

Simple Church Series Part 12

Practicing His Presence Acts 7

You ever think of God as in heaven peering down thru the clouds at us & moving chess pieces around?

⁴⁶ David found favor with God and asked for the privilege of building a permanent Temple for the God of Jacob. ⁴⁷ But it was Solomon who actually built it. ⁴⁸ However, the Most High doesn't live in temples made by human hands. As the prophet says, ⁴⁹ 'Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Could you build Me a temple as good as that?' asks the Lord. 'Could you build Me such a resting place? ⁵⁰ Didn't My hands make both heaven and earth?' Act 7:46-50

Where has God lived? He has lived in several places & moves out because

HE will not live in a **DIRTY HOUSE!**

Four words to Keep in Mind >Designed >Desecrated >Desolated >Destroyed

1. God First House Primary house Man **Adam**

Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. Genesis 2:7

Designed Adam three rooms >**Body** (dust) >**Spirit** (breath and spirit same word) >**Soul** (person)

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. I Thessalonians 5:23

>**Body** outer man physical world five senses aware environment

>**Soul** inner man social world (Em Will Intellect) aware others

>**Spirit** innermost man spiritual world aware of God Heb. 4:12, Jn. 4:24, Rom. 8:16

God loves "3's" Trinity Man Space Time

Desecrated in **the day** that you eat of it you shall surely die. (Gen. 2:17)

Desolated hid themselves...where are you? (Gen. 3:8,9) Immediately Spiritually Progressively Soul Ultimately Body

When the Lord went out the life went out and when life went out the light went out! John 1:4 -Adrian Rogers

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:14

Destroyed Adam lived 930 years, and then he died. (Gen. 5:5)

2. God's Second House Pattern House **Tabernacle Temple** Still basically three rooms

Designed >Outer court (Body) >Inner room (Soul) >Innermost room (Spirit)

God told Moses and Solomon make it according to the pattern I give you (Ex 25:40 Heb 8:5)

Desecrated He [Jesus] said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" Matthew 21:13

Desolated And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate. Matthew 23:38
God moved out....Religion is man without God acting like God is still there!

Destroyed But He responded, "Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!" Matthew 24:2 70 AD Emperor Titus

3. God's Third House Perfect House **Man again! JESUS** 2nd & last Adam regained what 1st Adam lost +

"All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:19

Designed That is why, when Christ came into the world, He said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given Me a body to offer. Heb 10:5 Ps 40:6-8

This is the "why" of the Virgin Birth = sinless = perfect infinite sacrifice = us sons god

Desecrated Jesus?? YES *All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all.* Isaiah 53:6
 All sins Pa Pr Fu *He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross.* I Peter 2:24
Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, Romans 8:32

Desolated *Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?"* Matthew 27:46

Destroyed *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."* John 2:19

4. God's Fourth House and FINAL Permanent House **True Believers**

Designed *Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.* I Corinthians 6:19-20
And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate [Comforter], who will never leave you. John 14:16

Wait! I am not perfect I sin How can this be? I have failed like Adam? why will He not move out?
*"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;
 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord **shall not** impute sin."* Romans 4:7-8

So..... **No Desecration!!?? No Desolation!!?? **NOPE!!!!****

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

No Destruction?? *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.* John 10:28

Some WONDERFUL EXPLANATION

1. **Salvation** What is salvation? It is not getting man into heaven but getting God out of heaven into man!
2. **Spirituality** Everyday is a holy day and every place is holy place *worship Him in spirit*
3. **Security** *For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."* Hebrews 13:5
 I got something Adam didn't have **RIGHTEOUSNESS** *partakers of the diving nature*
4. **Service** is not doing something **for** God but letting God do something **THRU** you!
For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ.... Colossians 2:9-10
My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.. Galatians 2:20
God is not up there somewhere peering thru clouds, He lives in us!!!