

SERIES: BUILT TO LAST
#1764: *The Heart of the Matter.*

What does it mean to be the Temple of God?

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NLT=New Living Translation

Then the priests carried the Ark of the LORD's Covenant into the inner sanctuary of the Temple—the Most Holy Place—and placed it beneath the wings of the cherubim. The cherubim spread their wings over the Ark, forming a canopy over the Ark and its carrying poles. These poles were so long that their ends could be seen from the Holy Place, which is in front of the Most Holy Place, but not from the outside.

They are still there to this day. Nothing was in the Ark except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed in it at Mount Sinai, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel when they left the land of Egypt. When the priests came out of the Holy Place, a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD.

The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the LORD filled the Temple of the LORD.

— 1 Kings 8:6–11 (NLT)

What it looks like when God is in the house: Galatians 5:22–23 (NLT)

Experiencing God's Presence

1. Invite God into your Temple.

Preparations For God to Fill You

1. Believe that Jesus is GOD.

2. Believe that that BIBLE describes God.

Lord Jesus. Thank you for dying on the cross to forgive me of my sins to cleanse me so that you can inhabit my life. Take your place in the most holy place of my life. Be my God and the King and ruler of my life. Thank you for filling me with your Holy Spirit and giving me eternal life.

2. Let the Character Inside Reflect Outside.

Solomon's Dedication Prayer: 1 Kings 8:22–24 (NLT)

Jesus' Words on the topic: Mark 12:29–30 (NLT)

Solomon's Benediction: 1 Kings 8:54–61 (NLT)