

## **The Altar of the Lord**

### **1 Kings 18:30**

**“And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down”**

**Note:** Read 18: 20-21 / 30-34 / 38-39 – THEN THE RAIN CAME!

### **Introduction**

**That tiny heap of broken stones is the root of all the problems.**

**Israel had turned her back on God.**

**America is in the same condition as Israel was then.**

**We are experiencing a drought today, spiritually.**

**In our homes, our families and marriages, our schools, our churches, and our government.**

### **1. The Significance of the Broken Altar**

**\* It Was The Root Of The Problem**

**\* It Was The Nation’s Calamity / The Source of Her Disaster – Famine**

**\* Food and most of all Spiritual**

### **2. The Cause of the Broken Down Altar**

**\* WE can say - Removing Prayer From Schools**

**\* WE can say -Removing The Bible From Schools**

**\* We can say – Removing God from our Government is the problem**

**But I believe that the home is the first place we must look for an altar to God – and when the altar in the home is in pieces, we begin to accept sinful things and compromise sets in it will then affect the public areas**

**1. Abortion – Adultery – Alcoholism – Child Abuse**

**2. Homosexuality – Divorce – Drug Abuse – Gambling**

**3. Living Together Unmarried – Pornography – Suicide**

**4. Television & Movies - Violence / Violent Video Games**

**5. Drug problems both prescription and illegal**

### **The Effects of the Broken Altars – No Rain or Blessings**

**Galatians 6: 7**

**“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”**

- \* **Anxiety and Worry – Death - Difficulties**
- \* **Divorce – Doubt – Fear – Guilt - Loneliness**
- \* **Violence – Lack of Peace – Lack of Love – Sickness**
- \* **Suffering - Tribulations**

**Restoration Must Take Place**

**Jeremiah 24: 7**

**“And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart”**

***The Altar***

**1. Prayer**

- \* **A Family That Prays Together Stays Together**

**2. Repentance Must Take Place**

- \* **Worldliness – Sin**
- \* **Idolatry**

**3. Rededication**

- \* **Commitment**

**4. Revival**

- \* **New life shall come and that is established by HIS PRESENCE AND HIS POWER**

**2 Chronicles 6: 12 / 2 Chronicles 7: 1**

**When the Altar of the Lord is set in place His Presence will manifest among His people and as verse 14 of 2 Chronicles tells us people will pray.**