

How To Set Up An Altar In Your Home

Homes provide us with a sense of belonging and personal expression. Everything from the colors we use, to our furniture, to the artwork we choose to display on our walls, our homes are a reflection of our personalities and most importantly it should reflect our Brethren walk. You and those who are guests in your home should feel Yeshua's presence there. The use of a personal altar in your home can help you escape from all of the concerns of the world as you rest in His loving arms in prayer and meditation. This is a very important step in your walk. It is also an excellent tool to help others draw closer to Yeshua in their lives.

What are your favorite images that reminds you of Yeshua and all He is doing for you in your thoughts? What comforts you in your walk? What, when you see it, reminds you how very much Yeshua loves you? Ask yourself a few of these questions and begin to mentally imagine your home altar, and what it would look like and entail.

A Few Starter Ideas

People have been known to make altars in their home consisting of a small wooden table or shelf, which as you stand and kneel before it, you are facing east (thus it would be taken for granted that your altar is already facing east). In the center of your altar place an Icon or picture of Yeshua. Put a hand Cross on the right side and a copy of the the Peshitta on the left side.

It's up to you how you decorate your home altar. The use of flowers, candles, incense, altar coverings, etc. can be used to help you in your personal prayer time. Remember your home altar is a very important aid in helping you focus on personally talking and praying to God. In your time of study it is nice, if possible, to place a chair that is facing your home altar so you can stop reading at times and look up towards your altar to pray and meditate on what you have just read. A final note concerning incense: You can use just about any incense except Frankincense before the altar provided that it does not contain citrus.

When you are praying at your home altar meditational music is also useful as another tool in helping you forget all that is on your mind so that you can concentrate on your personal time within God's Presence. Remember He is right there with you so you do not want anything else but Him on your mind as you are talking and praying to Him and most importantly as He is talking to you.

Your Home Altar Need Not Be Expensive

As far as decorating goes, there is no need to go out and spend a lot of money trying to decorate your home altar. Keep it simple and reverent. Your altar reflects your love for Yeshua. A dedicated area in your home where you can come before the Throne of God and talk to Him from your heart - to worship Him and give Him praise and honor for all He has and will do for you.