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## **“Tending to Glory”**

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)*

### **Glorious Rituals**

**Hebrews**

**9:1-4, 6** – (1) “Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. (2) For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. (3) Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, (4) having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant... (6) These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly (through all time, continually) into the first section, performing their ritual duties”

### **Tending the Lampstand – Illumination**

**Exodus 27:20-21** – (20) “You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn. (21) In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the LORD. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.”

**“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe...”**  
**(Ephesians 1:16-19)**

### **Tending the Table – Incorporation**

**Exodus 25:30** – “And you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before me regularly.”

**“...The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.”** (1

**Corinthians 10:16-17 KJV)**

### **Tending the Incense – Fragrance**

**Exodus 30:1, 7-8** – (1) “You shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. (7) And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, (8) and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations.”

**“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,” (2 Corinthians 2:14-15)**

<b>Key Point: We must tend to the Glory of God</b>
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### **Questions:**

What

impacted me the most in this message?

Am I availing myself of the light and life of Jesus Christ? (John 1:4; 14:6, 8:12; 2 Cor. 4:6)

Am I allowing the incense of Christ to permeate me? (1 Cor. 15:49; 2 Cor. 3:18; Acts 4:13)

Have I neglected to do my part as a ‘Glory-Bearer’? (Matt. 25:8-12; Heb. 6:11-12; 2 Peter 1:8-9)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)