

A Habitation For God

A place for God

2 Chronicles 6:1

Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. ²But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

Solomon built the temple that was designed as a place where God's people could worship.

Although it is impossible to contain God, it represented a place for God to inhabit.

When God comes to visit

Luke 19:43-44

For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, ⁴⁴And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

In each of our lives, at some point in time, we will have an encounter with God.

Recognize God's presence

Jacob had an encounter

Genesis 28:17-19

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not. ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven. ¹⁸And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. ¹⁹And he called the name of that place Bethel:

Many times people have an encounter with God and do not recognize it.

Recognize God's presence

Elijah also had an experience

1 Kings 19:11-13

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: 12*And after the earthquake a fire; *but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 13*And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

God does not always reveal Himself in the way we think.

Your body is a dwelling place for God

1 Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? *17*If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

God has chosen to dwell with mankind and as His temple we must maintain purity.

Your body is a dwelling place for God

Ephesians 2:20-22

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; *21*In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: *22*In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The temple (our bodies) must be built on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

Our hope in His habitation

Ezekiel 15:13

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people *which* thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided *them* in thy strength unto **thy holy habitation**.

Psalms 26:8

LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

It should be our desire to provide a place where God's presence is pleased to dwell.

