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What is 'incense' a type (shadow) of? Ps.141:1-2; Rev.5:8, 8:1-4

**It's symbolic of prayer and/or worship. Offered by the priests and also the High Priest.**

What is the construction material and placement of this ark? Ex.30:1-6

**It's acacia wood, overlaid w/gold w/molding, rings, poles to carry it. Placed before Veil.**

What do these materials remind us of re. to Whom the 'shadow' is representing?

**It is Christ in perfect humanity (acacia wood) and perfect diety (pure gold). It's Him!**

What is the required function of the *priest* re the altar of incense? 30:7-8

**It is required to burn incense on the altar every morning and evening, for generations.**

Who were the "official" priests at this time? Ex.19:6; 4:14; Nu.3:5-10

**They must be male, 25-50 years old, of the tribe of Levi. No exceptions, period (vs.10).**

Who are the priests now? IPet.2:5, 9; Rev.1:6, 5:10

**The priests now are those 'purchased for God with your blood...'. The blood of Christ.**

What's the application for us? Heb.4:16, 10:11-25; IThess.5:17

**Those 'in Christ' are priests now. We are to come boldly, praying without ceasing.**

And what's been radically changed for the priesthood now? Gal.3:26-29

**No restrictions on age, sex, nationality. Must be 'in Christ'. And no veil! At Mercy Seat!**

### Part 2: The Altar of Incense for the High Priest...Ex.30:10

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**He must offer the incense inside the veil so that the cloud covers the mercy seat.**

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