

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE WORK, THE LIVING, AND THE VISION NEEDED
FOR THE ORGANIC BUILDING UP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST (2)**

Afternoon Message Two

**Experiencing the Golden Incense Altar—
Praying at the Center of the Divine Administration**

Scripture Reading: Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34; Rev. 8:3; 1 Tim. 2:1

- I. Christ's interceding life, His prayer life, is the center of the divine administration—Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34; Rev. 8:3:**
 - A. The incense altar is the center of God's operation in the universe:
 1. The prayer life of Christ is the center of God's execution of His government on earth.
 2. The executing of God's administration is motivated by the prayers offered to Him from the incense altar.
 3. The prayer offered at the incense altar governs the universe.
 - B. Revelation 8 is a picture of the incense altar being the administrating throne of God for God to execute His judgments in His administration.
- II. After His resurrection and ascension, the individual Christ has become the corporate Christ; thus, before God today not only is the individual Christ interceding, but the corporate Christ, the Head with the Body, is interceding as well—1 Cor. 12:12; Acts 12:5, 12:**
 - A. Christ the Head is interceding in the heavens, and the church the Body is interceding on earth.
 - B. Today the intercessor is not merely Christ Himself, but is Christ with His Body.
 - C. As the members of Christ and as parts of the Body-Christ, we cooperate with Christ in His ministry of intercession, carrying out His intercession in our prayers of intercession—Rom. 8:34, 26-27.
- III. If we have a clear view of the incense altar, our prayer life will be revolutionized and we will pray for the executing of God's purpose, for the carrying out of the divine administration, and for the dispensing of God's supplying grace—1 Tim. 2:1; Rom. 8:26-27:**
 - A. When we arrive at the incense altar as the center of the divine administration, we will become intercessors, interceding for others and for the Lord's interests.
 - B. This kind of prayer fulfills God's purpose, satisfies His hunger, and delights His heart.