

Incensed!

*Personal Processing
Through Prayer*



Connected to God's Heart

“3 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides round about and its horns, and you shall make a crown (a rim or molding) of gold around it.” –

Exodus 30:3

Discovery Two:

Prayer connects us to God's heart...it is precious to Him.

1. The Altar of Incense and its accompaniments were overlaid with gold.

2. Gold is a precious metal found in rocks and alluvial deposits, which are deposits of sand and mud formed by flowing water.

3. Prayer connects us to God's heart...it is precious to Him.

4. Prayer is a deeply personal and intimate time of exchange. Being with us is God's great desire.

5. In the midst of the chaos that life can bring, just as gold remains unchanged regardless of where the water takes it, it is connection with God through prayer that will enable us to remain steadfast and consistent in living our lives full of faith in God.

6. Gold can be stretched and shaped easily. Spending time with God in prayer enables Him to take the unique qualities we each possess as individuals and stretch and shape us into the form that most pleases Him.

7. Sometimes God has to take a hammer to those attitudes in our lives that otherwise won't yield to the shape He wants us to take.

8. Spiritual corrosion results from those things in life that gnaw at us, eat away at us in our thoughts and wear us down.

9. It is the hidden person of the heart that needs the work.

10. 1 Peter 3:3-4 reveals that if the hidden person of the heart has a gentle and quiet spirit, it is incorruptible...meaning it does not corrode. In other words, an action from the outside will not change the qualities of who we have become in Christ on the inside.

11. In 2 Chronicles 7:15-16 we discover three personal identifiers that God places on the lives of those who humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their evil ways.

12. God personally identifies those
2 Chronicles 7:14 followers with His
name, His eyes, and His heart.

13. Bearing God's name reveals how we are viewed from the perspective of others. We belong to Him.

14. Knowing God's eyes are upon us reveals our own perspective. We know we are constantly in His sight. We are confident that He is never not there.

15. Having God's heart reveals our connection to God from His perspective. He has given us His heart, and there is nothing greater than that. God's depth of devotion is unprecedented.

Next Week:

Christ, Front and Center