

Loving God



Loving People

Key Scripture:

"**Build for Me an altar** made of earth, and offer your sacrifices to Me—your burnt offerings and peace offerings, your sheep and goats, and your cattle.

Build My altar wherever I cause My name to be remembered,
and I will come to you and bless you.

Different Altars

✓ Altars Unknown

Acts 17:22 NLT

And **one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.'**

This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.

✓ Altars To Remind Us

Exodus 17:15 CEV

Moses **built an altar** and named it "**The Lord Gives Me Victory.**"

Joshua 22:34 CEV

The people of Reuben and Gad named the **altar**

"A Reminder to Us All That the Lord Is Our God."

✓ Altars of Sacrifice

Genesis 8:20 CEV

Noah built an **altar where he could offer sacrifices to the Lord.**

Isaiah's Altar Ego

Isaiah 6:1-8 NLT

It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the Temple. 2 Attending Him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 They were calling out to each other,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies!

The whole earth is filled with His glory!"

4 Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations,
and the entire building was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the **altar** with a pair of tongs. 7 He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."

8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for Us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

You Asked For It

Altar Ego

How To Build An Altar Ego

1. Acknowledge the **holiness** of God.

Isaiah 6:3 NLT

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies!
The whole earth is filled with His glory!"

2. Confess your **sin** and repent.

Isaiah 6:5 NLT

Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for **I am a sinful man.**
I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips.

3. **Sacrifice** your ways.

1 Corinthians 15:31 NIV

I die every day...

Luke 9:23-24 NLT

23 Then He said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be My follower,
you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow Me.

24 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it.

But if **you give up your life for My sake, you will save it.**

Romans 12:1 CEV

Dear friends, God is good.

So I beg you to **offer your bodies to Him as a living sacrifice,** pure and pleasing.

That's the most sensible way to serve God.

4. Respond to God's **call.**

Isaiah 6:8 NLT

Then I heard the Lord asking,

"Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for Us?"

I said, "Here I am. Send me."

5. Remember the sacrificial altar of **Christ.**

Hebrews 13:10, 15-16 TLB

10 **We have an altar—the cross where Christ was sacrificed—**

15 **With Jesus' help we will continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by telling others of the glory of His name.** 16 Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for **such sacrifices are very pleasing to Him.**