



AUGUST - Demolishing Altars and Breaking Strongholds

What is an Altar

An usually raised structure or place on which sacrifices are offered or incense is burned in worship. Often used figuratively to describe a thing given great or undue precedence or value especially at the cost of something else. An table or place which serves as a center of worship or ritual.

3 Main types of Altars

ANCESTRAL ALTARS

Ancestral Altars are altars that were created by somebody among your ancestors, whose blood your carry in your vein.

PERSONAL ALTARS

Personal Altars are altars that are built in your personal life by your own sins and actions. E.g. Two women married to men of God kept family idols and made it their personal idols - Rachel and Michal, daughter of king Saul..

FAMILY ALTARS

Family Altars are altars that are created by the corporately family upon a mutual agreement or by a member of the family who created an altar to darkness for the protection of the entire family.

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Day **Scripture** **Scriptures to break ANCESTRAL ALTARS**

- 1**
Deuteronomy 12:2-4 You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. And you shall destroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. You shall not worship the Lord your God *with* such *things*.
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Deuteronomy 7:5 But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their *sacred* pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.
- 3**
Exodus 34:14 For you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God.
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Numbers 33:52 Then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places.
- 5**
2 Chronicles 20:20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."
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Acts 19:17-20 17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. 19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned *them* in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and *it* totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver. 20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.
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Ephesians 2 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- 8**
Acts 16:31-34 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
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Isaiah 52:2 Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem; O captive daughter of Zion.
- 10**
Leviticus 26:30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

Day	Scripture	Scriptures to break PERSONAL ALTARS
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| 11 | Acts 17:23 | For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. |
| 14 | 2 Peter 2:19 | While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. |
| 12 | 1 Corinthians 6:16-18 | Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committed fornication sinneth against his own body. |
| 13 | Isaiah 28:18, | And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.” |
| 15 | Ephesians 6:12 | For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. |
| 16 | Revelation 17:5 | The name written on her forehead was a mystery: BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. |
| 17 | Jude 1:24 | To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— |
| 18 | 1 John 1:9 | If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. |
| 19 | 2 Corinthians 6:14 | Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? |
| 20 | Matthew 5:30 | And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. |

Day	Scripture	Scriptures to break FAMILY ALTARS
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| 21 | Galatians 3:13-14 | Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. |
| 22 | Micah 2:13 | “The breaker goes up before them; They break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes on before them, And the Lord at their head.” |
| 23 | Jeremiah 17:5 | Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. |
| 24 | Revelation 22:3 | No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. |
| 25 | John 8:36 | So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. |
| 26 | Deuteronomy 27:15 | “Cursed be the man who makes a carved or cast metal image, an abomination to the Lord, a thing made by the hands of a craftsman, and sets it up in secret.’ And all the people shall answer and say, ‘Amen.’ |
| 27 | Mark 5:3-4 | And he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. |
| 28 | Exodus 25:24-25 | And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me. |
| 29 | Genesis 17:13-14 | He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant. |
| 30 | Joshua 24:15 | And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. |
| 31 | Nahum 1:13 | “So now, I will break his yoke bar from upon you, And I will tear off your shackles.” |
| | Jeremiah 30:8 | ‘It shall come about on that day,’ declares the Lord of hosts, ‘that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves. |
| | Isaiah 10:27 | So it will be in that day, that his burden will be removed from your shoulders and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be broken because of fatness. |