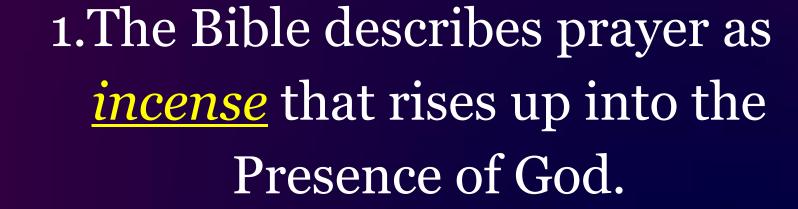


Personal Processing Through Prayer

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"Let my prayer be set forth as incense before You, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." –Psalm 141:2 [AMP] "And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people."—Revelation 5:8 [NLT]





Moses' encounter with God on the mountain was so *personally transforming* that his face was glowing when he descended from the mountain.
When he met with the Israelites after the encounter he covered his face with a *veil*.



3. According to 2 Corinthians 3:13, Moses did not veil his face to hide the brilliance of his countenance, but to hide the *fading glory* of the Law.

4. The Law could not transform the hearts of God's people and make them holy and righteous enough to approach Him in His Holiness. They could never speak with God <u>face</u> to <u>face</u>. They could never have <u>personal</u> encounters with Him through prayer.



Tucked away within the worship of the early Israelites is a breathtaking shadow of the <u>transforming</u> power of prayer.

6. When we accept Christ as our

Lord and Savior, we can approach God <u>face</u> <u>to</u> <u>face</u> through prayer, and speak with Him <u>heart</u> <u>to</u> <u>Heart</u>. 7. It is impossible for us to place ourselves before God and dwell in His Presence without being <u>changed</u>. 8. Jesus called the place of meeting with God in prayer the <u>Inner Room</u>. (Matthew 6:6) The Old Testament representation of the Inner Room is very intriguing. As we dig into the Scriptures together we will look at the <u>Altar</u> <u>of</u> <u>Incense</u>, its makeup, and the incense burned on it, in the light of our <u>prayers</u>.

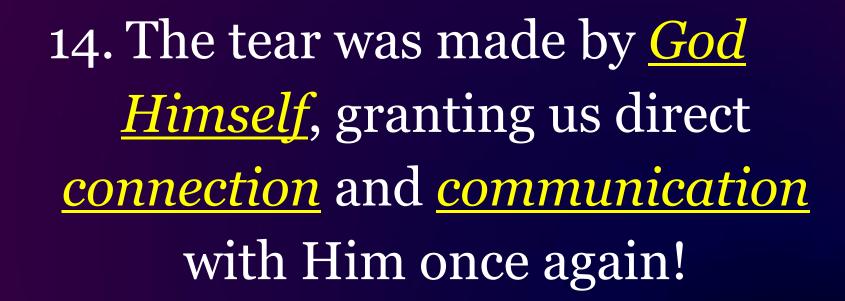


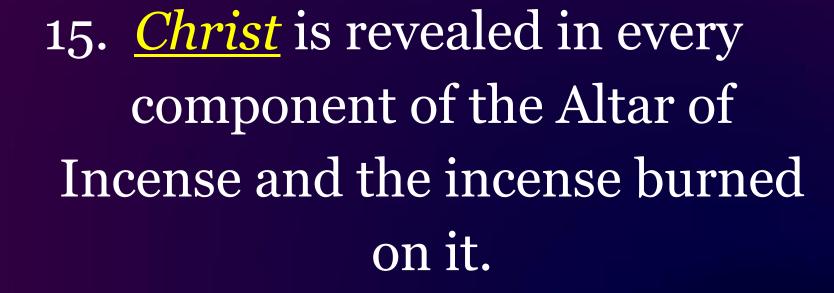
10. The Holy of Holies was the innermost room of the tabernacle. It was the place of God's <u>*Presence*</u>. Only Aaron, the <u>high</u> *priest* could enter that room, and only <u>once a year after offering multiple blood</u> sacrifices, not only for the people but for himself as well.



11. The <u>Holy Place</u> was located next to the Holy of Holies. A thick curtain, or <u>veil</u>, hung between the two rooms. The <u>Altar of Incense</u> was located just outside the Holy of Holies on the other side of the veil.

12. This veil in the Temple during the time of Christ was about *four* inches thick and at least *fifty* feet tall. (1 Kings 6:2) 13. The moment that Jesus died on the cross, Matthew 27:50-51 says that the earth shook and the veil was ripped in two from <u>top to bottom</u>.







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