Temple Maintenance

A map of the temple: body, soul and spirit

The goal is to steward our temple
so that God can use it for His glory and Kingdom.

THE OUTER COURT · THE HOLY PLACE · THE HOLY OF HOLIES

1 Why God Wants Us Sanctified

It is God's will
"This is God's will: that you become holy"
1 THESS 4:3

Because He is holy
"You shall be holy, because I am holy."
1 PET 1:16

To be like Jesus
"Conformed to the image of his Son"
ROM 8:29

To be useful to Him
"Useful for the Master, prepared for every good work"
2 TIM 2:21

For His glory
"Therefore glorify God with your body."
1 COR 6:20

To serve one another
"Good stewards of the varied grace of God"
1 PET 4:10

A spotless bride. Jesus is coming back for a spotless bride, and the ministry of healing and deliverance is part of that preparation: *"Not having a stain or wrinkle, or any such blemish, but holy and blameless."* (Ephesians 5:27)

The goal is not healing and freedom in and of itself. It is so that we can advance the Kingdom of God with the grace of God on our lives, in whatever lane that looks like for you. We aren't delivered just to be free, but to be free to love and serve God without hindrance.

2 The Temple and Its Map

> He said to them: "Listen to me, you Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, so you can consecrate the temple of the Lord God of your ancestors. **Remove from the sanctuary what is ceremonially unclean.**
> 2 CHRONICLES 29:5, NET

> Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.
> 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20, NET

> Now may the God of peace himself make you completely holy and may **your spirit and soul and body** be kept entirely blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
> 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23, NET

God's desire has always been presence: Eden, the tabernacle, the temple, Jesus. God with us becomes God in us. We are made up of body, soul and spirit: the outer court, the holy place, and the holy of holies.

3 The Body: the Outer Court

Temple maintenance includes dealing with our physical body. Health and stewardship is a huge thing here: *"Present your bodies as a sacrifice"* (Romans 12:1). The believer's body can also be a site of demonic affliction (Luke 13:16). Sickness is not proof of sin, and it is not proof of a demon. It belongs in front of a doctor as well as in front of Jesus. **Made holy: not yet,** until Christ returns.

4 The Soul: the Holy Place

Our mind, our will and our emotions, corrupted by sinful nature. The soul is the arena of progressive sanctification. The flesh, wounds and lies, and footholds all work here. The event is not the wound; the belief is. Ownership is settled. Occupancy is contested. Inner healing brings truth where lies have taken root: *"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind"* (Romans 12:2). **Made holy: being renewed.**

5 The Spirit: the Holy of Holies

What is connected to the Holy Spirit, sealed at regeneration: *"The one united with the Lord is one spirit with him"* (1 Corinthians 6:17). Demons can affect the body and the soul, but they cannot be in the holy of holies. Our purpose is not perfection, it's presence. **Made holy: already.**

6 For Your Freedom This Week

> **Examine me, O God, and probe my thoughts.** Test me, and know my concerns. See if there is any idolatrous way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.
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> PSALM 139:23-24, NET

SAY IT OUT LOUD

Invite Him. "Lord, would You shine Your light down in my mind and my heart right now. Come, Holy Spirit."

Ask for one sentence you have agreed with that He never said. Write it down.

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Name it. "Lord, I believed _____."

Renounce it. "I renounce that agreement in the name of Jesus. It is not Yours, and I will not carry it."

Ask. "Father, what do You say instead?" Then wait. Don't recite someone else's verse. Let Him say it.

Ask Him to fill it. Swept and put in order is not the same as occupied.

Give it back. "Lord, this temple is Yours. Use it for Your glory and Your Kingdom."

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This week: read the Introduction and Chapter 1, and read 2 Chronicles 29:1-36. Ask what is stored in the rooms of your own house.

One session each Monday, then we pray. We are updating the curriculum as we go.

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