

Devotional: Day 14: The Temple of God, part 5

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1 Corinthians 3: 16-17: *“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”*

James 4:8: *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded”*

The Temple was the Holy Dwelling Place of God, it is in the Holy of Holies where God remained, as He chose to be amongst His people – so now we come to the final part of the Temple:

5. The Debir: the oracle or **Most Holy Place** (1 Kings 6:19; 8:6), called also the "inner house" (6:27), and the "**Holy of Holies**" (Heb. 9:3), was considered the dwelling-place of God. A veil of blue, purple, and crimson and fine linen (2 Chr. 3:14); separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place – and no-one could enter except one High Priest, chosen by lot, once a year! The colour scheme of the veil was symbolic: Blue represented the heavens, while red or crimson represented the earth. Purple, a combination of the two colours, **represents a meeting of the heavens and the earth.**

What a journey... making it through the Courts into the Holy Place. The actual room where God abides, so holy, so pure, so silent, so heavy with God's Presence!! To have been in there was such a privilege, yet such an awesome responsibility.

Even as he entered the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest had to make meticulous preparation: He had to wash himself, put on special clothing, bring burning incense to let the smoke cover his eyes from a direct view of God, and bring blood with him to make atonement for sins! (Hebrews 9:7)

Selah Moment: Close your eyes for a moment (after reading this paragraph) and imagine you are one of the Priests about to enter into the holy of holies... how would you be feeling? What would you see? What would your experience be like?

When Jesus died, the veil separating God from His people was torn in two, from top to bottom, by the hand of God! It was time for heaven and earth to come together. It was time for God to completely dwell with His people. It was time for God's people to freely have access to Him, personally! We are now able to boldly enter into God's presence, the Most Holy Place (Hebrews 6:19-22), with confidence.

Just as the veil represented the heavens and the earth, as God's temple, we should be representing a meeting of Heaven and Earth to the people of the world. Prophetic Worship is an active demonstration of this meeting place.

The High Priest didn't enter the Holy of Holies for himself; he entered on behalf of others. If we could begin to go beyond ourselves, seeking God on behalf of others – whether that be others in the team or others in our "local circle" there would be a great difference in how we worship – even, of what God would do as we engage with heaven!

As we tune our hearts and ears into heaven's frequency, we begin to hear what God is saying in the heavenly realm, and release it amongst the earth through our worship! It is here we would

experience the Shekinah Glory of God, as He releases His Spirit upon His people! It is here where God's signs & wonders are clearly seen!

Oh, if we as a team were able to enter into the Holy of Holies together, the Church would be flooded from the over-flow of our praises! The Shekinah glory would flow easily and powerfully amongst us! Our worship would go beyond mere lip-service, or observational worship...! From the Holy Place, the Spirit of God would be heard as He proclaimed His thoughts from heaven to us! Who can know the mind of God except the Spirit of God – and we have been blessed through Jesus Christ, that we have the Spirit of God at work through us!

Yes, let's enter the Holy Place, and let's have ears to hear the Prophetic Voice of the Spirit of God!

Application:

Enter into the Holy of Holies...

“Take me past the outer courts
Into the holy place
Past the brazen altar
Lord I want to see Your face
Pass me by the crowds of people
The priests who sing Your praise
I hunger and thirst for Your righteousness
But it's only found one place

Take me in to the holy of holies
Take me in by the blood of the Lamb
Take me in to the holy of holies
Take the coal, touch my lips, here I am”

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