

**SERMON SERIES**  
**WORSHIP IN THE WILDERNESS, EXODUS PART 3**  
**“WORSHIP THE PRAYER-HEARING GOD”**  
**Exodus 30:1-10, 34-38**  
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**I. Pardoned to worship the prayer-hearing God (1-6, 9-10).**

*“You shall make an altar on which to burn incense”*

*“You shall overlay it with pure gold”*

*“you shall put it in front of the veil that is above the ark”*

*“I meet with you”*

*“Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year.”*

**Psalm 141:1-2**

**Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4**

“It is the will of God to bestow mercy in this way, viz. in answer to prayer, when he designs beforehand to bestow mercy.”

*-Jonathan Edwards*

**II. Regularly worship the prayer-hearing God (7-8).**

*“Every morning when he dresses the lamps ... when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight”*

Our fear ⇔ unanswered prayers ⇔ Cynicism.

Pride → prayerlessness → powerless      Humility → prayer → power

**Isaiah 56:6-7**  
**Luke 1:8-10; 3:21-22**  
**Acts 2:42**

"If we do not pray, then God's presence will never penetrate the darkest places of the earth."

-G.K. Beale

"The battle to pray is not mainly a battle against prayerlessness but a battle against discouragement, cynicism, and unbelief."

-Dane Ortlund

"Prayer is not a ministry of the church - it is the heart of ministry through which the real, functional leadership of the intimate union of the Spirit and Jesus, formed at the resurrection, operates."

-Paul Miller

### III. **Worship the prayer-hearing God exclusively (9, 34-38).**

*"You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it"*

*"Take sweet spices ... and make an incense blended ... seasoned with salt."*

*"you shall not make for yourselves"*

**Leviticus 10:1-9**  
**Psalm 65:2**

"The voice of the saints in prayer is sweet unto Christ; he delights to hear it."

-Jonathan Edwards