

Session 5: Heavenly Temple – Scriptural References

In Session 5 of our examination of *Temple and the Presence of God*, we look forward to the Presence of God in the Heavenly Temple. Indeed, the Heavenly Temple, the ultimate reality, is God Himself. 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 Heavenly Temple (What God has prepared...): 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
- † Jerusalem Temple as a sign: Hebrews 9:8
- † The Ascension: Acts 1:9
- † Jesus, the High Priest: Hebrews 9:11-12
- † Worshipping at God's throne: Revelation 7:11
- † The Ascension, Apostolic response: Luke 24:50-53
- † Great Commission and the new Presence of Jesus: Matthew 28:16-20
- † Ascension, the "Cloud" of God's Presence: Acts 1:9
- † God's Presence – Cloud at Transfiguration: Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:34-35
- † God's Presence – Cloud at Annunciation: Luke 1:35
- † God's Presence – Cloud at Sinai Temple: Exodus 40:34-35
- † God's Presence – Cloud at desert wanderings: Exodus 13:21-22
- † Jesus' Divine power of space and time: Mark 6:46-48
- † Jesus goes away and yet remains: John 14:28
- † Humanity as the 100th sheep: Matthew 18:13
- † Humanity united with Divinity through Jesus Christ: Hebrews 9:24
- † Divine plan fulfilled through Jesus Christ: Luke 1:31-33
- † Salvation is achieved according to God's plan: Isaiah 55:11
- † The Sacrificial Lamb enters the Heavenly Temple: Revelation 5:6
- † Eternal Relationship between Father and Son: Luke 15:31
- † Relationship between Father and adopted children: John 17:10
- † The Heavenly Liturgy: Revelation 5:8-14
- † Christ enters the Heavenly Temple: Hebrews 9:11
- † Our citizenship is in Heaven: Philippians 3:20-21
- † We wait, and walk, by faith not by sight: 2 Corinthians 5:6
- † Humanity enters the Heavenly Temple: Revelation 7:9-10
- † Caught between the two – earth and heaven: Philippians 1:22-23

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- † Aspire to please the Lord before judgment: 2 Corinthians 5:8-10
- † Your life is hidden with Christ: Colossians 3:3-4
- † We must die to sin: Romans 6:2
- † An imperishable inheritance, although we suffer for a while: 1 Peter 1:4-6
- † The perfect Kingdom, not of this world: John 18:36
- † Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Isaiah 11:2
- † Gifts of the Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12
- † Eucharist as sign and instrument for journey to eternal life: John 6:53
- † Heavenly Temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb: Revelation 21:22-23
- † Heavenly Temple: Joining Christ and Father on the throne: Revelation 3:20-21