

# Wednesday Night Bible Study

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### Main Study

#### The Temple

One of the purposes of the Bible, from start to finish, is to show how God dwells with His people.

- Walked with Adam
- Walked with Enoch
- Walked with Abraham

Scripture has one chapter talking about the creation of the Universe. but MULTIPLE chapters talking about the construction of the Temple. God is a coming-down God who dwells with His people, and every page of Scripture tells us that.

Christianity is different from every other religion because we worship a God who comes to us--we don't have to ascend to Him.

Why did God set His people free? So that they could dwell with Him.

What does it mean that God is jealous for us? That He wants us to worship Him? Isn't that a little boastful?

- God, who created us, knows that the greatest thing for us in this world to be satisfied and fulfilled, to have *shalom*, is for us to worship Him. To know and be known by God.

When God told the Israelites to build a Tabernacle, they were building Him a *home*.

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- It was filled with elements that are in a home.
    - Altar: A barbecue pit
    - Laver: A sink for washing
    - Holy Place: A table prepared with food and a lampstand for light, with incense for pleasant aromas
    - Holy of Holies: Mercy seat on the Ark of the Covenant as a place to rest
  - God's dwelling place looked like the houses that His people lived in. He wants to be with them.
  - The Tabernacle was assembled in the midst of the tribes--God wanted to dwell in the *middle* of His people.

After the Tabernacle, God set up a more permanent dwelling place: the Temple. God resides everywhere, but this is where His people met Him. Where the kingdom of Heaven touched earth.

- Set up on Mt. Moriah, where Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac.
  - Saved by a Ram--a male lamb
- "For those who have seen the Temple, they have seen the most magnificent sight in the world."

1 Corinthians 6:

## **Rabbit Trails**

When Jewish people read scripture, it wasn't about just acquiring knowledge, it was about developing intimacy with the God who wrote it.

There are only three things that are eternal:

1. God
2. The Word of God
3. People's Souls

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