



Build My Church

Sanctuary, Temple, Tent of Meetings---a sign that God is present among His people

1. The temple is for God.

King David said to the whole assembly, "my son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great for the temple will not be for mortals but for the Lord God. I Chronicles 29:1

2. The temple is God.

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. John 2:19-21

3. We are also the temple.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. I Corinthians 3:16

The temple was comprised of three parts: the outer court, the inner court, and the Holy of holies. We too are comprised of three parts: the body, the soul and the spirit.

Jesus walks us through this temple to His grace and abiding presence.

I. Outer Court

a. Bronze Altar

- **A type of Christ's cross---a place of sacrifice, burnt offerings to the Lord**
- **Flesh hooks and fire pans**
- **Symbolic of dying to self, destroying the flesh, purification, the place of atonement.**
- **We are to be refined in the fire of trials and adversity. I Peter 4:1-2**



In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith---being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire---may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. I Peter 1:6

b. The Laver

- The priests would wash before entering the Holy Place
- Symbolic of a repentant life before the Lord as Jesus Christ cleanses us from the defilement of sin
- We are to be washed in the blood of Jesus and the Word of God.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9

2. Inner Court

a. The Golden lamp stand.

- We are to walk in the light.
- Typifies Christ as the light of this world, our light in a dark world.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His son cleanses us from all sin. I John 1:7

b. The table of showbread

- Typifies Jesus Christ as our sustainer of life.
- We are to eat of the Word of God daily.
- We are to eat the bread of eternal life.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will



live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” John 6:51

c. The Altar of Incense

- Represents Christ as our intercessor and High Priest
- We are to pray without ceasing.
- First in the natural, then in the spiritual, our prayers go up before the Lord.

Consequently He is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:35

When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Revelation 5:8

3. The veil Matthew 27:51

- At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
- Jesus grants access to the throne of God and ends all legality which demands works of the law as a means of obtaining righteousness.
- We can now stand before a holy God because of this access, and not based on our own righteousness

4. The Holy of Holies

1. The Ark of the Covenant

a. The law

Obedience is better than sacrifice.

b. The mercy seat, which represents the throne of grace, throne of judgment

c. The Cherubim, which represents the protection of the things of God, guarding the holiness of the mercy seat of God.

d. The Shekinah glory, the place of residence, manifest presence of God, it is the cloud in which Jehovah appeared.

2. Presence of the Lord:

Sanctified by His glory

Weightiness of His presence

(In the tent of meetings) It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at



the entrance of the tent of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet you, and speak to you there. I will meet with the Israelites there, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. Exodus 29:42-43

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. I Kings 8:10