

"The church that has lost its altar has lost its way." – Leonard Ravenhill

1 Corinthians 3:4-7

4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings? 5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

Tearing down...

- **The altar of personality**
- **The altar of practice (style, feel)**
- **The altar of preference**

Building up...the altar of the Presence of God.

- **Remembrance**

Deuteronomy 4:9

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live.

"When men forget God, they cease to fear him. When they cease to fear him, they soon cease to obey him." – Alexander McLaren

Storyline of salvation history is that we are a people who are prone to forget.

When we gather together, we remember all the ways God has been faithful.

- **Reverence**

Hebrews 12:28-29

28...worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

confidence with reverence

vs.

confidence with casualness

- **Repentance**

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

repent = metanoéo = to reconsider, to turn around, to think differently

It takes God to seek God. It's all grace, it's a divine grace to seek God in any capacity. Lord, light a fire in my heart that doesn't need me for fuel.



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