

“The House of God”  
**1 Kings 8:54-61**

**I. The Temple was built for worship (vs. 54-56).**

- A. It was not built as a place for God to live.
- B. It represented a heavenly reality.
- C. It was consecrated to God.

(Exodus 30:22-38; Leviticus 10:1-3; Haggai 1:3-9; Matthew 6:10; Hebrews 10:23-25; 12:22-24; Revelation 4:1-11; 7:9-12; 8:3-5)

**II. The Temple was built with a view toward fellowship (vs. 57-59).**

- A. God’s house was built for prayer.
- B. God’s house is His people.

(Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 21:13; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:13-14; Hebrews 3:1-6)

**III. The purpose of God’s people is to bring Him glory through a life of worship (vs. 60-61).**

**Scripture References and Notes**

Haggai 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, <sup>4</sup> "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple *to lie* in ruins?" <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!" <sup>6</sup> "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages *to put* into a bag with holes." <sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!" <sup>8</sup> Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "You looked for much, but indeed *it came to* little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that *is in* ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.

Revelation 8:3-5

<sup>3</sup> For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary that this One also have something to offer. <sup>4</sup> For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; <sup>5</sup> who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See *that* you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

#### Revelation 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." <sup>2</sup> Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup> And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire *were* burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. <sup>6</sup> Before the throne *there was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. <sup>7</sup> The first living creature *was* like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature *was* like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> *The* four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" <sup>9</sup> Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: <sup>11</sup> "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

#### Revelation 7:9-12

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

#### Hebrews 12:22-24

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup> to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.

#### Matthew 6:10

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

#### Hebrews 10:23-25

<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 one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

#### Exodus 30:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Moreover, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> "Take also for yourself the finest of spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred and fifty, and of fragrant cane two hundred and fifty, <sup>24</sup> and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a

hin. <sup>25</sup> You shall make of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixture, the work of a perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil.<sup>26</sup> With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony, <sup>27</sup> and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, <sup>28</sup> and the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand. <sup>29</sup> You shall also consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy. <sup>30</sup> You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me. <sup>31</sup> You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. <sup>32</sup> It shall not be poured on anyone’s body, nor shall you make any like it in the same proportions; it is holy, and it shall be holy to you. <sup>33</sup> Whoever shall mix any like it or whoever puts any of it on a layman shall be cut off from his people.’”

Exodus 30:34-38

<sup>34</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Take for yourself spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, spices with pure frankincense; there shall be an equal part of each.<sup>35</sup> With it you shall make incense, a perfume, the work of a perfumer, salted, pure, and holy. <sup>36</sup> You shall beat some of it very fine, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I will meet with you; it shall be most holy to you. <sup>37</sup> The incense which you shall make, you shall not make in the same proportions for yourselves; it shall be holy to you for the LORD. <sup>38</sup> Whoever shall make any like it, to use as perfume, shall be cut off from his people.”

Leviticus 10:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. <sup>2</sup> So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD spoke, saying: ‘By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.’” So Aaron held his peace.

Matthew 21:13

And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”

Isaiah 56:7

Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *Will be* accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Ephesians 1:13-14

<sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

<sup>21</sup> Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, <sup>22</sup> who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 5:5

Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Hebrews 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. <sup>3</sup> For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. <sup>5</sup> And Moses indeed *was faithful* in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, <sup>6</sup> but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.