

Salvation Part 16

Five Parts of the Temple of God

Overview:

We are the temple of God. The design of the Tabernacle of Moses and the Temple in Jerusalem are based on us, on our five parts. We are the apple of God's eye (Zech 2:8); we are His beloved (Ps 127:2). His love is reflected in the details and design of His designated places of worship.

Foundation: In Ex 25:8, God tells Moses to make a sanctuary that He may dwell among His people. This became known as the Tabernacle of Moses. In 1 Chron 28, God gave to David specific detailed plans for the building of the Temple in Jerusalem, which was eventually built by Solomon and became known worldwide for its wealth and beauty.

A. The Glory of the Temple.

1. 2 Sa 6:2 And David arose, and went with all the people that [were] with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth [between] the cherubims.
2 Sa 6:6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth [his hand] to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook [it].
2 Sa 6:7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for [his] error; and there he died by the ark of God.
2. 2 Ch 5:14 (*at the dedication of the temple*) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.
3. Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

B. The Five Parts of the Temple.

1. The five parts of the temple are:
The Holy of Holies with the Ark of the Covenant where God dwells. It may be entered only by the High Priest once per year on the Day of Atonement.
The curtain or vail separating the Holy of Holies from the Holy place.
The Holy Place is accessible only by the priests for ministry purposes.
The Porch or entrance separates the Holy Place from the Covenant area.
The Covenant area in which resides the Sacrificial Altar.
2. To the above five parts of the temple should be added the world around it (i.e., the gentile court) and the entry way to that world (the court).
3. With proper sacrifice and anointing, the glory flows from the innermost part (Holy of Holies) out into the entire temple, eventually even to the courtyard.

C. You are the Latter Temple of God.

1. 1 Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
2. 1 Co 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?
3. 1 Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
4. Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

D. Summary.

<u>FORMER TEMPLE</u>	<u>LATTER TEMPLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Gentile Area	Works	The World
Entry into Temple	Words - Control world	Interacting with the world
1. Covenant Area	Body	Belonging to God
2. Entry into Priestly Area	Mind - Controls body	Separating the public
3. Holy Place	Soul	Consecrated to God
4. Entry into Holy of Holies	Heart - Controls glory	Veil, separating God
5. Holy of Holies	Spirit	Where God dwells