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¹ When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ² The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it. ³ When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying,

“He is good; his love endures forever.”

- *2 Chronicles 7:1-3*

Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple, and stood over the cherubim.

- *Ezekiel 10:18*

The Church as God's Temple



¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

- Eph 2:19-22

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

- 1 Cor 3:16

John 8:12

Matth 5:14



Lessons from the Temple

² King David rose to his feet and said: "Listen to me, my fellow Israelites, my people. I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it. ³ But God said to me, 'You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.'
- 1 Chron 28:2-3

Isaiah 2:3-4

Matth 5:9

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The Church is a Community of Peace



Lessons from the Temple

⁴¹ "As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name - ⁴² for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm - when they come and pray toward this temple then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name. - *1 Kings 8:41-43*

Isaiah 49:6

Matth 5:14-16

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The Church is a Community that attracts outsiders to God



Lessons from the Temple

“Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the LORD. ³ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. ⁴ Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!”⁵ If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, ⁶ if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, ⁷ then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. ⁸ But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless. ⁹ “Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known ¹⁰ and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe” - safe to do all these detestable things? Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you?

- *Jeremiah 7:2-10*



Lessons from the Temple

¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

- *Mark 11:15-17*

Psalm 25

Matth 5:8

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The Church is a Community fully aligned
with God's will



Lessons from the Temple

“When you bring injured, lame or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands? says the LORD.¹⁴ “Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the LORD Almighty, “and my name is to be feared among the nations”.

- Mal 1:12

2 Sam 24:24

1 Peter 2:4-6

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The Church is a Community that offers God
Acceptable Sacrifices

Lessons from the Temple



²⁰ David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished. ²¹ The divisions of the priests and Levites are ready for all the work on the temple of God, and every willing person skilled in any craft will help you in all the work".

- 1 Chron 28:20-21

Exodus 36:1

Eph 4:12



Lessons from the Temple

⁸ So Solomon observed the festival at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him—a vast assembly, people from Lebo Hamath to the Wadi of Egypt. ⁹ On the eighth day they held an assembly, for they had celebrated the dedication of the altar for seven days and the festival for seven days more. ¹⁰ On the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people to their homes, joyful and glad in heart for the good things the LORD had done for David and Solomon and for his people Israel. - *2 Chron 7:8-10*

Romans 1:21-24

1 Thess 5:16-18

Points to Ponder ...



1. Are you a peacemaker?
2. Are you a light that attracts people to God?
3. Are you aligned with God and His will, through prayer?
4. Do you sacrificially give your first and your best to God?
5. Are you actively building God's church?
6. Are you joyful and grateful because of God's faithfulness?

**We are God's Temple and God's Presence
dwells amongst us (1 Cor 3:16)**