
The Presence

Victory Life Church — Pastor Jacob Sheriff

Part 6 - "Dwelling Place" – Sunday February 20, 2022

Acts 2:1-4 (ESV)

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- God wants to dwell with Humanity.

Genesis 1-2 — God dwells with Humans in a Garden-Temple

- Humans "made in the image of God": Representation and Rule

Genesis 3:8 (ESV)

*And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.*

Exodus 19:4-6 (ESV)

*'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me **a kingdom of priests** and a holy nation.'*

- The vocation of God's People: be a "kingdom of priests"

Exodus 19:16-18 (ESV)

*On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and **a thick cloud** on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it **in fire**. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and **the whole mountain trembled greatly**.*

Exodus 20:18-21 (ESV)

*Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but **do not let God speak to us**, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." **The people stood far off**, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.*

Exodus 25:8 (ESV)

*“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may **dwell** in their midst.”*

- God wants to dwell with His people.

Exodus 40:34, 38 (ESV)

*Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and **the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle**. ... For the **cloud** of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and **fire** was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.*

- God dwells with His people in the Tabernacle / Temple.

1 Kings 8:10-11 (ESV)

*And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, **a cloud** filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for **the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD**.*

2 Chronicles 7:1, 3 (ESV)

*As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, **fire** came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and **the glory of the LORD filled the temple**. ... When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”*

Ezekiel 10 — The glory of the LORD leaves the Temple

Ezekiel 33 — The Temple is destroyed

Ezekiel 40-43 — Visions of a New Temple

Joel 2:28-30 (ESV)

*“And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh**; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days **I will pour out my Spirit**. And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and **fire** and columns of **smoke**.”*

John 1:14 (ESV)

*And the Word became flesh and **dwelt** among us, and we have seen **his glory**, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- Jesus, the new Temple, is the personal presence of God with us.

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- The People of Jesus are the dwelling place of God, the New Temple.