Building The Altar Place -- 2021
Priorities for the New Year -- January 3, 2021
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CFA –2021 -- THAT EVERYONE OF US WOULD BE:

- Powerful in Prayer
- Baptized in the Holy Spirit
- Radical in Worship
- Mobilized in Service
- Sacrificial in Giving
- Active in Evangelism
- Knowledgeable in God’s Word
- Baptized in Water
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• The First Thing That God Led These Returning Exiles To Rebuild Was The Altar
God Has A Plan For His People -- His Plan Will Go Forward -- PERIOD!!!

- God Will Establish His Plan -- He Is In Charge

- God Is Sovereign
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God Knows Your Name

• God Knows My Name -- He Knows Your Name

• He Knows My Location -- He Knows Your Location

• He Knows What I Am Up To -- He Knows What You Are Up To
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• It Is Time To Start Rebuilding The Temple

• To Restore The Altar To It’s Place Of Prominence In Their Lives And In Their Nation

• Read: Ezra 3:1-6
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The Priority Of The Altar

• It All Starts At The Altar!

• The Altar is The #1 Essential For Anyone Who Wants To Do Anything For God

• The Altar is The #1 Area For Anyone Who Wants To Come Back To God

• We All Need An Altar Experience Before We Can Do Anything For God
The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.
Solomon’s Temple

The First Temple, erected by King Solomon, was built to replace the Tabernacle and to house the Ark of the Covenant. The Temple was completed in 957 BC after seven years of labor, but was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC.
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• In Restoring The Temple Why Did They Start With The Altar?

• We Make Plans In The Physical

• We Make Progress In The Spiritual
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• They Built The Altar First Knowing That They Didn’t Have To Wait Until They Had A Building To Worship God

• Worship Could Begin Right Away -- They Put First Things First
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• We Need To Keep Our Primary Focus Off Of
  • Ourselves
  • Our Programs And Facilities

• We Need To Focus On God
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The Altar Was A Priority Because:

1. The Altar Was The Means To Make Atonement For Their Sins

2. The Altar Was The Place To Seek God’s Blessing On Their Preparations For The Temple
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- The Altar Is A Place Of Contact With God

- The Altar Is The Place Where Sinning Humanity Can Meet God In Safety With Full Assurance Of Forgiveness
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• Why This Reestablishing Of The Altar Was Effective:

1. They Assembled As One Man

2. The Altar Was Built In Accordance With The Scriptures

3. They Put The Altar On It’s Bases Where It Used To Be

4. Didn’t Let Fear Of The Surrounding People Stop Them

5. They Offered Sacrifices On The Altar Even Though The Foundation Of The Temple Had Not Yet Been Built
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• If You Need to Return
  It Starts At The Altar!

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