

Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries

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Sermon: GOD AND THE TEMPLE

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Bible passages: 1 Corinthians 6 vs. 7-end

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Songs: Into my heart come into my heart Lord Jesus Come in Today come in to stay

Hymn: Take my life

In verse 19 of our Bible reading, we saw that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, meaning that this body is a vessel in which the Holy Spirit dwells. In today's message references shall be made to our physical lives and the church. Let us start by examining what we understand by the temple (a place where the Holy Spirit dwells)

- A temple is a sacred place where God dwells, it is a Holy ground where God meets and speak with his people (God appeared to Moses at Horeb in Exodus 3 vs. 1- 7 and asked him to remove his sandals for where He was standing was Holy)

Confirmation of God dwelling in a temple is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, this can be seen in Matthew 3 vs. 13- 17, the Holy came upon Jesus and started dwelling in him, also the Apostle in Acts 1 vs. 8 and in Acts 2 vs. 1- 13, we saw the Holy spirit coming and dwelling among the Apostles at Pentecost.

When God dwells in a temple it means

- You are no longer alone because greater shall be He that is in you than He that is in the world 1 John 4 vs. 4
- Your steps shall be ordered by God
- You will have power and full with authority, divine understanding and revelation
- You will be Christ like in nature start doing like your father John 5 vs. 19
- Forgiveness and love becomes easy 1 John 4 vs. 8
- You will have faith
- Praising God always in all situations
- The temple will be on fire and it will spread across: a body that is the of God is like a dry wood that is burning with fire when another dry wood comes in contact it catches the fire easily, when the numbers of the burning wood is more than wet woods they quickly dry up the wood and make it to catch fire (real Christians vs. unbelievers) that is why the apostolic revival took place at Pentecost and 4000 and 5000 people added to the preaching of our lord Jesus Christ

How to know if God is not in the temple

- Praying without reference to God, or mere shouting

- 2 Timothy 3 vs. 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power
- Disobedience to the word and to the things of God
- Worldliness, lust of the flesh prevailing, arguing blindly about the things of God
- Loss of passion for the things of God
- Doing things in own ways
- Satan takes over the life, sins becomes acceptable

How to keep God out of the temple

- Disobedience / rebellion king Saul 1 Samuel 15 vs. 22-23, 1 Samuel 16 vs. 14 (the spirit of God departed from Saul)
- Idolatry and violence Ezekiel 8 vs.16-17
- Worldliness

How to keep God in the temple

You must constantly be seeking the face of the Lord

Keeping the temple clean by not associating with the world 2 Corinthians 6 vs. 14-18 and 2 Corinthians 7 vs. 1

In Matthew 10 vs. 32, if you don't have God in your temple, it means you have disowned Jesus before men and He would disown you before the heavenly father (maybe you are asking yourself does that mean if God is not in the temple, does that mean the life would die now, no, it simply means that all divine supplies would be cut off and the life would be exposed to Satan and as far as heaven is concerned that life is cut off from the book of life and the end is hell fire. The mark of the end time is 666 (Revelation 13 vs. 18) while the mark of eternal life (John 14 vs. 6) is Jesus in the temple. Chose today whom you will allow to occupy your temple.

PRAYERS

- Oh Lord my father make my body your dwelling place
- Oh Lord my father make this Church your dwelling place
- Oh Lord my father make my home your dwelling place