

Church Series: The Church		
Welcome		
It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.		
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God's Resolution to Conflict

When we reflect upon the condition of the nation, we cannot help but see the results of sin. The moral fiber of the nation is crumbling, evil is called good, and good is called evil, as it was in the days of Isaiah, saying, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20), and as it was in the days of Ezra, who petitioned Jehovah, saving, "O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers we have been exceeding guilty unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to confusion of face, as it is this day" (Ezra 9:6-7).

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As we look at our nation, we cannot help but reflect upon the words of Solomon, who said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; But sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). The question is, "How can it be resolved, unless the nation turns at Jehovah's reproof?"

As problem and cause is viewed, attention must be given to Jehovah's balm to heal: the 119th Psalm reveals the answer to the problem: "Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, Who walk in the law of Jehovah. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, that seek him with the whole heart. Yea, they do no unrighteousness; they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us thy precepts, that we should observe them diligently. Oh that my ways were established to observe thy statutes! Then shall I not be put to shame, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart, when I learn thy righteous judgments" (Psalms 119:1-7).

From the Psalmist, we learn that adherence to the law of Jehovah prevents unrighteousness in life. (1) Those who seek Jehovah with the whole heart "do no unrighteousness." (2) The law of Jehovah provides protection: our ways will be established when we observe Jehovah's statutes. (3) We will "not be put to shame," when we have respect unto Jehovah's commandments. (4) The law of Jehovah will produce an upright heart when we learn Jehovah's judgments."

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Solomon Says

Sacrifices of peace-offerings are with me; This day have I paid my vows. Proverbs 7:14

Church Series: The Temple of God

I. Significance of the Temple:

- A. Tabernacle of God:
 - 1. Exod. 25:8-9 Specific construction
 - 2. Lev. 26:11-12 Jehovah "will walk among you."
 - 3. Exod. 40:34-38 The children of Israel would move when the cloud moved.
- B. Place of Worship:
 - 1. Deut. 12:5-6 location of sacrifice
 - Various locations: Josh. 5:10; 18:1; 1 Chron. 16:39; 2 Sam. 6:17; 2 Sam. 7:6; 1 Kgs. 6:1-2, 11-13
- C. Place of Jehovah's choosing:
 - 1. Deut. 15:20; 16:2 God shall choose
 - 2. 1 Kgs. 14:21 Jerusalem
- D. Heb. 8:1-5 Physical tabernacle a symbol

II. The Church is a Temple:

- A. 1 Cor. 3:16 "ye are a temple of God"
- B. Eph. 2:19-22 "groweth into a holy temple"
- C. 1 Tim. 3:15 church of the living God
 - 4. 2 Thess. 3:3 "guard you from the evil"
 - 5. Phil. 4:7 "guard your hearts"

III. God Dwells in His Temple:

- A. Eph. 2:22 Habitation of God in the Spirit
- B. 2 Cor. 6:16-18 "for we are a temple of the living God"
- C. 1 Pet. 2:1-5, 9-10 "...built up a spiritual house"
- D. Heb. 3:6 "whose house are we, if we hold fast..."

IV. Responsibilities as a Temple of God: 1 Pet. 2:1-9; 2 Thess. 1:11-12

V. Are We a Temple of God?

- A. 1 Cor. 3:16 Paul refers to the church as "a temple of God."
- B. Does God abide in us? 1 Jn. 3:19-24; Col. 2:6-7; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 Pet. 1:15-17
- C. 1 Pet. 2:1-12 Do we fit the mold?