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Have You Stolen Heaven's Incense?

Is there anything more touching than the following story? She sits alone in one of the finest houses to be found. Her husband is dead. He had been so successful and provided for her and her needs after his death. Her phone is by her side, but it rarely rings. Her children never call. She would give anything to hear from them. She sits there waiting, but it never rings. Is there a scene more tragic? Consider the following spiritual parallel to this situation of loneliness.

The God of heaven and earth sits in heaven waiting to hear from His children. He would give anything to just hear from them. He knows they have needs, even though they may not realize it. He is ready to help, but they do not call. He made an amazing promise to them, "If we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know we have the petitions that we ask of Him" (1 John 5:15). Yet, they do not call. Beloved in Christ, is God's heart heavy because you do not call?

There is an amazing picture in the figurative language of the book of Revelation. God sits on His throne. When the Lamb of God comes before our awesome God, heaven explodes with worship of the Lamb. There are those twenty-four elders who have harps in their hands, but they also have bowls filled with incense. Immediately, heaven is filled with the aroma of that incense as the elders fall down before the Lamb, and golden bowls filled with incense become part of the heavenly joy and adoration of Jesus (Rev. 5:8-9).

That incense is mentioned again in this book. In chapter six, the saints of God are calling out to God to respond and bring His judgment on those who are persecuting the church. They are told God will respond very soon. In chapter eight, He does. An angel comes to God with incense in a censer. He adds fire from heaven's altar, and the wrath of God is poured out on the earth. The saints of God have called out for God to act, and He responded.

What must I do to be saved?
 Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Scripture Reading:	Joe Burriss
Song Leader:	Billy Ellenburg
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	Steve Short
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Guy Byrd
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Steven Mozer
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Henry Rumble
Nursery Attendant:	TBA

Building Lockup:	Billy Ellenburg
Announcements:	Billy Ellenburg
Door Greeters:	Billy and Debbie E.
Count Contribution:	Harry Frye, John Anderson
Prepare Lord's Table:	Sandy West
Lord's Supper (A.M.):	John Anderson, Steven Mozer, Bradley Speer, Shawn Sharpe
Lord's Supper (P.M.):	Johnny Smith

Worship Times	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:55 A.M.
Sunday P.M. Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
Elders	
John Anderson	704.592.2266
Steve Short	704.872.5440
Tommy Smith	704.872.7966
Bradley Speer	704.876.6986
Preacher	
Dave Wood	704.380.4437

What does that have to do with the church? Take a look at God's description of that heavenly incense of the praise of Jesus. Look at what is part of the incense which caused God to come to the rescue of those suffering saints. The bowls in the hands of the elders are full of incense. The Bible tells us exactly what the incense is—it is "...the prayers of the saints" (Rev. 5:8).

What does that have to do with you individually? Imagine those elders about to praise the Lord, and there is no incense because you are not praying! Our lack of praying to heaven robs it of the praise that is around the throne.

God sits in heaven longing for you to call out to Him. He sits there awaiting your incense to fill heaven with its aroma, but there is none! Is there anything more tragic?
By: Dan Jenkins

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson, Bill Proctor and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Will Winchester, Betty Smith, Frank Shepherd, Volney Hughes and Wanda Elam.

- Those who have been affected by the fires in Gatlinburg, TN.

- Volney Hughes, Janice Allen's father, who had surgery.

- Clarence Cannon Jr., Nancy Anderson's brother, has been suffering with a foot infection and was hospitalized. He is doing better and has been released from the hospital.

Sermons:

A.M. - It's a Wonderful Life! - Matt. 11:3-6;

P.M. - Singing

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 25: We will meet at regular worship and service times. There will not be a fourth evening fellowship meal this month.

Jan. 07: Men's breakfast at the RX at 8:30 A.M.