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Talking Points on the Temple

Placement of the Temple

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Now when David lived in his house,
David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold,
I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of
the covenant of the LORD is under a tent."

And Nathan said to David, "Do all that is
in your heart, for God is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came
to Nathan, 4"Go and tell my servant David,
Thus says the LORD: It is not you who will
build Me a house to dwell in."

—I Chronicles 17:1-4 ESV

<sup>21</sup>As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David and went out from the threshing floor and paid homage to David with his face to the ground. <sup>22</sup>And David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the LORD—give it to me at its full price—that the plague may be averted from the people." <sup>23</sup>Then Ornan said to David,

"Take it, and let my lord the king do what seems good to him. See, I give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for the wood and the wheat for a grain offering; I give it all."

24But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing." —I Chronicles 21:21-24 ESV

Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2He began to build in the second month of the fourth year of his reign.

2 Chronicles 3:1-2 ESV

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Participation of the People
I Chronicles 29:1-14

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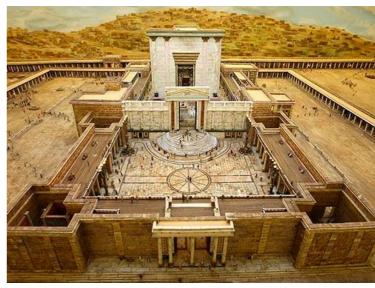
Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are You, O LORD, the God of Israel our Father, forever and ever. "I Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all. 12Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all.

In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name. <sup>14</sup>But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You."

—I Chronicles 29:10-14 ESV

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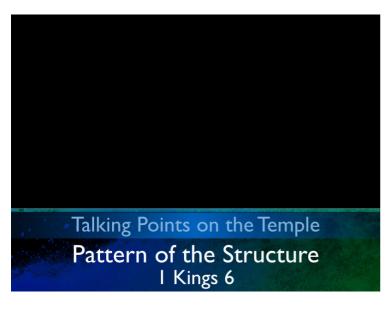


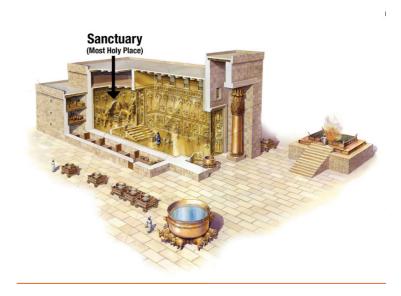
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"The importance of the temple of Solomon, which we have been led to regard as one of the wonders of the ancient world, consisted not in its size, but in the elaborate, costly and highly decorative character of its whole interior and furniture, and also in the number, extent, grandeur and substantial masonry of its surrounding courts, chambers, walls and towers.

Indeed, it is not too much to presume that these outer constructions, forming the massive ring in which the costly gem of the temple was set, cost as much as the sacred building itself, immense as was the quantity of gold bestowed upon it."—J. Sidlow Baxter

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Priesthood of the Temple
2 Chronicles 5

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Talking Points on the Temple
Purpose of the Temple

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But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built! —I Kings 8:27 ESV

"The Heavens are pure and elevated, but God is not satisfied with revealing His glory there—His interest lies in this lowly physical world. If our multifaceted world, teeming with life, is devoid of Divine presence, it is not worth existence at all. ...the Holy One desired to have an abode below... to engrave godliness and to stamp an aspect of holy purpose into this mundane world."

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Life Truth From the Temple

Awareness

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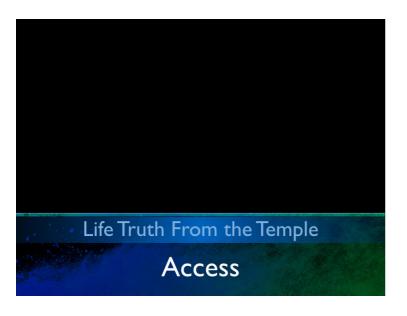
"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. —Hebrews 1:1-4 ESV

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<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham.

17Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. —Hebrews 2:14-18 ESV



Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. <sup>2</sup>For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup>Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place,

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<sup>4</sup>having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup>Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. —Hebrews 9:1-5 ESV

High Priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

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13For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

—Hebrews 9:11-14 ESV

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. —Matthew 27:51 ESV (Mark 15:38)

(Luke 23:45)

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God accepts you not because of you and what you do, but because of Christ and what He has done.

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## Christ's work is not a repeat.

5"Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said, 'Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but a body have You prepared for Me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no pleasure."

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God, as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book." ...

10And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

—Hebrews 10:5-7, 10, 12-14 ESV

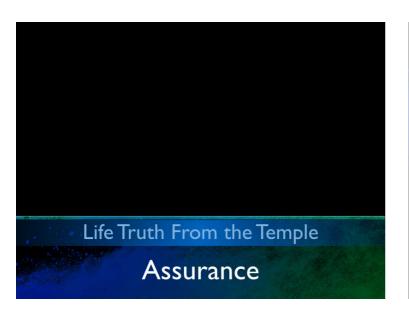
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19Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, 21 and since we have a great Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

<sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

—Hebrews 10:19-25 ESV

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Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price.
So glorify God in your body.
—I Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV

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