



Welcome to the Family

Ephesians

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# Temple

## Built as God's House

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. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. (2 Chronicles 7:1-2)

# Temple

Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool;  
what is the house that you would build for me,  
and what is the place of my rest?

All these things my hand has made,  
and so all these things came to be,  
declares the LORD.

(Isaiah 66:1)

# Temple

Built as a Symbol of God's Peace

David said to Solomon, "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth. Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.

(1 Chronicles 22:7-9)

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Built as a Holy Place

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

(Psalm 24:2-4)

# Temple

Built as a Holy Place

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

(Micah 6:8)

# Temple

Where God lives

Where God's peace (*shalom*) and rest is demonstrated

Where people can know God

Where people experience holiness in a life-giving way

Where people can learn God's plan

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