Know Ye Not That Ye Are The Temples Of The Holy Spirit?

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1 Corinthians 6:16-19

¹⁶ What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

¹⁷ But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

¹⁸ Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1. The OT Temple Was A Symbol Of God's Presence Among His People-

The Bride-Humans Are The Temple Today – Veiling God

55-0116A - The Believer's

Position In Christ

28 Notice, this now, the next verse. First, 'fore we leave it, notice, all the Old Testament a shadow of the New...

No believer had a right to offer sacrifice of worship outside the temple. In the temple is where the blood was. God forbid it; He said, "Don't do it.

Come to the temple to fellowship." We have no right to go outside and start creeds and denominations, break people and separate them....

54-1219E - Acts Of The Holy Spirit

77 I want you to notice a very beautiful picture here. When they went to building Solomon's temple, the stones was cut out, from one place,

and another place, and another place. Some of them was cut this a way, and some that way. But the Bible said, that, when they come together...

It taken forty years, I believe, to erect the temple. And there wasn't a buzz of a saw, nor the sound of a hammer, in forty years. The stones going together, stone on stone;

only thing they had to do is smear a little mortar across it and set it down there. And it stuck, stone by stone, stone by stone. Think of that.

78 Now here is my idea of it, brethren. When the...That temple there represented the Temple, spiritual, the Temple that we are now in.

They come into the temple for their blessing. We are baptized into the Temple of God, into the Body of God, into the Body of Jesus Christ. And we're in Christ, by Holy Spirit baptism; First Corinthians 12. "And there is therefore now no condemnation to them that's in Christ Jesus,"

Romans 8:1, "that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." They desire spiritual things. They don't care about the fleshly things. My flesh says, "I'm too tired."

79 My spirit says, "You're not. I'm your Boss. Follow Me." Amen.

61-0108 — Revelation, Chapter Four Part III

303 Now, "the mercy seat." Now, the mercy seat's in the heart, seat where the shining forth of His—His Glory in all of His children, the Shekinah Glory in the human heart.

Here is the human heart. Is that right? Is that the mercy seat? How do you come through it into That through these different systems? Through self-will, self-will.

Comes into here, and through there, comes out what? Shekinah Glory. What—what is the Shekinah Glory? Is God's Presence.

And when a man's walking, or a woman, he's reflecting the Shekinah Glory. He don't go into gambling dens and—and carry on, and go out here and deny the Word.

No matter what the people says, he's got his heart set on one thing: God. And if he's truly called of God then Jesus Christ reflects Himself through him with the Shekinah Glory,

doing the same things He did back there; manifest the same Gospel, preaching the same Word,

same Word being made manifest in the same measure it was then, just like it was truly at Pentecost it's measured back again. Oh, my!

64-0614M - The Unveiling Of God

100 They, they couldn't understand how, why that they couldn't see Him. There stood a man. They come to see God, and they seen a man. See?

They couldn't see God because God was veiled to them. Now keep that on your mind, God was veiled in a man. They could say, "No man could do these works except it be God.

No man can do it, and how here stands a man and yet the works of God is manifested through Him!" See, they couldn't understand that God was veiled.

101 He is veiled in a man, as He always was veiled. But, He was veiled unto them, He was in His human temple.

God was in a human temple. Now, be real careful, now He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

See? God veiled, hiding Himself from the world, veiled in human being. See? Here was God! Those Greeks saying, "We would see Him."

102 And Jesus said, "A corn of wheat has to fall and die." You have to die to all your ideas. You have to get out of your own thoughts. Like those disciples was,

they couldn't explain about eating His body and—and drinking His Blood, but, see, they had done died to those things. They were dead to a Principle, they were dead to Christ.

No matter what it is, or how much defeat looked like He had, they still believed It anyhow. See? They could see in that Man;

a Man that eat, drank, fished, slept, everything else, was born here on the earth, and walked with them, talked with them, wore clothes like the rest of them, but that was God.

103 So the Greeks couldn't see Him, because He was hid from them, in a human being. Notice His Word to them, "Except this corn of wheat falls in the ground."

104 God veiled in the form of a man, hid Himself from their view. They could only see a man. But those Predestinated seen God.

One saw a man, the other one saw God. See? And it was God veiled in a human being, making both of them right, but your faith in that what you don't see.

You believe it, anyhow. God veiled in a human being. He was in that flesh, and that flesh was His veil. The veil was rent, see, that God might be made manifest.

105 In the Old Testament, God was hid when He was on His mercy seat; on the mercy seat, by a veil. In the Old Testament, God was in His temple.

But the people come in and worship like this, but, remember, there was a veil (amen) that hid God.

They knowed God was there. They couldn't see Him. That Pillar of Fire never appeared anymore there. Did you notice?

There's not one time in the Scripture, from the time that Pillar of Fire went in behind that veil, that It ever showed again, till It come from Jesus Christ. God was veiled!

64-0614M - The Unveiling Of God

106 When He stood on earth, He said, "I come from God and I go to God."

107 Then Paul, (after His death, burial, and resurrection), on his road to Damascus, there was that Pillar of Fire again. What was It? Out from behind the veil! Glory to God!

108 He was in behind the veil. Now He was behind what? Skin veil. See, "badger skins," behind the veil.

And when that veil was rent on the day of crucifixion, the veil that He was wrapped in was rent on the day of the crucifixion, the whole mercy seat came into view.

109 Now, the Jews could not understand how that God could have mercy upon a sinful, foul people like we are.

But they couldn't see this One Who was giving mercy, because He was hid. He was behind the mercy seat, on the inside, with badger skins hanging down, covering Him. Before...

110 Before, if any man walked in behind that veil, it was sudden death. Amen. Oh, we're going to get a lesson here in a minute,

see, if you can—you can receive It. To walk behind them skins...Even one of the priest's sons tried to do it one time, and died.

"Don't go behind that veil." The man that walked behind...Why? There was no redemption yet, in that. It was potentially. It was just potential.

And anything potential is not the real thing yet, see, just potentially. It was redemption...Sin was covered,

not omitted...remitted, rather, not remitted. Remitted is "divorce and put away." And so the blood of sheep and goats could not do that, so Jehovah was hid behind a veil.

Now, back behind this veil where He was hid, to enter into that, a man dropped dead, to try to enter into It. 111 But since Pentecost, since the Crucifixion, when that veil was rent from the top to the bottom, for that generation...Jesus was that God, veiled.

And when He died at Calvary, God sent fire and lightning, and ripped that veil from top to the bottom, that the whole mercy seat was in plain view.

But they were too blind to see It. As Moses said here, though, or...Paul said, reading of Moses, "When Moses is read, yet, that veil is still on their heart."

Oh, brother, sister, that's what the Jews did when the veil was rent and brought God into plain view, hanging on the cross. He was in plain view, but they couldn't see It.

112 Could it be possible that the Gentiles has did the same thing? O God! When they've had the church ages, of the Son of God;

but when now the veil of this denominations and things, this veil of tradition that we've got since Pentecost, when the church traditions has been rent, the things that the people said,

"Days of miracles is past, and these things," and God has took the veil off of It, and brought It in plain view, and they're ready to crucify It again, just exactly like.

113 The unveiled God, plain view, they should have seen Him standing there. Yet He was too common, He was an ordinary man. They couldn't see It. See, there stood a man. "Well,"

they said, "this guy, what school did He come from?" But, remember, when that spear struck His body, that Spirit left Him, the temple...the sacrifices' blocks turned over,

and the lightning whipped down through the temple and rent the veil. What was it? There was their God hanging on Calvary, and they were too blind to see it.

114 Brought Him in open view, and still they don't see It! They are blinded. God, veiled in a human being!

115 You remember, He returned then to Paul after that, and to Peter in the prison, as the Pillar of Fire. Remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

116 But in the last days He is supposed to return again, but a Pillar of Fire is supposed to come back again to manifest the Son of man,

see, to show the Word, the Light. The traditions, has been, will be wiped away.

There is nothing going to bother It; it's going to be done, anyhow. God just tear them denominations and traditions down. What kind of a Spirit will He do with it?

Like He did in the first place. Look what He done in the days of Elijah, in the days of John. "Don't you think to say within yourself you 'have Abraham to the father,'

'cause God is able of these stones to rise children to Abraham." See? Don't you think, "Cause, I belong to this and I belong to that."

See? God tearing off the veil, see, to show Who He is. See, watch the veil when it rents here now, we find now.

break through that wall of denomination, to see God in His power, it's death. Once where it was death to go in, now it's death to stay out.

The whole Mercy Seat is setting in plain view, anybody can see It, the veil is rent. Glory to God! The whole Mercy Seat comes into plain view.

118 How God could have mercy on foul sinners as us, when He hid Himself, was a mystery. And now It's in plain view,

or in full view, revealed by His Word. It's always the Word, constantly, that is God. It's the Word that opens it up.

If those people would have knowed the Word of God that day when Jesus died, they would have seen the Mercy Seat, they would have seen Who He was.

119 "Who was That then? Why did the veil rent?" Remember, it was death to go into It. Nobody could see lt.

Moses saw It in a form, It was a whirl...it was a—a Man's back. Well, here It is, a bleeding back, that same Man! What was It? God wanted to show them the Mercy Seat.

God wanted to show them Who He was. So the veil in the temple, from the hand of God, above, was rent from top to the bottom,

and showed God in plain view. It was Jesus Christ hanging on the cross, the Mercy Seat. And what was it? The people were too blind to see It.

120 Now it's repeated again, their traditions! How, then, on the Day of Pentecost, the Word came and was in a form of "Son of God." And they began to organize it at Nicaea, Rome.

And, the first thing, they went to Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostals, and so forth. It's organized tradition till a man don't know where he stands.

But, glory to God, He promised in the last days what He would do. He would show His Word in plain view, open before us again, see, open It up.

121 If they'd a only knowed the Word, they'd a-knowed Who Jesus was. If a man only knowed the Word of God,

he would know the hour we're living and what's going on. They just refuse to listen to that Word.

Their traditions! What caused those Jews to see that? What? Looked like they could have actually seen, because the thing was tore open. It was tore open for a purpose.

Solomon's Prayer Of Dedication Of The Temple

2 Chronicles 7:12-16

¹² And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; ¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. ¹⁵ Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

2 Chronicles 6:14

¹⁴ And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

The Temple Represented The Dependableness of God's Presence

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 8 - The Philadelphian Church Age Now He is not only giving crowns but He says that these in the bride will be made pillars in the temple of God.

But what is the temple of God? Jesus spoke of His body as being the temple. It was.

It was the temple of God. But now that we are His body, the true church is the temple of God by the Holy Ghost within us.

Now He is going to make the overcomer a pillar in that temple. But what is a pillar? A pillar is actually a part of the foundation for it holds up the superstructure.

Praise God, that puts the overcomer right in with the apostles and prophets, for it says in Ephesians 2:19-22,

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone;

in Whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in Whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Yes, that verse 22 says that we are builded together with them. Everything went through the DOOR (Jesus) and is a part of that body or temple.

Now when God puts a man in the temple as a pillar and makes him a part of that foundation group what is He doing? He is giving him the revelation of the Word and of Himself,

because that is exactly what the apostles and prophets had. Matthew 16:17. There he is in that Word. There he stands. No one can get him out.

Confession And Forgiveness Of Sin Was Towards The Temple

1 John 1:7

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

54-0516 — Questions And Answers² (Law Having A Shadow) 150 Notice, a little farther, I wish we could get on in this lesson. A little farther down there, He said, "This tabernacle, Solomon built Him a tabernacle,

but the most High dwelleth not in houses made of hands; but a body has Thou prepared Me." When Solomon built the temple, Jehovah...

151 Here is a good one! Hallelujah. That caught just right. Thank the Lord for that. Here is a revelation, just fresh right now, you're going to get it.

152 When Solomon built the temple and it was dedicated, God came into that temple and dwelt there. Is that right?

And when Jesus Christ was dedicated to God on the river of Jordan, God came down and dwelt in Jesus Christ. He's Jehovah. Amen.

153 Confession of sin always had to look to the temple. Confession of sin has to look to Christ, there's the Temple of God;

God dwelled in Christ, there He is. Now you believe He's Jehovah, don't you? Never thought of that before.

154 Oh, sometimes when we're moving along, in the Spirit and move...setting together in Heavenly places, how Christ can move in a church like that. See how the revelations move?

There's a perfect revelation coming from God. He's standing at the platform now. I know that come from There. I know it did. The temple was where God dwelt.

And now, "The temple of—of God was not made with hands," He said, "you prepared Me a building but that wasn't it. But a body has Thou prepared Me." There it is. God in Christ.

60-0522M — Adoption #3

55 And He sent Jesus, that His Blood might be an atonement, Blood atonement, to make a propitiation, or a-an acceptions, or a cleansing.

A cleansing process to constantly...Not just one time at one revival, but "ever living, making intercessions," that the Christian is kept clean day and night.

There is the Blood of Jesus Christ that makes a—an acception on the cross there, at...in the Presence of God, that cleanses us constantly, day and night, from all sin.

And we are safely tucked in. Tucked in how? By the Holy Spirit, into the Body of the Lord Jesus, and safe. "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me,

has everlasting Life and shall never come into the judgment, but has passed from death unto Life." No more judgment! The Christian never goes to the judgment.

Christ went for him. My Attorney stood in my place. He pleaded my case, that I was ignorant. He told the Father that I wasn't worthy, that I was ignorant.

But He loved me and He took my place, and pleaded my case, and today I'm free! Yes, sir. And He shed His Blood, to offer there for our sins.

The Temple Was A Retreat For The Wounded And Strangers.

2 Chronicles 6:24-25

²⁴ And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house;

²⁵ Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

59-0412E — What Hearest Thou, 133 Elijah?

16 Today we can shout; we can scream; we can speak with tongues, have signs and things, but where is that sincerity of so sincere about the Word of God and thethe Church of God until it grieves our heart to see sin going on. And Elijah had come into all of this.

Then when he called all of Israel together, and he made a challenge to them, "Let the God that is supernatural, let Him that can show Himself alive, let Him be God.

If all of your theologies," he was speaking to them, "if Balaam is a god, if he can answer, let him answer. Let the God that answers,

let the God that keeps His Word be God." If that isn't a challenge tonight to the world again, "Let the God that keeps His Word be God."

17 So what happened? He called them together and the God of Heaven answered in a supernatural sign to Israel that He was still the God that could answer by fire.

And He did just what He always did, answered prayer, kept His Word. And after all of this, still it wasn't sufficient.

And little old Elijah he didn't know what to do, so he run to the juniper tree. I'm glad that there is a juniper tree. All God's people needs to go to that juniper tree.

It's a place where he was so discouraged he didn't know what to do. So he ran out to himself and got under the juniper tree. Many of us feel like going there.

And today, when we see the institutions filled with people of God, nervous breakdowns, tensions, oh, it makes us all want to run to the juniper tree.

18 I think we could express it like the old colored lady said down south when she'd been hit by an automobile.

A car had struck her, and they asked her if she wanted to sue for damages. She said, "Lawsy no, child. I don't need damage; I need repair."

And I think that's about the way the church needs tonight is a repair, a place under the juniper tree so we can be alone.

The prophet that great day, how disappointed he was, that he had done just exactly what God told him to do,

and he thought, surely if He did that, the people would believe it. But he come to find out that all the miracles that God told him to perform, he did it, and still Jezebel,

not only refused it, but she said she would stop his campaign. He couldn't have no more of those campaigns, she'd cut his head off if he did.

You see when the devil gets a hold of a person, he just does him awful. And he thought the signs and the wonders of a living God would be sufficient, but it wasn't.

19 So his poor heart was broke, and he ran to the juniper tree for refuge. And he laid out there,

and I can see him leaving his servant many miles behind and just went to himself out under the tree. All of us have a little place we go to when we get in those troubles.

I got a little cave that the FBI couldn't find me that I get into, stay in there for two or three days have to wade up a creek,

up over a hill, through a branch, go under a tree, and go down into a cave. And there's always somewhere that we can retreat and get in the Presence of God again. 20 And I believe, friends, that no man has a right to profess Christianity as a Christian, until he's found such a retreat. They may come a time when men who are worldly-trained,

not godly- sent might to able to explain all the supernatural away from the Bible. They might be able to satisfy the carnal mind that doesn't know God,

that the days of miracles are past, there's no such a thing as the Holy Ghost. But if a man has ever had an experience where you met God,

all the theologians in the world could never take that experience away from you. You met God face to face, and you know what you're talking about.

Like Moses at that sacred sands in the backside of the desert, when a man ever meets God upon them sacred sands of that secret place of retreat, no devils in hell can ever take that away from him.

For he knows he talked face-to-face with God. They can explain anything they want to, but you were there when it happened, and you know what you speak of.

2. His Name - His Word - Is In The Bride

64-0629 — The Mighty God Unveiled Before Us 152 And now the same thing is today. There's nothing in a man or a woman, that can be desired.

It's what's in behind there. That's what it is. "Well," you say, "that fellow, I know he used to be a drunkard. He used to do this."

I don't care what he used to do. What's hid behind that skin? What is behind there, that's what counts. That's what, the people is blinded.

The skin blinds the people. See? They say, "I remember when that woman used to." I know what she used to, but what about now? See?

153 Them skins, that was once on the badger, but now it's hiding the Glory of God, got It housed behind it. It was on an animal, but now it's housing the Glory of God.

154 And so can your skin be changed, tonight, to be made a housing place for God, God dwelling in humanity.

155 Look. The old badger skins, we find out, behind it was...Inside of there was the Word. And, the Word, there also was the shewbread.

The ark was sprinkled. And what was it? The Shekinah Glory was in there.

62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man

67 Now, we are going to study His Word. Stephen said, in Acts 7, and also in...Let's just read that.

(Talking about now, we're talking about a Tabernacle of God.) Now, Stephen said...(Being, it's going to be a living Tabernacle of the living God.)

Stephen said, in Acts the 7th chapter, and I believe we...in Acts 7, beginning about the 44th verse:

Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he has appointed, speaking unto Moses,

that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. Which also our fathers had, our fathers that come in after brought in...

Jesus unto the possession of the Gentiles, who God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the day of David; Who found favour before God,

and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built him a house. Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will you build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

68 Now in the...Now, "tabernacle," is, course, a place where we go to rest, now, get freshness, and so forth, like resting from sleep, or so forth.

Now, Hebrews 10, and the 5th verse, Paul brings it in.

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice...(That's Christ.)...Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

69 What is the Tabernacle now? A Body, God tabernacling in a Body.

70 God once, up high, when He come down on the mountain, even if a—a bullock or a cow touched the mountain, he must be killed. God is holy.

71 Last evening, when those Angels covered Their faces.

Holy Seraphims with holy faces, don't even know what sin means, and They have to cover Their face, in the Presence of God; cover Their feet, in humility.

62-1014M - The Stature Of

A Perfect Man

72 Now, holy God could not condone sin, so nothing could touch the mountain where God was.

73 Then God was made flesh and dwelt among us, in the form of Jesus Christ, His Son, His creation.

Then that Son gave His life, and the Blood cell of God was broken, that the Life might come out of the Blood, to us.

74 Through that Blood we are cleansed. And now our blood, our life, which came by living through sexual desire, brought our life in the world.

The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us, changes our nature, by sending upon us the Holy Spirit; then we become into the Divine nature of God, then we become a dwelling place for God.

Jesus said, "At that day you'll know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; I in you, and you in Me." See?

75 Know how that God is in His Church. The Church is now supposed to be taking the place of Christ, carrying on His ministry. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; yet you shall see Me, for I will be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." See? There it is, carrying on His work.

76 Now, God, or the Bible said here, that. Stephen spoke of Solomon building a temple, "And the Most High don't dwell in temples made with hands.

'For Heaven is My Throne, and earth is My footstool. And where is the place of My rest?' 'But a Body has Thou prepared Me." Amen. There you are.

77 "A Body has Thou prepared Me." God dwells in the stature of a man, reflecting Himself into that Being. Perfect worship! God in us, being His Tabernacle, God manifesting.

Oh, how we could stay on that till you would almost suffocate in here, from heat. Notice, that, God has always, at all time, reflected Himself in man.

63-0804E - Calling Jesus On

The Scene

135 Notice, how is He identified, what could He? If the Bible said, Colossians 1:15, that we—we are...we worship an "invisible God."

God is invisible. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Then this person coming around here with nail prints, and smoke, and blood,

and everything else, that wouldn't make him God. We worship an invisible God. He has always been invisible until He identified Himself in Jesus Christ. Is that right? ["Amen."]

136 Now the invisible God identifies Himself in you. See? You are His temple. Ye are the... "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit." Scripture says so.

137 The Pillar of Fire that Moses saw was not the invisible God. That Pillar of Fire was the Shekinah Glory that represented that the invisible God was at hand.

138 When John baptized Jesus, the Son of God; God, the invisible God, come down in the form of a Light, shaped like a dove sailing down through the air, the invisible God identified in the Shekinah Glory.

139 The same invisible God identified Himself in the Pillar of Fire, a Shekinah Glory, when they dedicated the temple at Solomon's time.

It come in and went...The Pillar of Fire went in behind the curtains, upon the Holiest of holies. The Shekinah Glory was identified.

140 Now, when Paul was on his road down to Damascus, the invisible Jesus Christ identified Himself to Paul, in the form of the Shekinah Glory, a Light that put out that sinner's eyes. Amen.

141 That same Shekinah Glory is here tonight, the same yesterday, today, and forever, representing an invisible God,

confirming His Words with the same signs that He promised to be done. He has been called on the scene. 142 Now can you call Him into your life, and say, "Lord Jesus, I take Him, take You at Your Word. I believe that You are here. I believe that You're here, tonight, to help me.

I want You in my boat. I want You, the great Holy Spirit, to come to me. I'm in trouble. I am sick. I'm a sinner.

I—I want You to come to me, want You to help me. I realize that You're just laying there, waiting to be, me to call on You. And I'm going to call on You, with all my heart"?

Refuge

- ~ Forgiveness Of Sin
- ~ Home Away From

Home