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“Tending to Glory” (2)

“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

9:1-2, 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. (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 – 9/12/10

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.”

Tending the Table – Incorporation

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

Leviticus 24:9 – “And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, since it is for him a most holy portion out of the LORD’s food offerings, a perpetual due.”

Heavenly Bread

John 6:35, 48, 51 – (35) “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’”

(48) “I am the bread of life.”

(51) “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

John 6:63 – “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

Revelation 3:20 – “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

Key Point: You Become what You Eat

“...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)

Series Key Point: We must tend to the Glory of God

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)