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Isaiah 6:1-2

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[1] In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord
sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the
train of his robe filled the temple. [2] Above him
stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he
covered his face, and with two he covered his feet,
and with two he flew. [3] And one called to another
and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Isaiah 6:4-5

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[4] And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. [5] And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

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GOD'S WILL WAS THAT THESE SERAPHIM WOULD FLY TO BROKEN ISAIAH. HE MOVES FIRST, NOT US.

Ezekiel 1:28-2:2

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[28] ...Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I **fell on my face**, and I heard the voice of one speaking.
[1] And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” [2] And as he spoke to me, **the Spirit entered into me and <u>set me on my feet</u>**...

Revelation 1:17-18

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[17] When I saw him, I fell at his feet as
though dead. But **he** laid his right hand
on me, saying, "**Fear not**, I am the first
and the last, [18] and the living one. I died,
and behold I am alive forevermore, and I
have the keys of Death and Hades.

Romans 5:8

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[8] but God shows his love for us in that **while we were *still sinners***, Christ died for us.

IN MERCY, ATONEMENT
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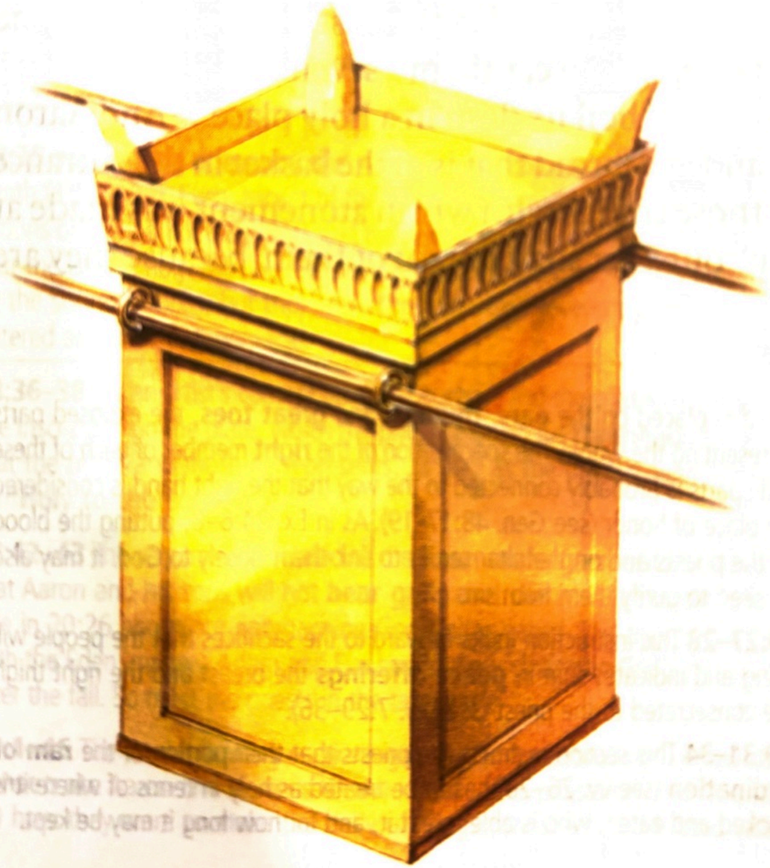
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The Altar of Incense

The wooden altar, overlaid with pure gold (Ex. 30:1–10; 37:25–28), was 3 feet high, and 1.5 feet long and wide (1 m x 0.5 m x 0.5 m). It stood in the Holy Place before the veil which separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. It was transported by means of wooden poles which were overlaid with gold and inserted through rings attached to the sides of the altar.



Leviticus 16:12–13

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[12] And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall **bring it inside the veil** [13] and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, **so that he does not die.**

Hebrews 9:11-12

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[11] But when Christ appeared as a **high priest** of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) [12] he entered once for all into the holy places, **not** by means of the blood of goats and calves but **by means of his own blood**, thus securing an eternal redemption.

ISAIAH WAS CLEANSED NOT BY A HUMAN PRIEST ENTERING BY THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND GOATS, BUT BY THE BLOOD OF THE HEAVENLY HIGH PRIEST!



Romans 3:23-25

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[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified [that is, made innocent] by his **grace** as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a **propitiation *by his blood***, to be received by faith [in Christ]...

THROUGH THE SOURCE OF ATONEMENT THAT HE HAS PROVIDED: BY FAITH IN CHRIST

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Romans 8:1

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[1] There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are ***in*** **Christ Jesus**.

THE MOMENT WE ARE SAVED, WE ARE ATONED FOR: DECLARED INNOCENT AND MADE NEAR TO THE HOLY GOD.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

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Hebrews 10:10

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[10] And by that will we have been ***sanctified*** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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THE GOSPEL MESSAGE WE BELIEVE AND PROCLAIM IS ABOUT HOW TO BE MADE NEAR TO A HOLY GOD.

Colossians 2:6-7

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[6] Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so <u>walk</u> in him**, [7] rooted and built up **<u>in him</u>** and established **<u>in the faith</u>**....

BY FAITH IN CHRIST, WE HAVE BEEN MADE NEAR TO THE HOLY GOD BY HIS ATONEMENT.

2 Samuel 9:7

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[7] And David said to him, “**Do not fear**, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always.”

2 Samuel 9:8

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[8] And he paid homage and said, “**What is your servant**, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?”

2 Samuel 9:10-11

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[10] … But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall **always eat at my table**."… [11] … So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, **like one of the king's sons**.

2 Samuel 9:13

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[13] So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet

WE HAVE BEEN RECONCILED TO THE KING'S TABLE LIKE HIS SON

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