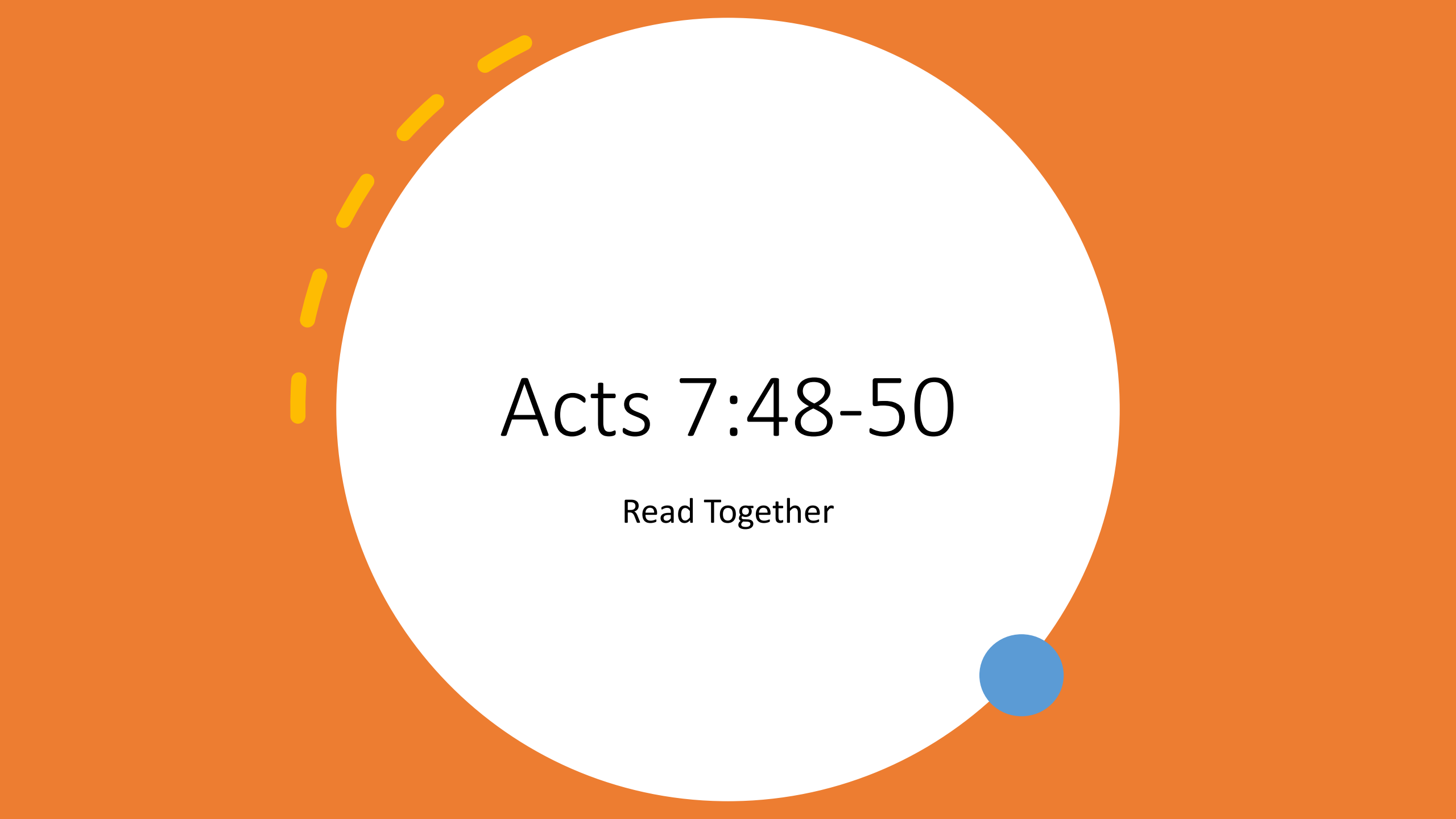


The Word Made Flesh

God's Dwelling in
Creation



Question: Where does God dwell?



Acts 7:48-50

Read Together



Answer: Not in temples made by hands!

(See Also Hebrews 8)



Isaiah 66:1-2

Read Together

Isa 57:15
[NKJV]

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name [is] Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy [place], ***With him [who] has a contrite and humble spirit***, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.



Let's look at three words for "dwell" that can help explain *how* God dwells with us

“dwell”
G4637
σκηνώω
(skēnoō)

"to fix one's tabernacle, have one's tabernacle, abide (or live) in a tabernacle (or tent)" - Outline of Biblical Usage

"to tent or encamp" - Strong's Definitions

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“dwell”
G4637
σκηνώω
(skēnoō)

God “dwells” in human form:

[Jhn 1:14 NKJV] And the Word became flesh and **dwelt** among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

[Rev 21:3 NKJV] ... "Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and He will **dwell** with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them [and be] their God.

“dwell”
G2730
κατοικέω
(katoikeō)

"to house permanently, i.e. reside (literally or figuratively)" - Strong's Definitions

Notice root “oikeo” (related to word for house)

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“dwell”
G2730
κατοικέω
(katoikeō)

A body “dwelling” for the fullness of God:

[Col 1:19 NKJV] For it pleased [the Father that] in Him all the fullness should **dwell**

[Col 2:9 NKJV] For in Him **dwells** all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

“dwell”
G2732
κατοικητήριον
(katoikētērion)

A temple “dwelling” for the fullness of God:

[Eph 2:20-22 NKJV] ... Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner[stone], in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a **dwelling** place of God in the Spirit.

“dwell”
G2730
κατοικέω
(katoikeō)

A heart “dwelling” of Christ through faith:

[Eph 3:17 NKJV] that Christ may **dwell** in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what [is] the width and length and depth and height--to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

“dwell in”
G1774
ἐνοικέω
(enoikeō)

"metaph. to dwell in one and influence him (for good)" - Outline of Biblical Usage

"to inhabit (figuratively):—dwell in." - Strong's Definitions

Notice root “oikeo” (related to word for house)

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“dwell in”
G1774
ἐνοικέω
(enoikeō)

Word of Christ “in dwelling” us and being worked out:

[Col 3:16 NKJV] Let the word of Christ **dwell in** you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



[Col 3:16 NKJV] Let the **word** of Christ **dwel in** you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another...

[Eph 5:18-19 NKJV] And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be **filled with the Spirit, speaking** to one another ...

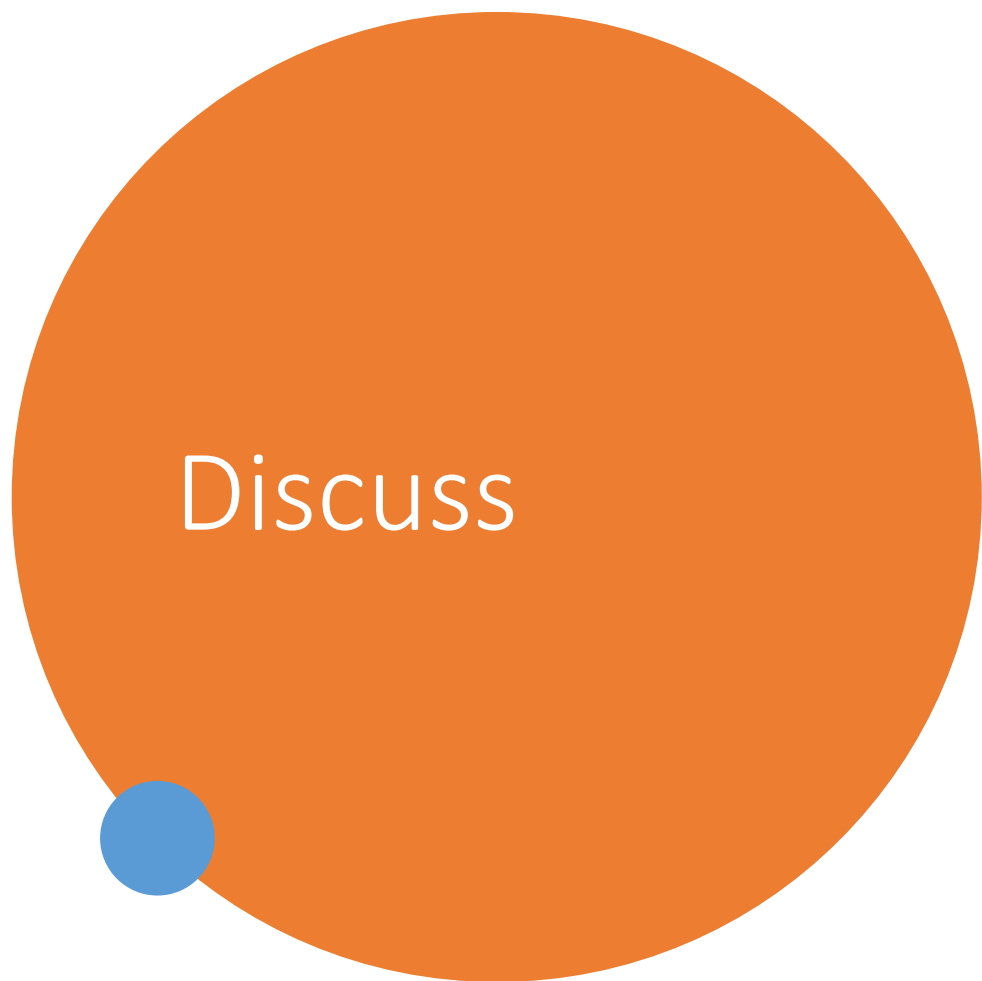
Recap

Where does God dwell?

- “Not in temples made with hands” but with those that have “a contrite and humble spirit”

How does God dwell with us?

- Tabernacle: Creature form as Christ
- Temple-body: The Body of Christ
- “In-dwelling” influence of the Word & Spirit



Thoughts? Questions?

