MALACHI 1:6-14

- **12** “But you dishonor my name with your actions. By bringing contemptible food, you are saying it’s all right to defile the Lord’s table. **13** You say, ‘It’s too hard to serve the LORD,’ and you turn up your noses at my commands,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. “Think of it! Animals that are stolen and crippled and sick are being presented as offerings! Should I accept from you such offerings as these?” asks the LORD. (NLT)

ISAIAH 29:13

- ¹³ And so the Lord says, “These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.
(NLT)

PSALM 27:4

- **4 One *thing* I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.**

PSALM 43:3-4

• Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me. Let them lead me to your holy mountain, to the place where you live.⁴ There I will go to the altar of God, to God—the source of all my joy. I will praise you with my harp, O God, my God!

JEREMIAH 33:10-11

- 10 “This is what the Lord says: You have said, ‘This is a desolate land where people and animals have all disappeared.’ Yet in the empty streets of Jerusalem and Judah’s other towns, there will be heard once more 11 the sounds of joy and laughter. The joyful voices of bridegrooms and brides will be heard again, along with the joyous songs of people bringing thanksgiving offerings to the Lord. They will sing, ‘Give thanks to the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, for the Lord is good. His faithful love endures forever!’ For I will restore the prosperity of this land to what it was in the past, says the Lord. (NLT)

HABAKKUK 3:17-19

- ¹⁷ Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! ¹⁹ The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights. (NLT)

PSALM 118:14-21

- The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. ¹⁵ The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. ¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

PSALM 118:14-21

- **17** I will not die, but live, and declare the works *and* recount the illustrious acts of the Lord.
18 The Lord has disciplined me severely, But He has not given me over to death. **19** Open to me the [temple] gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them; I shall give thanks to the Lord.

PSALM 118:14-21

- **20** This is the gate of the Lord; The righteous will enter through it. **21** I will give thanks to You, for You have heard *and* answered me; And You have become my salvation [my Rescuer, my Savior]. (AMP)