THE TEMPLE OF GOD

1Cor. 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

FOUNDATION.

Man was Created for fellowship with God.

SIN caused man to be separated from the presence of God , because God is a Holy God and He can NOT fellowship with sin

There had to be a sacrifice made and God gave his Son Jesus Christ that the fellowship could be restored

Now its up to us if we want to except that sacrifice , and live our lives for him , free from sin that we can have that fellowship with God, when Jesus Christ died for our sins the veil was rent in two, because the temple of God became you and I

Temple of God ( a place for God to dwell)

There must be room for God , if the temple is full of other things there will be no room for God

1. OUR BODIES ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD

BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A TEMPLE FOR GOD DOESN’T MEAN THAT GODS PRESENCE AND SPIRIT IS DWELLING THERE

1Co 3:16 ¶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1Co 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; **as God hath said**, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people

WE MUST BE CAREFUL HOW WE HANDLE THE PRESENCE AND SPRIT OF GOD

THE EMEMY WILL CAUSE US TO BE CARELESS AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD WILL BE REMOVED FROM OUR LIVES ,

WHEN WE ALOW SIN IN OUR LIVES GOD ‘S SPRIT WILL LEAVE US

2. We are responsible for the condition of our temple,

a. it must meet Gods Standards

JUST BE CAUSE WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD DOESN’T MEAN HE IS PRESENT

HE WILL ONLY BE PRESENT IF THE TEMPLE IS CLEANSED AND IN ORDER ‘

Our temple cannot be defiled , and God be present

THE ARK OF GOD (Symbolizes the ruling presence of God )

1Sa 4:6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

OUR ENEMY THE DEVIL UNDERSTANDS WHEN THE PRESENSE OF THE LORD COMES INTO OUR LIVES , AND HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO TAKE THAT AWAY FROM US AS SOON AS HE CAN

CARELESSNESS WITH THE ARK OF GOD CAUSED THE CHILDREN OF GOD TO LOSE THE ARK OF GOD

THE ENEMY DEFEATED THE CHILDREN OF GOD AND STOLE THE ARK OF GOD

1Sa 4:14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

16 And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

19 ¶ And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

THE PRIEST COULD SYMBOLIZE THE MINISTERS , THE WOMAN THE CHURCH , HAS PRODUCED ICABODS, OFFSPRING THAT THE ,GLORY OF GOD HAS DEPARTED FROM

THE GLORY OF GOD HAS DEPARTED FROM CARELESS CHRISTIANS

b. THE CONDITION OF CHRISTIANS THAT THE GLORY OF GOD HAS DEPARTED FROM

Php 2:21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

2Tim. 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

3. WE ARE NOT OUR OWN WE HAVE BEEN BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

WE CAN NOT SEEK TO PLEASE OUR OWN SELVES , THE CHURCHES TO DAY ARE FULL OF SELF SEEKER’S GOING TO CHURCH DECEVING THEMSELVES , THEY ARE NOT SEEKING GOD THEY ARE JUST TRYING TO EASE THEIR CONSCIENCE

IF WE ARE SEEKING GOD WE WILL DO IT ALWAYS AND NOT JUST WHEN WE ARE AT CHURCH

WE GO ALL WEEK DOING THINGS FOR OURSELF AND OUR FAMILY AND THEN EXPECT GOD TO MEET US AT CHURCH

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

2Ti 3:1 ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

You may say preacher you cant say that . If its not true show me the POWER

THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS ALWAYS AVAILIBLE FOR US TO RECEIVE AGAIN BUT WE MUST BE IN THE RIGHT CONDITION TO RECEIVE IT

1Sa 7:1 ¶ And the men of Kirjathjearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 ¶ And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

IF YOU REPENT AND PUT AWAY THOSE SINS AND THINGS THAT HAVE REPLACED THE PRESENCE OF GOD ( THE ARK OF GOD ) YOU WILL BE RESTORED AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY

1Sa 7:4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

**as God hath said**, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people

If we repent and get the presence of God back in our lives , GOD WILL BE EVERY THING WE NEED , WE DON’T NEED THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD TO SATISFY OUR LIVE’S GODS PRESENCE IS ENOUGH

 Coverings and Curtains

The coverings are the first to be made.

The curtains become coverings for the instruments in journey.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Believe that **He is**, so that you diligently seek him.

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Moses as a man disqualified Himself through disobedience

Double—Full portion anointing

Double—Full portion of Fellowship of sufferings

50 Anointed Ministry

100—fold Ministry

Anointed for what? For service

We must look from the outside to the Inside in relationship to the ministry today.

B. The framing system for the tabernacle.

1. (15-25) Boards for the sides of the tent.

"And for the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing upright. Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the width of each board. Two tenons *shall be* in each board for binding one to another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side. You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons. And for the second side of the tabernacle, the north side, *there shall be* twenty boards and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards. For the far side of the tabernacle, westward, you shall make six boards. And you shall also make two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle. They shall be coupled together at the bottom and they shall be coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus it shall be for both of them. They shall be for the two corners. So there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver; sixteen sockets; two sockets under each board.

a. **For the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood**: Each board was made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold. Each board was 15 feet (5 meters) high and 2 feet 3 inches (about .75 meter) wide.

b. **Twenty boards for the south side**: The north and south sides of the tabernacle had 20 boards each. The back (**westward**) side was six boards wide with two corner boards, for a total of eight boards across the back.

c. **Coupled together at the top by one ring**: Each board was joined together by a system of **tenons** (tabs) with **rings**, through which ran bars. Each board had four rings through which the bars ran, and the corner boards had eight rings, four on two sides to accommodate the corners.

d. **So there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver; sixteen sockets**: Each board rested on two sockets of silver, each socket made with one talent of silver. Therefore each board rested on a base of 264 pounds (120 kilos) of silver.

i. Silver is the metal associated with redemption and payment for sin (Exodus 21:32, Leviticus 5:15, 27:3, 27:6, Numbers 18:16, and Deuteronomy 22:19). Jesus was betrayed for silver (Matthew 26:15). The tabernacle's foundation was silver - pointing to the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

ii. Perhaps the dual nature of the foundation had to do with the two sources of revelation - the Old and New Testaments.

iii. The silver of redemption also separated the tabernacle from the dirt of the desert floor. Jesus' redeeming work separates us from the world.

2. (26-30) Bars to join together the boards.

"And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle, five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward. The middle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end. You shall overlay the boards with gold, make their rings of gold *as* holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold. And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.

a. **And you shall make bars of acacia wood**: Each bar was made of acacia wood and overlaid in gold. Seemingly, the bars ran the entire length of each side, linking together each board into one system.

b. **The middle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end**: Four bars ran horizontally on each side, linking each board. One bar - **the middle bar** - was invisible, running in the middle of each board.

i. This speaks to both the visible and the invisible unity among God's people. The system of linking bars was both visible and invisible.

c. **According to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain**: The repetition of this phrase (Exodus 25:9, 25:40 and here in 26:30) suggests that Moses received a vision of exactly how the tabernacle should look. He had to communicate this vision to the craftsmen who did the actual building.

i. God works the same way in leaders today. He gives them a vision of what His work should be, and the leader passes it on to others who will do much of the actual work. Moses couldn't have remained silent about what God had shown him, or the work would never have gotten done.

C. Two barriers: the veil and the screen.

1. (31-33) The veil.

"You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim. You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia *wood* overlaid with gold. Their hooks *shall be* gold, upon four sockets of silver. And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy *place* and the Most Holy.

a. **You shall make a veil**: The veil, made of **fine linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarn, with artistic design of cherubim**, hung on four pillars made of acacia wood overlaid with gold, set on silver sockets.

i. The ancient Jews said the later veil of the temple was as wide as four fingers, so that no one could possible see into the Most Holy place.

b. **With an artistic design of cherubim**: From this, we know that the interior of the tabernacle was filled with gold and the pattern of cherubim.

c. **The veil shall** **be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy**: The veil separated the tent into two compartments. The first compartment was **the holy place**, which was the larger room, first entered, with the table of showbread, the lampstand, and the altar of incense. The second compartment was **the Most Holy** place, a smaller room with the Ark of the Covenant.

i. This veil was a barrier, and no priest could go beyond the veil into the Most Holy place except the high priest. He could only enter once a year, and that on the Day of Atonement.

ii. Spiritually speaking, in dying for our sins Jesus *with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption* (Hebrews 9:12).

iii. In the temple, this veil was torn from top to bottom at the death of Jesus (Matthew 27:51), showing that through His death, there is no longer a barrier to the Most Holy place.

iv. Now the Most Holy Place is open to us: *brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is His flesh* (Hebrews 10:19-20). The torn veil of Matthew 27:51 also symbolizes the broken body of Jesus, through which we have access to the Most Holy Place.

v. Centuries later, the ancient general Pompey pushed aside the priests and walked right into the Most Holy place of the temple - and was astounded to see there was no idol or statue.

2. (34-35) The arrangement of furniture in the two rooms of the tabernacle.

"You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy. You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand across from the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

a. **Put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy**: The Ark of the Covenant (here called **the ark of the Testimony**) was behind the veil in the **Most Holy** place.

b. **Set the table outside the veil**: The **table** of showbread was on the **north side** of the tabernacle (on the right as one entered the tabernacle) and the **lampstand** was **toward the south** (on the left as one entered the tabernacle).

i. The furniture in the holy place spoke of three great obligations of walking with God: pray (the altar of incense), fellowship (the table of showbread), and receive illumination (the lampstand).

3. (36-37) The screen for a door.

"You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, *woven of* blue, purple, and scarlet *thread,* and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia *wood,* and overlay them with gold; their hooks *shall be of* gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

a. **Make a screen for the door of the tabernacle**: The same color scheme - **blue and purple and scarlet yarn, and fine linen thread** was used to make a covering for the east entrance of the tabernacle. This was the only way to enter the structure.

b. **Five pillars of acacia wood**: The screen hung from hooks on five pillars. Each pillar was made of acacia wood overlaid with gold and set on a foundation of bronze.

i. Since bronze (or brass) must be made with a refining fire, it pictures purity and endurance through trial. The entrance to the tabernacle hung on a symbolic foundation of what Jesus did for us

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