"Tending to Glory" (3)

"And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more." (2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT)

Our Logical Service

<u>Hebrews 9:1, 6</u> – (1) "Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of <u>divine</u> <u>service</u>... (6) ...the priests went <u>always</u> into the first tabernacle, <u>accomplishing the</u> <u>service of God</u>." (KJV)

2 Chronicles 13:10-11 – (10) "But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the sons of Aaron are ministering to the LORD as priests, and the Levites <u>attend to their work</u>. (11) Every morning and evening they burn to the LORD burnt offerings and fragrant incense, and the showbread is <u>set</u> on the clean table, and the golden lampstand with its lamps is <u>ready</u> to light every evening; <u>for we keep the charge of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken Him</u>." (NASB)

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) ... 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 – 9/19/10

Exodus 25:30 – "And you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before me <u>regularly</u>." <u>Leviticus 24:9 – "...for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place..."</u>

Tending the Incense – Intimation & Intercession

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."

<u>Psalm 141:1-2</u> -(1) "O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to You! (2) May my prayer be counted as incense before You; the lifting up of my hands as the evening offering." (NASB)

Psalm 145:18 – "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth"

Key Point: Closeness to God is Calling on God

God Helps Us to Call on Him

Romans

8:26 – "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

Revelation 5:8 – "And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

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

Questions: What

impacted me the most in this series?

Am I availing myself of the light (candlestick) and life (bread) 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) Do I desire intimacy with Jesus?

Have I neglected my responsibility as a 'Glory-Bearer'? (Matt. 25:8-12;

Heb. 6:11-12; 2 Peter 1:8-9)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)