"The Aroma of Glory"

"For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing," (2 Corinthians 2:15)

Incense & Intercession

Leviticus

16:2, 12-13 – (2) "...For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat... (12) And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil (13) and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die."

Hebrews 5:1-2 – (1) "For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. (2) He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness."

Key Point: Godly Intimacy Affects more than Me

Pastoral Coverage

<u>Genesis</u>

 $\underline{6:8-9}$ – (8) "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (9) ... Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God."

<u>Hebrews 11:7</u> – "By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark <u>for the saving of his household</u>..."

Genesis 8:18-21 – (18) "So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. (19) Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark. (20) Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. (21) And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth..."

Acts 27:23-24 — (23) "For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, (24) and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, <u>God has granted you all those who sail with you</u>."

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<u>Timothy 4:16</u> – "Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers."

<u>James 5:18-20</u> – (18) "Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. (19) My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, (20) let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death <u>and will cover a multitude of sins</u>."

Response:

(1) Seek God "For

thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: 'Seek me and live'" (Amos 5:4)

(2) Stand in the Gap

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, <u>always</u> struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God." (Colossians 4:12)

(3) Never Underestimate The Widows' Might

"She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day" (1 Timothy 5:5)

Questions: What

impacted me the most in this message?

Do I desire to be part of God's saving work in this world?

(2 Cor. 3:17-19, 5:18-20; John 13:10-15; Matt. 28:19-20)

Do I 'stand in the gap' for other believers? (Col. 1:9-11)