

The Temple of the LORD

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In the Old Testament The LORD and His Glory dwelt WITH His People, in a Temple.

David, of whom the LORD said was: **a man after my heart** (Acts 13:22) had a strong, unyielding desire to **build a Temple for the LORD** to inhabit and dwell among His people.

1 Chronicles 28:1-3 **Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials, the princes, the commanders, the overseers, the officials and the mighty men, even all the valiant men. Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Listen to me, I intended to build a permanent home for the ark of the covenant of the LORD and for the footstool of our God.**

- This is the desire of those with a heart like David's

So I had made preparations to build. But God said to me, You shall not build a house for My name because you are a man of war and have shed blood. (28:6) He said, Your son **Solomon** is the one who shall build My house and My courts; for I have **chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a father to him.**

The Preparation of the Temple

1 Chronicles 29:1-2 Then King David said to the assembly **THE TEMPLE IS NOT FOR MAN, BUT FOR THE LORD GOD.** ² Now **with all my ability** I have **provided for the house of my God** the **gold . . . the silver . . . bronze . . . iron . . . wood, onyx stones, stones of antimony, stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones and alabaster** in abundance. ³ Moreover, **in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have** (his personal wealth) of **gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided** for the **holy temple, 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings; ⁵ of gold and of silver that is for all the work done by**

the craftsmen. **Who then is willing to consecrate (dedicate) himself this day to the LORD?** ⁶ Then the rulers of the fathers, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers over the king's work, **offered willingly**; ⁷ for the house of God they gave **5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold**, and **10,000 talents of silver**, and **18,000 talents of brass**, and **100,000 talents of iron**. ⁸ **Whoever possessed precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD**, ⁹ Then **the people rejoiced** because **they had offered so willingly**, for they made their offering to **the LORD with a whole heart**, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

- The temple is not for man, but for the LORD GOD. This is a VERY IMPORTANT statement as we will see later.
- We need to have David's Passion for the Temple where the LORD dwells.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**.

- They gave EXTRAVAGANTLY and with Great Joy to make The Temple of the LORD GLORIOUS!

The DEDICATION of the Old Testament Temple

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 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 HOUSE**. The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the **GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE LORD'S HOUSE**. All the sons of Israel, seeing the **FIRE COME DOWN** and the **GLORY of the LORD upon the house**, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually."

In the New Testament the Temple of the LORD was changed.

1. JESUS became The Temple of The LORD.

Matthew 12:6 I tell you, one greater than **the temple** is here.

John 2:19 Destroy **this temple**, and I will raise it again in three days.

- The DEDICATION of JESUS - THE TEMPLE

Luke 3:21-22 Jesus was baptized, and while He was praying, the **Holy Spirit** descended **upon Him** in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and **we saw HIS Glory, Glory** as of the only begotten from the Father, full of **Grace** and **Truth**.

2. His Disciples became the Temple of The LORD

Acts 1:8 you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** has come **upon** you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

Acts 2:2-4 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared tongues as of **fire** that rested **on** each one of them. And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

- Like we read at the Dedication of Solomon's Temple

3. And NOW WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD

2 Corinthians 6:16-17 For **WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD**; just as God said, "**I will dwell in them and walk among them**; and I will be their GOD, and they shall be MY PEOPLE. Therefore, come out from their midst and **be separate**, says the lord, and do not touch what is unclean . . .

Our water Baptism and the Holy Spirit coming upon us - as it was with JESUS and His Disciples, and Solomon's Temple is . . .

OUR DEDICATION of THE LORD's TEMPLE.

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God**, which is your spiritual service of worship.

This is what YOU were Created For

You Are The Temple of the LORD

Our DEDICATION is as it was with the First Temple

1 Chronicles 29:1-2 . . . **THE TEMPLE IS NOT FOR MAN, BUT FOR THE LORD GOD**. Now with **all my ability I have provided for the house of my God The people offered willingly with a whole heart**

This is our Responsibility ! To Prepare and Dedicate our body as The Temple of The LORD.

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said: "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place. For now **I have chosen** and **consecrated** this house that **My Name may be there forever**, and **My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.**"

It is as Isaiah said: 43:6-7

Bring **My sons** from afar and **My daughters** from the ends of the earth, **everyone who is called by My name**, and whom **I have CREATED for My GLORY**, whom **I have formed**, whom **I have made**.

**YOU were created to be a Temple of the LORD.
To contain the GLORY OF GOD.**

Created IN HIS IMAGE, we were to be a visible Representation & Manifestation of HIS GLORY on this earth.

Our Purpose, our Reason for being here is to bring Glory and Honor to our FATHER and our Savior JESUS CHRIST.

Isaiah 43:7 **whom I have formed**, **whom I have made**

Your birth - your being here - is no accident

Isaiah 44:24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who **formed you from the womb . . .**

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb **I knew you**, and before you were born **I consecrated you**; I have **appointed you** a prophet to the nations.

What HE said to Jeremiah is true for YOU also up to "**a prophet**" As HE has **appointed** a Purpose & ministry gifting for YOU, maybe a prophet, an evangelist, teacher, servant, or other gifting. See Romans 12:6-8

Ephesians 1:4-6 just as He **chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be **holy and blameless** before Him. In love He **predestined** us to adoption as **sons** through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

YOU were created for the GLORY OF GOD.

“It is a matter of the Glory of God!”

It began with Adam & Eve. However there was a MAJOR PROBLEM:

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man **sin** entered the world, and **death** through sin, and so death spread to all men, because **all sinned**. (3:23) for all have sinned and **fall short of the GLORY of God**

However, the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY has an answer

Romans 9:23 To make known **the riches of HIS GLORY** upon vessels of **mercy**, which **He PREPARED BEFOREHAND for GLORY**

Ephesians 1:11 . . . having been **predestined** according to **HIS PURPOSE who WORKS ALL THINGS after the counsel of HIS will**, 12 to the end that . . . **WE SHOULD BE TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY**

And to accomplish that, to accomplish “His Purpose”

Our Father sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

1 John 4:14

He made **Him who knew no sin to be sin for you and me**, so that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him**.

2 Cor. 5:21

And once HIS LOVE, and all that HE has done and accomplished for us, sinks down deep into our heart . . .

. . . we are COMPELLED to . . .

LIVE A LIFE that GLORIFIES THE LORD.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For **CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US**, (does it?) because we know that ONE died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, (why?) **that those who live should no longer live for themselves but FOR HIM** who died for us and was raised again.

Therefore: 1 Corinthians 10:31 **Whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God.**

The GLORY of our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WAS SEEN and people were ATTRACTED to HIM and followed HIM as they should you and me also.

John 1:14 And **The Word** became flesh, and **lived among us**, and **we beheld HIS GLORY**, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, **full of Grace and Truth**.

The Same **Must** be Said About Us !

The Word MUST become flesh as we "live among people" so they may **see HIS Glory** as we live a life **full of Grace and Truth**.

So, how does "**The Word become flesh**" in us ?

Colossians 1:27 God willed to **make known the riches of the Glory** of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of Glory**.

- **Christ in you:** “The **WORD**” is **in us**, in the person of the HOLY SPIRIT . . . when we are BORN AGAIN.
- **The hope of glory - elpis** to anticipate with complete confidence, to knowingly look forward to. Because:

Romans 8: 30 **these whom He predestined** (AAI) **He also called** (AAI) **and these whom He called, He also justified** (AAI) **and these whom He justified, He also glorified** (AAI)

AORIST Tense: an action that took place and was completed at a point in the past.

ACTIVE Voice: Subject performs the Action – The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

INDICATIVE Mood: Action or State Represented as Certain or Realized, a Fact.

- In the ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE - WE ARE GLORIFIED - IT IS DONE, ACCOMPLISHED.
- But from the EARTHLY PERSPECTIVE we are **being transformed** from **Glory to Glory**.

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror **the Glory of the LORD**, are **BEING TRANSFORMED** into the **SAME IMAGE** from **GLORY to GLORY**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

- **beholding as in a mirror the Glory of the LORD**

The Mirror is: His Phenomenal and Awesome Creation of the galaxies and this earth and all that is in them and Especially **People**, made in His image.

A Poem by: Elizabeth Barrett Browning

*The whole earth is filled with His glory.
And every bush ablaze with God.
But only he who has eyes to see takes off his shoes.
The rest sit around and eat blackberries.*

And the clearest mirror is:

THE WORD OF GOD – the written Word (logos) and HIS spoken Word (rhema) which comes through Prayer, communion & Intimacy with HIM.

The more we give ourselves to (1) study & meditation of the Word and (2) PRAYER, COMMUNION & INTIMACY with HIM the more we **are being transformed** into the **same image** from **Glory to Glory**

- It is an ever **on-going, continuous process**, “**being transformed**”
- And this transformation is called: **Sanctification**.
- It is the Greek word “hagiazō” – to make holy, purify, or consecrate

It has two dimensions:

1. We **HAVE BEEN** and we **ARE SANCTIFIED** by the BLOOD of JESUS. Just as we “**have been glorified**” (Romans 8:30)

A Finished, Completed work. The Eternal Perspective

Acts 26:18 . . . those who **have been sanctified** by faith in Me

1 Corinthians 1:2 who **have been sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **saints** by calling

1 Corinthians 6:11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but **YOU WERE SANCTIFIED**, but you **were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ when they were born again

2. We are **also BEING Sanctified** by the Life of Christ in us.
An Ongoing, Progressive Work.

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It is the **GLORY** of **CHRIST IN YOU** which we are to live out. And if CHRIST IS IN US – WE **CAN** LIVE A HOLY, SANCTIFIED LIFE, **if** we want to - **if** it is the desire of our heart, our priority, our passion.

Philippians 4: 13 **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me**

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering He **has perfected for all time** those who are **being sanctified**. or: those who are **being made holy**.

- **perfected for all time** by the Blood of JESUS – a **Finished work**. And, **being sanctified** the **ongoing progress**.

1 Peter 1:14-15 As **obedient** children, **do not be conformed** to the former lusts you had when you lived in ignorance, but **like the Holy One** who called you, **be holy** (hagioi) yourselves **in all you do**.

- As **obedient** children – We are either Obedient or Disobedient children. Disobedient children are disciplined by their Father.
- **do not be conformed to the former lusts** – **This is the issue. The battle: Remaining conformed . . . or Being Transformed.**

The motivation for Transformation is our LOVE for JESUS Christ. It is a matter of who, or what, you LOVE MOST.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves** from all filthiness (defilement) of the flesh and spirit, **PERFECTING HOLINESS** in the **fear of God**.

- BECAUSE:

Hebrews 12:10-11 **He disciplines us for our own good, so that we may share His Holiness.**

2 Timothy 2:21 Therefore, if anyone **CLEANSSES HIMSELF** from these he will be a vessel for HONOR, **SANCTIFIED**, USEFUL to the Master, PREPARED for every good work.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 For **this is the will of God**, your **sanctification**; that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in **sanctification** and **honor**, not in lustful passion, like those who do not know God

1 John 3:2-3 Beloved, **we are children of God**, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, **we will be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is. And **everyone** who has this **hope** in him **purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

Romans 6:19 For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness . . . so now **present** your members as **slaves to righteousness**, resulting in **sanctification** (cp. Luke 6:46)

1 Thessalonians 2:12 **so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the LORD who calls you into His own Kingdom and Glory.**

2 Thessalonians 2:14 It was **for this** He called you through our gospel, **that you may gain the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Peter 2:12 Keep your behavior **excellent** so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may, because of your **good deeds** as they observe them, **glorify God** in the day of visitation. So that . . .

Ephesians 5:27 that He might **present to Himself the church in all her glory**, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be **holy and blameless**.

Our Goal is – to be a faithful bride for our Lord JESUS.

God willed to **make known** what is the **riches of the glory** of this mystery among the nations, which is **Christ in you**, the **hope of glory**. Colossians 1:27

It is the **GLORY** of **CHRIST IN YOU** which we are to live out and to live for.

And if CHRIST IS IN US – WE CAN LIVE A HOLY, SANCTIFIED LIFE, bringing GLORY & HONOR to our LORD JESUS CHRIST and GOD our FATHER.

“It is a matter of the Glory of God!”

Just as **He chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, **that we would be holy and blameless** before Him. Ephesians 1:4

We were created for this We were created for HIS GLORY
to the end that we . . . **SHOULD BE TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY** Ephesians 1:12

We Glorify and Honor the LORD by **“following in His steps”**
1Peter 2:21

At the end of His ministry, JESUS said to His Father:

I glorified You on the earth, having **accomplished the work** which You gave Me to do John 17:4

We need to be able, and should be able - to say the same.

We GLORIFY our FATHER and LORD JESUS CHRIST by doing the WORK HE has given us to do.

John 17:18 **As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.** ²² **The Glory** which You have given Me **I have given to them**

- People see this GLORY with **Christ in us.**
- And being transformed into HIS likeness we see people differently – we see the VALUE of people.
- We have a COMPASSION and LOVE for them which motivates us into the same action JESUS had for people.

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues and **proclaiming the gospel** of the kingdom, and **HEALING every kind of disease** and every kind of **sickness. SEEING THE PEOPLE,** He felt **COMPASSION for them,** because they were helpless and wandering like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:35-38

This is the way we MUST see People

The very next verse says:

Matthew 10:1 **Jesus** summoned His twelve disciples and gave them **authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and **to heal** every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Looking at the LIFE OF JESUS we see the work HE has for us. John 2:11 This **beginning of miracles** Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and (1) manifested **His Glory,** and (2) His disciples **believed in Him.**

We are to live a supernatural life of signs, wonders and miracles, manifesting HIS GLORY that others may totally give themselves to HIM also.

John 11:4 This sickness is not to end in death, but for the **Glory of God**, so that the **Son of God may be Glorified by it**

John 11:40 if you believe, you will see **the Glory of God**

Matthew 5:16 **Let your light** (the Glory of Christ in you) **shine** before men in such a way that they may **see** your good works, and **Glorify your Father** who is in heaven.

John 15:8 My Father is **Glorified by this**, that you **bear much fruit**, and **prove** to be My disciples.

2 Corinthians 9:13 Because of the **proof given by this ministry**, they **WILL GLORIFY GOD** for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ

“It is a matter of the **Glory of God**”

Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor 10:31

YOU were created for this.
You were created for the GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

. . . **your body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own** for **you have been bought with a price: therefore GLORIFY GOD in your body.**

“It is a matter of the **Glory of God**”

Psalm 72:18-19

Blessed be the LORD God, who alone works wonders And Blessed be His Glorious Name forever; and **may the whole earth be filled with His Glory.**

Amen, and Amen.