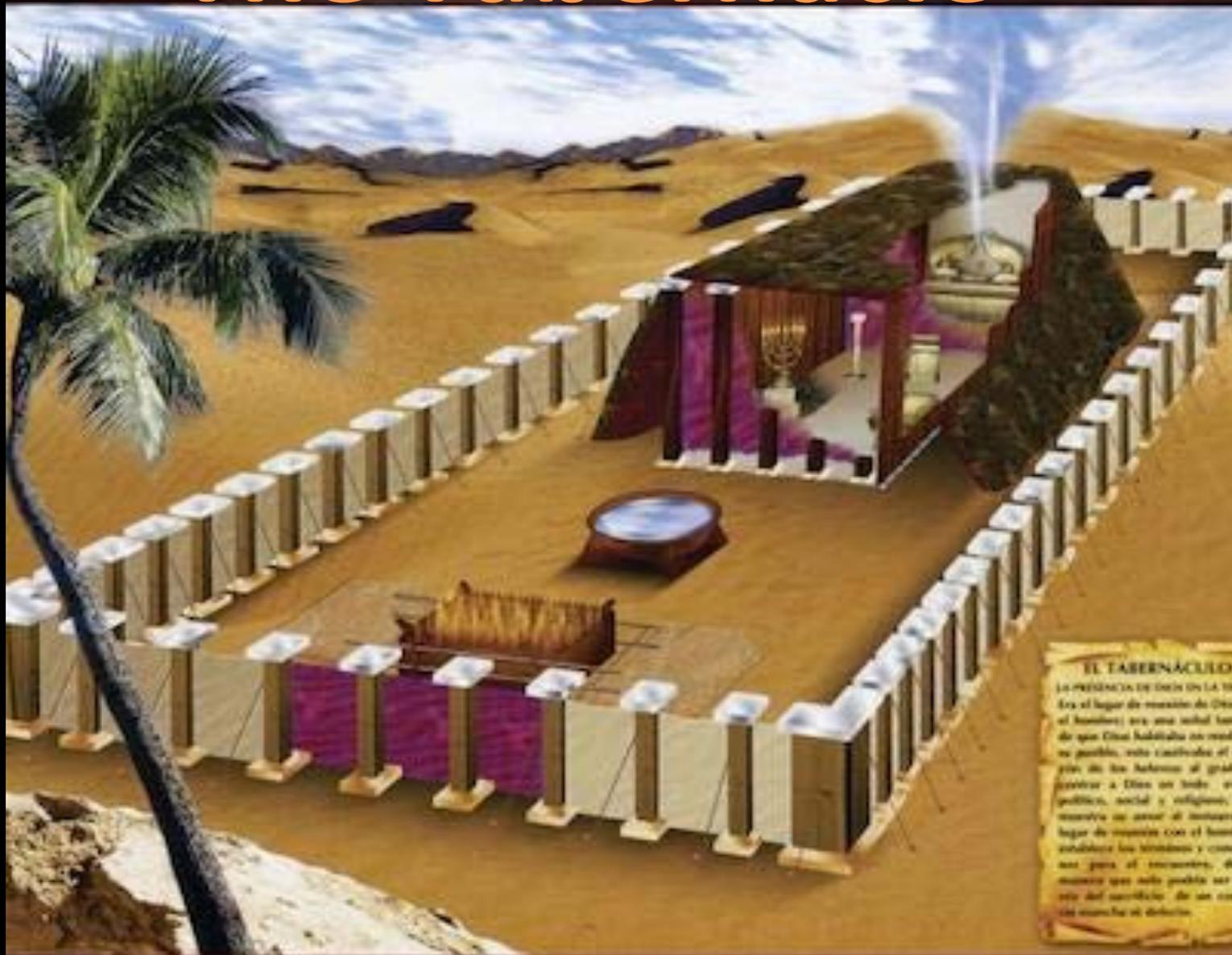


God With Us Temples

Ex. 25:8 “Then have them
make a sanctuary for me, and I
will dwell among them.”

The Tabernacle



EL TABERNÁCULO

LA PRESENCIA DE DIOS EN LA TIERRA
Era el lugar de reunión de Dios
y el hombre; era una señal para
de que Dios habitaba en medio
de su pueblo, esta construcción al
que los hebreos al gran
revelar a Dios en todo, en
político, social y religioso,
mostró un amor al hombre
lugar de reunión con el Señor
establece las normas y con
una gran al momento, de
manera que solo podía ser
una del sacrificio de un
construcción de dios.

The Tabernacle

- - was a portable sanctuary for God. So people could meet with God as Moses had. It would eventually become the Temple.

Solomon's Temple



Solomon's Temple

- Once the people settle down they will desire to build for God a permanent temple.
- Solomon's temple lasted about 400 years and was destroyed in 586 bc.
- The Second temple was constructed on the same site and this story is recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah.

The Second Temple





The Sermon on the Mount, by Carl Heinrich Bloch, used by permission of the National Historic Museum at Frederiksberg in Hillerød, Denmark

Jesus teaching

- This is how we usually picture Jesus, calm, teaching the people.



Jesus Cleansing the Temple

- This is not the usual way we picture Jesus. John 2.13-22 is the story of him cleansing the temple – zeal, anger, jealous for his Father's house, all of the above?

God's Covenant with David

- 1Chr. 17:1 After David was settled in his palace, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent.”
- 17:11 When your days are over and you go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne **forever**. 13 I will be his **father**, and he will be my **son**. I will never take my love away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. 14 I will set him over my house and my kingdom forever; his throne will be established forever.”

God's Covenant with David

- More happening here than just Solomon's temple. This Son's kingdom and house will be forever.
- Notice: Messiah to do 2 things:
 - 1. establish a Kingdom
 - 2. build a house

From Solomon's Prayer

- 2Chr. 6:7 “My father David had it in his heart to build a temple for the Name of the LORD, the God of Israel.
- 2Chr. 6:12 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands.
- 2Chr. 6:18 “But will God really dwell on earth with men? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!

God's Response

- 2Chr. 7:1 When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and ***the glory of the LORD filled the temple***. 2 The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the ***glory of the LORD filled it***.
- 3 When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they ***worshiped and gave thanks*** to the LORD, saying,
“He is good; his love endures forever.”

Remember

- Remember the question, “But will God really **dwell** on earth with men?”
- Remember, too, that **Glory** fills the temple.

Let's look at the temple in the New Testament:

The temple is His Body

- **John 2.21** ... “he was speaking of the **temple** of his body.”
- The glory of God fills the Temple and we see it in Jesus at the Transfiguration.
- And he has come to:
 - 1. Establish a Kingdom and;
 - 2. to build a house for God.

Transfiguration

Glory Filling the Temple



You/We are the temple

- **1Cor. 3:16** Don't you know that you yourselves are God's **temple** and that God's Spirit lives in you?
- The glory of God in the Holy Spirit lives in this temple.

You/We are the temple

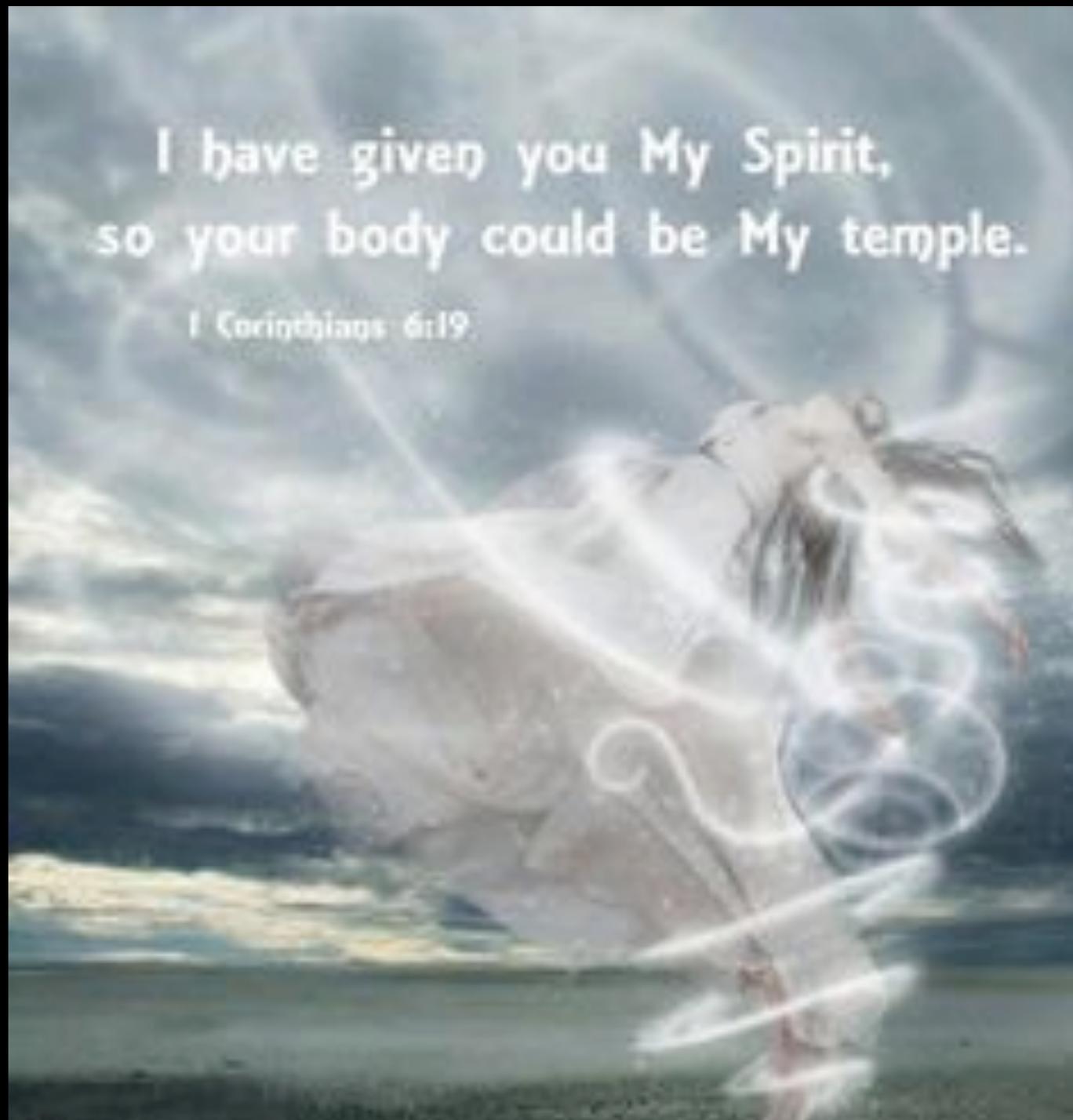
- **1Cor. 6:19** Do you not know that your body is a **temple** of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;
- *(Story of Danny and the tornado, next slide)*
- **2Cor. 6:16** What agreement is there between the **temple** of God and idols? For we are the **temple** of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”
(Remember Solomon’s question?)
(Again, we see the need for Jesus’ cleansing! Our Idols...)

Danny and the Tornado

- I was a new rector in Madison, IN. Three years before a tornado had swept through town killing 11. Danny and his mother were buried in a collapsed strip mall then. Another tornado was forecast. His mother called and said Danny was on the porch watching with a gun. Would I come? As we sat and waited and he assured me the gun wasn't to shoot the storm, he said, "It's my life, right?" "Wrong," I replied remembering this verse. "You have been bought out."

I have given you My Spirit,
so your body could be My temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19



We Together are the Temple

- **Eph. 2:19** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy **temple** in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

We as the temple do...

- **Eph. 3:10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,
(an overwhelming job description to be sure!)
- **Eph. 5:2** and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a **fragrant** offering and sacrifice to God.
(Jesus as a fragrant offering)

Experience in Church

- Following a wonderful Confirmation at Christ Church in Madison, IN, I was walking the bishop to his car through the sanctuary when he paused and asked, “What’s that smell?” We literally had bats in the belfries and the odor of guano often drifted into the sanctuary. “Probably bat poop,” I responded. “No, it’s lovely; a beautiful aroma,” he said. So I went to these scriptures and said, “this is what is supposed to be fruit of our worship, bishop. I am so glad you got to experience this.”

- **2Cor. 2:14** But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. 15 For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

A Final Answer to Solomon's Question

- **Rev. 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.
- **Rev. 21:22** I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

A couple reflections

- 1. Our approach to Him as the temple in the temple, LET US DRAW NEAR.
- 2. Jesus' attitude toward us in this passage.
"I'm mad about you."

LET US DRAW NEAR

by Judson Cornwall

- In his classic work, Judson Cornwall paints a picture of drawing nearer and nearer to God through the various parts of the temple e.g. the brazen altar, the laver, the lampstand and so on, being more and more cleansed as we go.
- Our liturgy allows for us to draw closer as well. We come in to his temple, as his temple, to draw near to the temple, and we say the Collect of Purity: *“cleanse the thoughts of our hearts”... How? “by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit”... For what? so “that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name...”* Seriously, this is awesome.

Continuing to draw near

- And then we go to *the general Confession and Absolution* for more cleansing and forgiveness.
- And then we... “*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” Psa. 100:4 It is truly true that God dwells in the praises of his people. Psa. 22.3*
- And we dare to draw near to his table at his invitation to receive his body and blood, spiritual food and drink for eternal life! The Holy of Holies. The veil has been rent.
- And our liturgy is almost the same as that of the early synagogues with the addition of the Lord’s supper.

Zeal for His Father's House

- I want to share with you all a paragraph from a commentary on John by Frederick Dale Bruner. He's looking at verses 16 & 17 of chapter 2.
- The word "*House*" occurs three times in our two verses. This teaches, at least, the importance and intimacy of the place of worship. In the word's first use, where Jesus speaks of "*the house of My Father*", we can be surprised that Jesus does not say "*the House of Our Father*" or "*the House of God.*" We can also be surprised that in Luke's Gospel, when the 12-year-old Jesus is found in the Temple, he remarks to his searching mother, "*Why were you looking all over the place for me? Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's House?*"

Zeal continued

- “ The “*my*” in both cases surprises. Who does Jesus think he is? Isn’t this “*the House of Prayer for All Nations?*” Then why here and so often elsewhere does Jesus speak so exclusively of “My Father”? Because Jesus’ relation with the God the Father is absolutely unique. He is “the Only-Begotten Son of God.” All of John will seek to underline this primal Truth. God deserves honor: Truth One. Jesus is the major bringer of this honor: Truth Two; and that Truth is the special teaching mission of John’s Gospel in almost every paragraph. P.145

Jesus is Mad about You

- Now think about this. You and I are the temple, too. We are filled with the Holy Spirit. Together we are his temple as well. Jesus, Messiah, remember Chronicles, was coming to do what? Establish a kingdom and build a house, one filled with God's glory; that's us and our place of worship.
- To say he is zealous, passionate, mad about us is not an overstatement from what we see here. It's hard for me get my arms around this, but when he comes into his temple, this building, to these people gathered, to you and me, he is jealous for our worship and doesn't want it shared with idols – He is seeking people to worship in Spirit and in Truth!

Do you believe it?

- Brennan Manning used to tell a story about a retreat he led for a bunch of nuns. He asked them to imagine an encounter with Jesus. After a time, this one nun began to sway about the floor, laughing and crying. He gave her space and then had to ask, “What’s happening?” “Oh Father,” she said, “As we were dancing, Jesus just said to me, ‘I’m mad about you.’”
- He is zealous and jealous for his temples!

