

WHEN AND WHY DID YOU BUILD AN ALTAR 1 SAMUEL 14 & OTHERS

Text:

Introduction:

The Bible has much to say about altars. As a matter of fact the word is used 378 times in 321 verses.

As you study scripture most great life changing events in the lives of people either took place at an altar or they soon were at an altar shortly after.

We read in our passage that Saul built an altar unto the Lord, and this altar was the first altar that he built.

It's with this thought that I want to preach on this thought, When and Why did you build an altar.

1. ALTAR OF REGRET (1 SAM 14:35)

A. Saul foolish decree

1. No one was allowed food.

B. Jonathan unaware decision.

For some, the only time they consider the altar is when they find themselves in a mess after making foolish decisions, as almost as if the altar is nothing more than a crutch.

I call this altar the altar of regret.

2. ALTAR OF RELIGION (1 KINGS 18)

A. Note the sincerity of these religious individuals.

1. Called unto Baal from morning until noon. (vs 26)
2. Cried aloud (vs 28)
3. Cut themselves (vs 28)

B. The truth is that there are many today that are very sincere, but they are sincerely wrong.

C. Religion is not enough, one must have a relationship.

3. ALTAR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (1 KING 18:31)

A. The place of God's power. (vs 38)

B. The place of God's proving. (vs 39)

4. THE ALTAR OF REDEMPTION (GENESIS 22)

A. Great saint (vs 1)

B. Great sacrifice (vs 2-5)

C. Great Son (6-10)

D. Great substitute (11-14)

5. ALTAR OF REVIVAL (GENESIS 35)

A. A place of renewal (vs 1)

B. A Place of remembrance (vs 3)

C. A Place of removal (vs 4)

D. A Place of rejoicing (vs 9)

6. ALTAR OF REJOICING (PSALMS 43:4)