

Revision: Rethinking Church VI

“Holy Temple”

KJV Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; ²¹ In whom all **the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:** ²² In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The church is His holy temple.

The temple is a place of worship.

- The temple is a place for **gathering** worshippers.

I

The temple is the place of **consecration**.

The temple is the place of the healing of God.

- His **presence** is in the temple.

The Lord is in His Holy temple let all the earth keep silent before Him.

KJV Habakkuk 2:20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

- His **power** is in the temple.

Psalms 63:1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; ² To see thy **power and thy glory**, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

We desire to see His Power and Glory.

- His **provision** is at the temple.

There is a **storehouse** principle.

KJV Malachi 3:10 Bring ye **all the tithes into the storehouse**, that there may be **meat in mine house**, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

II

The temple is the place of **transformation**.

The temple is made of individual living stones.

- The individual stones are shaped **uniquely**.
- The individual stones are built and framed together.

The temple grows into the habitation of God. *Vs 22*

The temple is not just for **inspiration**, it is for **transformation**.

The temple is not just for **stimulation**, it is for **impartation** and **impregnation**.

III

The temple is the place of **celebration**.

The temple is the place of **corporate** worship.

ESV Psalm 150:1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

- We worship in our song and with our voice.

Psalm 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence **with singing**.

- We worship with our life.

ESV Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, **which is your spiritual worship**.

- We worship when we do justice, love, mercy and walk humbly with our God.

KJV Micah 6:6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ **He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**