

Session 4: Temple of the Church – Scriptural References

In Session 4 of our examination of *Temple and the Presence of God*, God is present in His Church and in each one of us. In my presentation I included frequent references to Sacred Scripture, which I have listed below. Some are just single verses, so I suggest reading and meditating on them in context; i.e., read that which precedes and follows to understand better that which they reveal to us.

† The Presence of God:

- ❖ Creator: Wisdom 11:25; Romans 1:20
- ❖ Savior: Exodus 19:4ff.
- ❖ Father to Son: John 8:29
- ❖ Father to those who love Him: Romans 8:14,28
- ❖ Present at all time: Isaiah 44:6; 48:12; Revelation 1:8,17; 22:13
- ❖ Real Presence manifested through signs: Wisdom 11:24; Psalm 139; Acts 17:25-28
- ❖ God desires to be present to us and pursues us: Genesis 3:8ff.

† New Temple in Prophecy

- ❖ The stone that the builders rejected: Psalm 118:2
- ❖ Cornerstone, a spiritual Temple: Isaiah 28:16
- ❖ The Day of the Lord: Zechariah 3:9-10
- ❖ Temple, a rock hewn by no hand: Daniel 2:34
- ❖ Melchizedek, the High Priest: Genesis 14:18-20
- ❖ *Sanctus*, High Priest and Mass: Isaiah 6:3
- ❖ Elijah and Holy Spirit: 1 Kings 18:38

† True Temple: Ancient and New

- ❖ Christ's eternal Presence: 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
- ❖ Manna and Water from the Lord: Exodus 16-17

† Jesus establishes His Church: Matthew 16:18-19

† Jesus fulfills the Jewish feasts in the Church

- ❖ Passover and the Lamb: Exodus 12:1-28; 23:15; Matthew 26:2,26; Mark 4:12; Luke 22:7; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:19; Revelation 13:8
- ❖ Pentecost and the Holy Spirit: Exodus 23:16; Numbers 28:26, Leviticus 23:16; Acts 2
- ❖ Tabernacles, desert and Living Water: Leviticus 23:33-34; Deuteronomy 16:13; 2 Chronicles 8:12-13; Ezra 3:4; Nehemiah 8:17-18; John 7:2-3,37-38
- ❖ Tabernacles & Transfiguration: Luke 9:32-33

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- † Jesus the New Temple as Church
 - ❖ The Body of Christ: 1 Corinthians 12:27
 - ❖ Saul encounters Christ as Church: Acts 9:4-5
- † The New Temple (Church) is a Spiritual Temple: Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 6:19; John 14:17; John 17:20-21
- † Its members are “living stones”: 1 Peter 2:4-10
- † New Temple or new synagogue?: Acts 2:42,46; Matthew 18:20
- † First Midnight Mass?: Acts 20:7,11
- † New Temple as Community of Charity: Matthew 5:23-24; Roman Missal (see Presentation of the Gifts and the Sign of Peace)
- † New Temple as Community – Baptism: 1 Corinthians 12:13
- † New Temple as Community – Eucharist: John 6:55-56; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
- † Sin, an alienation from the Presence of God and Community: John 20:22-23
- † A Community bound in love: Ephesians 4:15-16; 1 John 4:12
- † Community’s Love demands Evangelization: Song of Songs 8:6; Matthew 10:34
- † Build up the Temple: Psalm 26:8; 27:4
- † Church as Communion of Saints: Ephesians 4:4-6
- † Church as Mystical Body of Christ: Ephesians 1:22-23; Romans 12:4-5
- † Church as Bride of Christ: Mark 2:19-20; John 3:29; 2 Corinthians 11:2
- † Church and the Word: 2 Peter 1:20-21