

College of the Scriptures

Greater Christ Temple APOSTOLIC CHURCH

2940 S. Anthony Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

“The Place of God’s Presence” ***Habitation vs. Visitation***

Part 1

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The Living Temple

1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- Just as Christ is a living stone became the chief cornerstone of God's Temple, so we, having been saved by Christ, have become living stones comprising a Living Temple of Almighty God!
- The temple is the place of God's permanent habitation
 - Habitation = A place of residence, a dwelling place.

Exodus 25:8-9

⁸ And let them make Me a **sanctuary**, that I may **dwell** among them. ⁹

According to all that I show you, *that is*, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make *it*.

- Sanctuary = (Heb. “miqdash”) A consecrated place, a holy place
- Dwell = (Heb. “shakan”) To lodge, to reside, to permanently stay.
- God desires that we would make for Him consecrated place so that He might reside (permanently stay) with us.
- God’s habitation must be built according to the pattern which He gave us, the Tabernacle (tent/dwelling place).

Exodus 29:45-46

⁴⁵ I will dwell among the children of **Israel** and will be their **God**. ⁴⁶ And they shall know that I *am* the **LORD** their God, who brought them up out of the land of **Egypt**, that I may dwell among them. I *am* the Lord their God.

- Israel = Popularly translated as “a ruler with God”, but further translated as “he who perseveres with God”. Israel is those who endure to the end with God, His **faithful** people.
- God = (Heb. “Elohim”) Powers, the plural of “Eloah” which means “Power”, by implication “Elohim”, being a plural word used as a singular noun, means “All Power”. Jehovah, our God, is the fountain of power, the very source of all ability, might, and authority!

- LORD = In the Bible “LORD” in all capital letters is the substitute for the covenant name of God, which is YHWH (Jehovah). This is the third person version of the name that God called Himself in Exodus 3:14 “EHYEH Asher EHYEH”, generally translated as “I AM that I AM”. He goes on to instruct Moses to tell the people that “EHYEH” (I Am) has sent him, but in verse 15 God provides the third-person version of His name, “YHWH” (He Is), which is how God identifies Himself, and how the people of God identify Him from then on throughout scripture.
- Egypt = (Heb. “Mitsrayim”) From “matsowr”, meaning a fence, a bulwark, a fortress, or a stronghold. By implication “bondage”.
- God is saying, in Exodus 29:45-46, that He will reside in the midst of those who persevere with God, and they shall know that He Is (present) as their fountain of strength (root of prosperity), the very same who brought them

up out of bondage for this very purpose, that He might reside (permanently stay) among them!

- We, likewise, were brought out of sin, that Jehovah might make his permanent habitation in us as His living temple!

Psalm 91:1

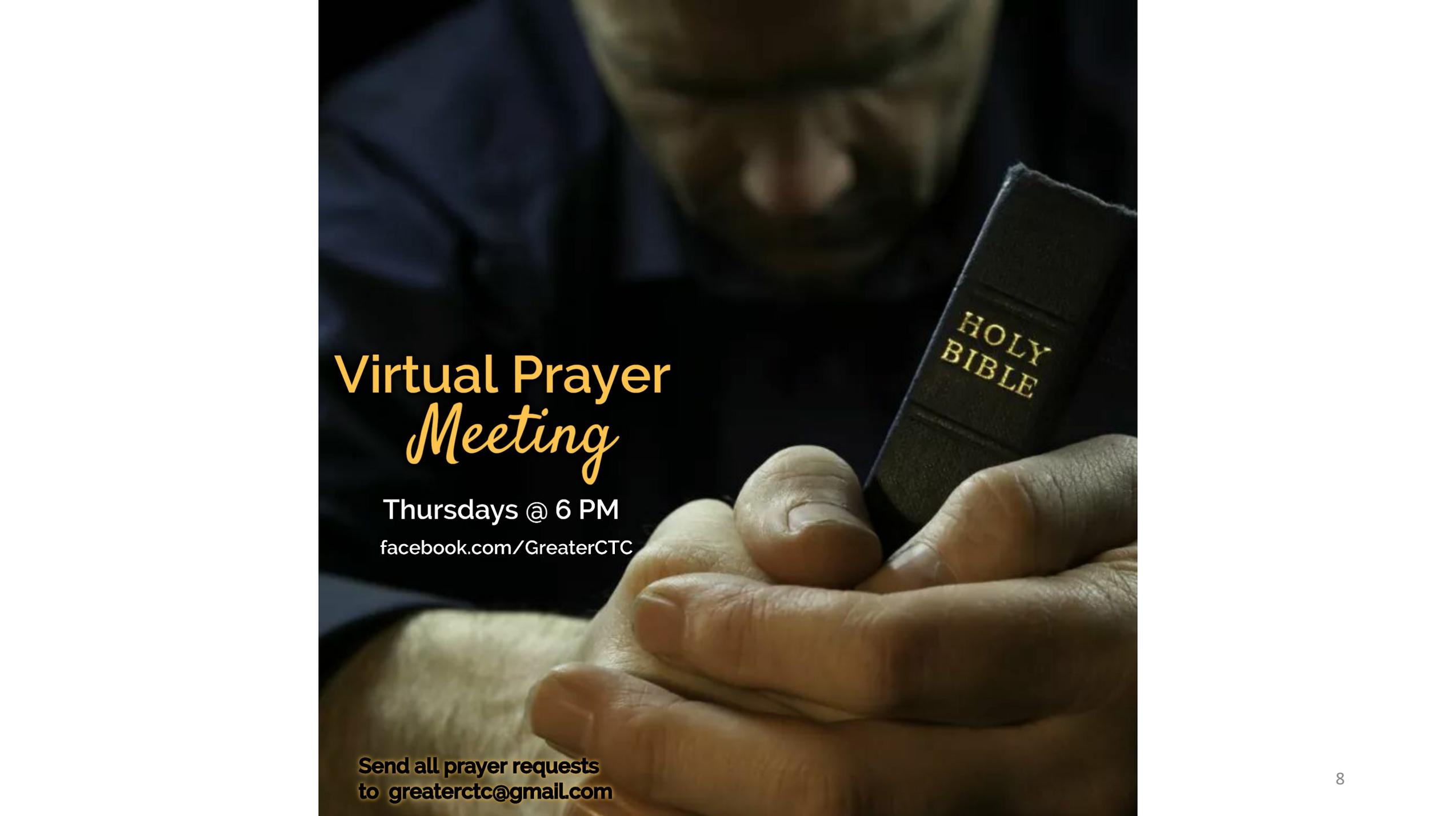
¹ He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

- Dwells = (Heb. “yashab”) to sit down, to settle in, to remain.
- Abide = (Heb. “luwn) to stay permanently, to “live” there.
- To dwell in God’s hidden place (in His presence by faith) is a choice and requires proactive initiative.

- The result of this dwelling, making yourself the habitation of God, the place of God's presence, is that you will experience all of God's promises in this age and in the age to come.

Exodus 15:13

13 You in Your mercy have led forth
The people whom You have redeemed;
You have guided *them* in Your strength
To Your holy habitation.

A close-up photograph of a person in a dark suit, looking down with their hands clasped in prayer. They are holding a dark blue Bible with the words "HOLY BIBLE" embossed on the cover. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the hands and the cover of the Bible.

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