

**Send. Go Pitch the Tent!
Genesis 12:1-8**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. —Matthew 28:19

God told Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and **go to the land I will show you.**” —God to Abram, Genesis 12:1

1. No altar without revelation.

The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him. —Genesis 12:7

The Altar represents our response to God’s Revelation

Paul on the Damascus Road, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”
(Acts 9:6 NKJV)

Isaiah in the Temple, “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)

120 Disciples on Pentecost burst from the Upper Room. (Acts 2:1-4)

The Altar represents total consecration to God.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.
—Romans 12:1

The burnt offerings of Leviticus 1:3, 10, 14 had to be wholly burned up (vs. 9, 13, 15)

“The matter of denying self ceases to be optional when we have met God.”
—Watchman Nee

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." —Jesus (Matthew 16:24)

2. Altars birth **Tents**.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent.

—Genesis 12:8a

Through the Altar God deals with ourselves
Through the tent God deals with our possessions.

Matthew 28:19, “therefore go....”

Go—going was assumed. “As you go....”

The whole west owes an immense debt to the hard-working pioneer preachers [many Methodist circuit riders] who were so glad to give their lives to their labors, and who struggled with such fiery zeal for the moral well-being of the communities which they penetrate.”—Theodore Roosevelt [Pastor’s words]

Hold your possessions lightly. Hold on to God, tightly.

3. Tents lead again to **altars**.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

—Genesis 12:8

Recovery is a matter of returning to the Altar and the tent.

So Abram moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD.

—Genesis 13:18

Hebron means “fellowship.”

We recover when we return to fellowship with God.

We recover when we return to the altar of full surrender.

Memory Verse:

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