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The Earthen Altar

By F.T. Paterson

"'Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. And do not go up to my altar on steps, lest your nakedness be exposed on it" (Ex 20:24-26,NIV).

Moses was summoned by God to go up into Mount Sinai to receive of the Lord the way that Israel was to live, sacrifice and worship. They were to do everything according to the pattern that God revealed on the mountain. "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain" (Heb 8:5,NIV). Their altars were to be very simple, either of earth or uncut stones. This was no doubt so they would not make great ornate altars which would become more important than the sacrifice and the offering that was upon it, becoming like an idol to them. Because of its simple construction there was nothing for man to glory in. The hand of man was not involved in any way that would bring glory to himself. All the glory was directed to God. We also are to be altars unto the Lord to offer spiritual sacrifices, "you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"(1 Peter 2:5,NIV). We are to worship God in spirit and in truth bringing nothing of our own merit to the Lord as an offering. This brings to mind the account of Cain and Abel. Cain brought the fruit of his own efforts while Abel brought an offering of the firstborn of his flocks that he offered to the Lord. I suppose there could be different interpretations as to why God accepted Abel's offering and rejected Cain's. One explanation could be that Abel brought the best of his flock and offered it willingly as a blood-sacrifice. Cain may not have brought the first fruits of his produce. At any rate, his sacrifice could not atone for sin. We are to offer to God the first fruits of service and obedience, a willing sacrifice. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -this is your spiritual act of worship"(Romans 12:1,NIV).

The altar was to be made of earth, the same earth that God formed man from and the same earth that we will return to when we leave this veil of tears. We were created to be altars of worship and sacrifice in this world, consecrated and set apart unto the service of the Lord. The altar is not set up in our flesh but in a willing heart. "I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart"(Psalms 40:8,NIV). "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise"(Psalms 51:17,NIV). The altar is not set up in our flesh, for God will not anoint the flesh. "And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations Upon man's flesh

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shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you" (Exodus 30:31-32,KJV).

The altar could also be made of undressed stones, just the way they came from the earth, just the way God made them. Stones come in all sizes and shapes and if they are sorted you can generally find stones that will fit pretty well together. This is what God desires, living stones that fit together to form an altar unto the Lord. There is an element of similarity to the body of Christ here. When we give our hearts to the Lord, we are baptized by one Spirit into one body. We are members in particular in the body of Christ(1 Corinthians 12:27). We are set in the body as God chooses. We are members of one another, each having different gifts and ministries. Even as God formed us out of the dust of the earth he forms us as living stones by life's experiences. He molds and shapes us by the winds of adversity, the sands of discouragement and the floods of disappointment. He comforts us so that we in turn can comfort others. The pearl of great price is formed by the constant irritation of a grain of sand and the adversities of life can also bring out in us a life that is like a treasure in the kingdom of God. As God forms the living stones that make up the body of Christ, they are formed in such a way that they will fit together. We each bring what is necessary to the body of Christ. "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the

message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body"(1 Corinthians 12:4-13.NIV). J. B. Phillips translates Ephesians 5:21, "fit in with" each other, because of your common reverence for Christ". To the natural mind it may seem that the stones would fit together better if they were dressed beforehand but God instructed them that they were not to use tools of any sort because that would defile the altar. It is the same with our lives. We can be trained to be a mechanic, an engineer or physician and can be very good at our trade but all the training in the world cannot change our hearts. One cannot go to school and learn to be merciful or kind. Please do not misunderstand me. I am not against education or training of any kind. We would be foolish to not have the training and ability to earn a living, but I hope you will understand that it is not by natural means that we fit into the Christian life. Along with preparing ourselves to earn a living, we also need training in righteousness if we are to succeed in the Christian life. It is by the Spirit of God that we receive Christian character. All the schooling in the world will not instill in us the fruit of the Spirit. "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through

our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:3-4,NIV). It is the evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives - love, joy, peace etc. - that gives us the ability to fit in with each other because it is God who has shaped us in such a way that we will fit together if we will allow Him to direct our lives. Whether you are an altar of earth or stones, you can offer up from your heart offerings and sacrifices that are acceptable and a sweet smelling savor unto the Lord. Solomon's temple was also constructed with material that had been prepared before hand so that no tools were used to put it together. Speaking about the temple, the word of God says: "The house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building"(1 Kings 6:7,KJV). The material was prepared beforehand under God's direction so that it would fit together without the necessity of the tools of man to make it fit. Today we see men trying to build the kingdom of God by their own efforts with great evangelistic programs which seem to depend more on financial support than the leading of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, in His prayer of John 17, gives us an indication of what will bring salvation to the nations of the earth. "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:20-21,NIV). In the dying days of this

age, let the church of the living God lay aside her differences so that the world may know that the kingdom of God is alive in the church. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"(2 Chronicles 7:14,KJV). There was not a lot of noise when the temple was constructed. It went together day-by-day with little noise and fanfare until it was complete. The temple that God is building of living stones, which is the kingdom of God, is also established without a lot of noise and fanfare for it comes without observation. "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you"(Luke 17:20-21,KJV).

Before the exodus from Egypt it appears that the custom was for the head of the household to build an altar on which to sacrifice. Noah (Genesis 8:20), Abraham (Genesis 12:27), Isaac (Genesis 26:25). Jacob (Genesis 35:7) and Moses (Exodus 17:15) also built altars and sacrificed. This practice continued into the period of the Judges and beyond with Samuel (1 Samuel 7:17) and David (1 Chronicles 21:26) also building altars and sacrificing on them. When God spoke to Moses in the mountain, he set forth a different order of sacrifice and worship. The priests were consecrated and set apart for offering the sacrifice on the altar. "And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office" (Exodus 30:30,KJV). The altar was also consecrated, "Do for Aaron and his sons everything I

have commanded you, taking seven days to ordain them. Sacrifice a bull each day as a sin offering to make atonement. Purify the altar by making atonement for it, and anoint it to consecrate it. For seven days make atonement for the altar and consecrate it. Then the altar will be most holy, and whatever touches it will be holy" (Exodus 29:35-37). The time has come that the true spirit of worship needs to be established in the universal church. The altars of earth and uncut stones need to be consecrated. It is time for the priests of the Lord to put on their priestly garments and go forth in the Spirit, bearing the sacrifice of a broken and contrite spirit upon the altar of earth, that we are, and bring forth before the Lord an acceptable sacrifice. "Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, OLORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God"? (Joel 2:17,KJV).

The altar was not to be built so that steps were needed to reach The pagan shrines and altars were built on High places and God pronounced judgment upon them. "And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you" (Leviticus 26:30,KJV). These high places were made to worship pagan deities and tended to draw Israel away from worshiping the Lord. It is the very nature of Satan to want to exalt himself; "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon

the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit"(Isaiah 14:12-15, KJV). Everything that exalts itself will be brought low. "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day"(Isaiah 2:11,KJV). In the last days, Satan will exalt himself, even trying to proclaim himself as God. "He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4,NIV).

The priest was not to ascend steps up to the altar because it would expose his nakedness. Pride exposes our nakedness when we lift ourselves up in the service of God. The Lord desires we walk the humble path so that our nakedness is covered. The priests were to wear linen breaches so that their nakedness was covered. This speaks of linen as the righteousness of the saints covering the nakedness of our carnal nature so we can minister before the Lord. "And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness: from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him" (Exodus 28:42-43, KJV).

The Earthen Altar

Let me be an earthen altar, consecrated Lord to Thee.

Bind my heart upon that altar as a sacrifice to Thee,

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Ignite my heart with burning fire, by your Spirit's cleansing flame,

Lighting every darkened corner, cleansing every sinful stain.

Lord, make me an earthen vessel, full of living waters flow,

Filled to full and overflowing to

the wastelands let me go.

Flowing out into the desert let the healing waters go,

Bringing life to barren wasteland let it bloom now like the rose.

Lord, take my life and make it into a living stone,

Formed by wind and weather, by the hand of God alone.

Build of me a holy altar untouched by human hand,

Lay my heart upon that altar a willing sacrifice to stand.

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Marriage

By Andy Snoke

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Marriage. What a wonderful institution of God. I am so glad that after God had created all that was in the Garden of Eden, that He looked down on his perfect creation and saw one thing missing. "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help fit for him," said God. He could see that his created man must have a partner in life, so he created the Mother of us all, Eve. Please listen to the following written by an unknown author: "In Creation Adam the man was first formed, then the woman, Eve. say the scriptures, that the woman might be for man setting forth the humility, modesty, gentleness that should characterize her kind. Yet man, in being made last of all God's creatures was set forth as the Best and most excellent of all God's creative works."

So Eve being made after Adam, and out of him set honor upon the woman as being the glory of man. If the man is the head, she is the crown, a crown to her husband. The man was refined, but the woman was doubly refined, one step further from the earth.

In being created from the man, or out of man she was not taken: Out of his head to dominate him, or to be over him, nor out of his feet to be under him, or to be trampled upon by him, but: she was taken out of his side, to be equal to him, from under his arm to be protected by him, and near his heart to be loved by him.

When God presented Adam with his new wife, Adam said "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man". Adam through the eyes of the Spirit could understand that his wife was not just another human being in God's creation, but was actually part of him. Paul quotes these same scriptures in the fifth chapter of Ephesians as he describes the relationship of Christ and His Church.

Adam had no earthly parents. He did not evolve from primordial soup. His ancestors were not fish, butterflies, elephants or apes. He was created by the spoken word of God. Though he did not have human parents, he prophetically spoke and said "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:24.

He could see and understand, that when a husband and wife are joined, there is a new home. The attachment to previous parents on both sides is appreciated, respected and honored, and at the same time - severed. There is a tremendous lesson in this simple verse. A couple that marries should always honor, love and respect their parents for the rest of their life. And parents and family should bless the new home. However, marriage establishes a new home independent from the previous homes of both husband and wife. The new couple should never compare one another with their parents. A husband should never say to his new wife," my Mother always _(you fill in the blank) Why can't you?" The same is true for the wife.

Also, if parents, or other family members were to insult, and attempt to break the marriage up, their words should be ignored. Every marriage has a few bumps and bruises along the way as two self centered individuals learn to share their lives with one another. The last thing a couple needs is for someone else to remind them of their difficulties.

The scriptures go on to say "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." Gen. 2:25. There is an intimacy placed in marriage, with no shame. In fact, Hebrew 13:4 says, "Mar-

riage is honorable in all, and the bed (sexual relationship) undefiled but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." I can't help but think how mankind often turns the things of God backward. According to the scriptures there is a progression.

- 1. A man leaving father and mother.
 - 2. Being joined to his wife.
 - 3. Naked and not ashamed.

Today, we have many couples living together first. They have reversed God's order this way.

- 1. Naked, and ashamed. Living in fear of an unwanted pregnancy with a man of no commitment. Fear of sexually transmitted disease, for if a person is willing to have sex with no commitment with you, who else has been in their bed?
- 2. Never joined to his wife. Never enjoying the blessing of a committed spouse. The embarrassment of what to call your self. What are you? Do you introduce your self as his/her live in? Two lives never really joined. The anxiety that at the end of any disagreement, the partner is not obligated to stay. If it takes sex, and the best you can offer to keep a live in partner, what happens if a person becomes really sick and needs assistance?
- 3. Never leaving father and mother. You can't really leave father and mother in this situation for at any time you may need to literally move back with father and mother!

For the record, in North America, 70% of couples who live together and then get married, will end in divorce.

When a marriage is right, it is a little piece of heaven on earth. I believe that with committed work on both sides, every marriage can be a blessing. Everyone can have a successful marriage, providing both individuals are willing to work together according to the scriptures. There is no problem or obstacle too big to overcome with the Lord, providing both parties are willing to listen to Godly council. Permit me to present a few thoughts on establishing a good marriage.

First and foremost, a person's life must be upon the foundation of Jesus Christ. Without a relationship with the Lord, you can not expect the Divine Love of God in your home.

A good marriage starts with dating. Set high standards for yourself. Be choosy! Ask God to direct you in your selecting.

Under no circumstances, should a believer be unequally yoked. You cannot expect God to bless an unequal marriage. (2 Cor. 6:14). We often use this verse when talking about unbelievers and believers, but a person can also be just as much unequally yoked (or connected to) a believer. It takes more than just being a Christian, it requires a husband and wife worshipping and walking together in the same truth.

Plan a marriage, not a wedding. Learn to look far beyond the ceremony, and talk of the future. It is always better to wait a little longer before marrying than to marry too soon.

Many times when dating there will be a break up. The dating process is a time in which you get to know the other person. If the other person is not a marriage prospect, it does not mean that there is something wrong with them. They simply are not right for you. Young dating couples should always end their dating experience as friends. Always behaving in a manner that leaves deep respect for one another.

In marriage, always realize the place of each person. Husbands,

take a leading role in being the head of the home, for you are. This does not mean that you are a dictator, or bully, but the one that God has ordained to rule with love and care. You are accountable to God for the welfare and direction of your home. In being the head, always listen carefully to your wife's thoughts and wishes. Being the head does not mean and that a man rules independent of his wife, instead, always listen carefully to the wisdom of your spouse. Ultimately though, God holds you accountable.

Wives, learn to love and submit to your husband. God blesses the submissive wife. This does not mean that a wife is a mindless robot with no room for her own thoughts and opinions, whose only purpose in life is to serve her husband. Offer your thoughts, and the wisdom and intuition that God uniquely gives women. Yet be willing to submit to your husband.

You will find that when a home is set up right that these spiritual principles will flow together naturally. The loving husband will seek out and treasure his wife's thoughts on many things, yet he will know that he is accountable to God in making the final decision. At the same time his wife will not be afraid to share with him her thoughts and wisdom, and always be willing to support him in his decision.

I have written very briefly on marriage. Please read together the following scriptures. Eph. 5:22-23 I Peter 3:1-7 1 Cor. 11:3-11 Proverbs 31:10-31.

To the married that are struggling, seek help. God has placed a spiritual wisdom in the Church. There is much hope for two people that want spiritual direction in their marriage, yet both parties must be willing to listen obey Godly coun-

sel. When great difficulties arise ask for the local elder's council. Don't run off and listen to the many voices all around us, the well meaning relatives, the latest book, modem psychology etc., go to the source of spiritual authority that God has established. Call for

the local elders.

To the single. Let's be honest, God has not called everyone to be married. About 1/7 of the USA population of marrying age remain single. If God has called a person to be single, it does not diminish your ministry or importance to the kingdom of God. In fact, the Apostle Paul felt that it was a blessing to be single.

Ultimately, when one begins to understand and appreciate the order of marriage, then one appreciates and understands the order of Christ and the Church.

It Is Written

1 Peter 4:7-19 (NKJV)

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

1 John 2:1-29 (NKJV)

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away,

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I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust

of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

Who is a liar but he who denies

IMPORTANT DATES

Feast North Battleford	April 9 -12, 2009
Illinois Gathering (King's House)	May 1 - 3, 2009
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that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life

These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you

will abide in Him.

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

1 John 3 (NKJV)

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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