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The Altar: Presence and Response

The Altar Embodies:

1) **The Presence Of God.**
2) **Our Response To His Presence.**

A Designated Place Where A Person Consecrates Himself To Someone Or Something

Romans 12:1 - *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*

Romans 12:1 - *So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.* MESS

God Has A Place Of "Altaring" For Us

The Price Is God Intends That Something Be "Altered" In Us

Genesis 12:6-9 - *Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.* [7] *Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the LORD, who had appeared to him.* [8] *After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the LORD, and he worshiped the LORD.* [9] *Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.*

Genesis 13:1, 4 - *So Abram left Egypt and traveled north into the Negev, along with his wife and Lot and all that they owned…*[4] *This was the same place where Abram had built the altar, and there he worshiped the LORD again.*

Romans 10:13 - *"Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."*

Zechariah 13:9 - *I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure. I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"*

It Takes Rocks And Broken Things To Build An Altar