

GLORY OF THE TEMPLE: THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Psalm 30 / December 21, 2019

God's Plans to Build His Dwelling Place

1. **Creation/ Adam and Eve:**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2)

2. **Ark/ Noah:**

Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. 16 Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him. (Genesis 6:14-22)

3. **Tabernacle/ Moses:**

And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (Exodus 25:8-9)

4. **Temple/David:**

TEMPLE: Then David gave Solomon his son the plan of the vestibule of the temple, and of its houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms, and its inner chambers, and of the room for the mercy seat;
COURTS: and the plan of all that he had in mind for the courts of the house of the Lord, all the surrounding chambers, the treasuries of the house of God, and the treasuries for dedicated gifts;
LEADERS: for the divisions of the priests and of the Levites,
WORK: and all the work of the service in the house of the Lord;
VESSELS: for all the vessels for the service in the house of the Lord, the weight of gold for all golden vessels for each service, the weight of silver vessels for each service, the weight of the golden lampstands and their lamps, the weight of gold for each lampstand and its lamps, the weight of silver for a lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand in the service, the weight of gold for each table for the showbread, the silver for the silver tables, and pure gold for the forks, the basins and the cups; for the golden bowls and the weight of each; for the silver bowls and the weight of each; for the altar of incense made of refined gold, and its weight; also his plan for the golden chariot of the cherubim that spread their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the Lord.
"All this he made clear to me in writing from the hand of the Lord, all the work to be done according to the plan." (I Chronicles 28:2-21)

5. **Incarnation/Jesus:**

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 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. 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, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (Hebrews 1:1-4)

6. **Church/ Holy Spirit:**

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:18-22)

7. **Heaven. Jesus:**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:1-4)

Psalm 30

A Psalm of David. A song at the dedication of the temple.

1. **I will extol you, O Lord,**
for you have drawn me up /
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
2. **Lord my God, I cried to you for help,** /
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; /
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. (1-3)
3. **Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, / and give thanks to his holy name.**
For his anger is but for a moment, / and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, / but joy comes with the morning. (4-5)
As for me, I said in my prosperity, / "I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O Lord, / you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face; / I was dismayed.
4. **To you, O Lord, I cry, / and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**
"What profit is there in my death, / if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you? / Will it tell of your faithfulness?"
5. **Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! / O Lord, be my helper!"**
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; /
you have loosed my sackcloth /
and clothed me with gladness,
6. **that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. / O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

THE NEED FOR THE NEW TEMPLE OF CHRIST

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

1. remember that you were at that time separated from Christ,
2. alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and
3. strangers to the covenants of promise,
4. having no hope and without God in the world.

THE BUILDING OF THE NEW TEMPLE OF CHRIST

1. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ.
2. For he himself is our peace, who has **made us both one** and
3. has **broken down** in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,
4. that he might **create in himself one new man** in place of the two, so making peace,
5. and might **reconcile us both to God** in one body through the cross,
6. thereby **killing the hostility**.
7. And he **came and preached peace** to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

THE NEW TEMPLE OF CHRIST:

1. through him **we both have access** in one Spirit to the Father.
2. So then you are **no longer strangers and aliens**,
3. but you are **fellow citizens** with the saints and
4. **members of the household** of God,
5. **built on the foundation** of the apostles and prophets,
6. Christ Jesus himself being **the cornerstone**,
7. in whom the whole structure, being joined together, **grows into a holy temple** in the Lord. In him you also are being **built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit**. (Ephesians 2:11-22)