



Prayers of the Saints

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READING: Revelation 8

"And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." Revelation 8:4

As God prepares to pour out more judgment on the earth during the coming time of tribulation, there is a pause, for 30 minutes. In the middle of that silence, an angel stands at the altar with a golden censer and incense. Like in the tabernacle and the temple in the Old Testament, the coals and fire and incense are placed on the altar of incense and the aroma of that incense goes up to God.

Here in Revelation 8, we notice that this incense is offered *"with the prayers of all saints."* The incense and the prayers are offered together before God. They go up before the throne of God. The emphasis here is on the prayers of the saints. This shows us that God takes the prayers of His people seriously. He loves to hear from us--His children.

In Revelation 8:3-5, some commentaries I have read say that this "angel" is Jesus, who is described as "The Angel of the Lord" in the Old Testament. The intercessory work of the angel before God fits the role of Christ as our great High Priest.

What a blessing to know that God hears. God is going to answer our prayers. Especially for those prayers of deliverance and for justice, there is coming a day when God will bring justice to this world. So let us pray and cry out to God. He is listening. He wants to hear from us.

PRAYER: Father, thank You that You hear our prayers and desire to hear from us.

TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 9

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