

# Burn With Passion for Prayer & God's Presence

Week 4 Guide -September 21-27, 2025

“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:15-16

## Self-Reflection Guide: The Altar of Incense & The Holy of Holies

### 1. The Altar of Incense – A Picture of Prayer

“May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.” – Psalm 141:2

- Do I see prayer as simply asking God for things, or as a meeting place with Him?
- When I pray, do I take time to pause, listen, and allow God to show me what to pray?

**Reflection Action:** This week, bring your “what’s” to God (your needs, concerns, and people you’re praying for), but leave the “how’s” up to Him. Journal what He shows you as you listen.

### 2. Preparing to Pray – Confession & Cleansing

“If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But God did listen!” – Psalm 66:18–19

- Do I regularly take time to confess, repent, and receive cleansing before stepping into prayer?
- Is there any guilt or shame that I am still carrying that I should bring to Jesus?

**Reflection Action:** Before your next time of prayer, intentionally confess any sin and ask Jesus to wash away guilt or shame. Notice how & if this changes your passion as you pray.

### 3. Motives in Prayer – Keeping It Pure

“And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.” – James 4:3

- Why do I pray? Is my primary motive to meet with God or to get my prayers answered?
- How would my prayer life change if I truly believed the greatest reward is simply being with God?

**Reflection Action:** In your next prayer time, spend the first few minutes with no requests—only worship, listening, and enjoying God’s presence.

#### 4. Strange Incense - A Mixture In Our Hearts

Scripture: Exodus 30:9, Leviticus 10:1–3, James 4:3

God rejected “strange incense” because it was a mixture of ingredients that didn’t belong.

- What things might be “mixed” into your heart when you worship or pray (e.g., bitterness, envy, past hurts)?
- How might those mixtures affect your relationship with God and your passion for prayer?
- Consider meeting with one of our pastors or signing up for a Freedom Prayer Session if you are stuck or having trouble getting free from things mixed in your life.

#### 4. The Power of Aligned Prayer

“This is the confidence...that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” – 1 John 5:14

- Am I willing to wait and listen until I sense God’s direction for how to pray?
- Have I experienced prayers that carried unusual power because they aligned with God’s heart?

**Reflection Action:** Choose one person or situation you’re praying for. Instead of praying what you think they need, ask God, “What is on Your heart for them right now?” Then pray accordingly.

#### 6. Living as God’s Temple

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?” – 1 Corinthians 3:16

- Do I see myself as a carrier of God’s presence everywhere I go?
- What would change in my prayer life if I truly embraced that the Holy of Holies is now in me?

**Reflection Action:** Before walking into a meeting, conversation, or challenge this week, pause and declare: “I am God’s temple, and His Spirit lives in me.” Then watch for opportunities to bring His presence into that moment.

#### ✨ Closing Reflection

Prayer isn’t about convincing God to act on your agenda. It’s about joining the “Family Business”—hearing God’s heart, aligning with His will, and releasing His kingdom on earth through prayer. The veil is torn, the Spirit dwells in you, and Jesus Himself is interceding for you.

#### Connection Point

Find someone else who has taken this personal reflection assessment and share your answers with each other. It could be a spouse, a friend or your Community Group. Discuss your honest answers and take a few minutes to pray for each other, asking God to ignite His fire in your hearts, to fan into flame your passion for prayer & God's presence.

**Prayer of The Week:**

*Lord, I pray that you would ignite my passion for You. I want to live each day as your temple knowing that you are always with me. Stir up my passion to pray and seek Your will. Anoint my prayer with your power and authority. Show me if there is any unholy mixture within my heart, and I will repent and align my heart to yours. It is my desire to partner with you, getting Kingdom business done here on earth. May your passion become my passion and cause your light within me to burn like a fire! ~Amen.*

**Resources of The Week****Videos:**

**The Tabernacle of Moses in 3D | Allen Parr**

**(Nine excellent video teachings on each element of the Tabernacle):**

[https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbE\\_MYjGeeTC-kIR6Ab36GbecCznggtOz&si=4zSwPiVIJ0hR6hee](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbE_MYjGeeTC-kIR6Ab36GbecCznggtOz&si=4zSwPiVIJ0hR6hee)

**The Tabernacle Prayer | Anthony Mangun (Short Version):**

[https://youtu.be/0Lm08hi6\\_KY?si=NtgemKM19LumNBDY](https://youtu.be/0Lm08hi6_KY?si=NtgemKM19LumNBDY)

**Guided Prayer with Worship / Tabernacle Prayer | Vlad Savchuk:**

[https://youtu.be/rdoYtFVbbew?si=f\\_ahFEFZGti-8OLK](https://youtu.be/rdoYtFVbbew?si=f_ahFEFZGti-8OLK)

**Books:**

**The Tabernacle - Shadows of The Messiah | David M. Levy**

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