Tabernacle Studies Lesson Six: How to Get Your Prayers Answered

Text: Exodus 30:1-10;

Introduction:

- **I.** The Position of the Altar Exodus 30:6 "And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee."
- II. The Purpose of the Altar Exodus 30:1 "And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it."

Psalms 141:2 "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

Revelation 5:8 "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints."

Revelation 8:3-4 "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand."

Psalms 66:18 "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:"

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 5:14-15 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

III. The Procedure at the Altar - Exodus 30:7-8 "And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. 8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations."

Philippians 1:9-10; Colossians 1:3; John 17:15,17;

IV. The Proximity of the Altar - Exodus 30:6 "And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee."

Conclusion: Based on this lesson, list three things that must be true in your life if God is to hear and answer your prayers:

1 John 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in <u>approaching God</u>: that if we ask anything <u>according to his</u> will, he hears us."