

Jehovah Shammah
The Lord is There

Psalm 23:4

*4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

God is Jehovah Shammah

“The Lord is There”

He is my constant companion

“And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE.” (Ez. 48:35)

Heaven met earth in the tabernacle

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (Ex. 40: 34-35)

Heaven met earth in the temple

As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire descended from heaven and burned up the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the Temple. (2 Chron. 7:1)

What happened to Israel?

Ezekiel was shown in a vision what happened.

Ez. 10:18 - Then the glory of the LORD departed from over the threshold of the temple...

Scripture tells us to seek God's Presence

1 Chron. 16:11

Isaiah 55:6

Jer. 29:13

Acts 17:27

Matt. 6:33

Heb. 11:6

3 Types of God's Presence:

1) The AWESOME presence of God.

Psalm 139, "Where can I go from Your Presence?"

3 Types of God's Presence:

2) The ABIDING presence of God.

Rom 8:9, "You are not controlled by your sinful nature, but you are controlled by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ."

Where does God dwell Now?

3 New Testament Temples:

1) Jesus

John 2:19-21

19 “All right,” Jesus replied. “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

20 “What!” they exclaimed. “It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?” **21** But when Jesus said “this temple,” he meant his own body.

2) Church

2 Peter 2:5

And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.

3) Individual Christians

1 Corinthians 6:19

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

3 Types of God's Presence:

3) The AMAZING presence of God.

God's Manifest Presence

Manifest: make clear or obvious
A demonstration of God's presence

We are Now God's Temple. Can we host
God's presence?

What happened to Israel?

(Ez 8:6) And he said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing—the utterly detestable things the Israelites are doing here, things that will drive me far from my sanctuary?”

They drove God out.

Why does God's presence leave?

1) We seek other gods.

Ezekiel 14:6-7

“Therefore say to the people of Israel, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practices!

7 “‘When any of the Israelites or any foreigner residing in Israel separate themselves from me and set up idols in their hearts and put a wicked stumbling block before their faces and then go to a prophet to inquire of me, I the LORD will answer them myself.

Why does God's presence leave?

2) We step out of the will of God

James 4:13-17

13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. 17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.”

Why does God's presence leave?

3) We rebel

How to prepare our hearts for Jehovah Shammah

1) Be hungry

“Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled.”

Ex. 33:15-18

15 Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

17 And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

18 Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

How to prepare our hearts for Jehovah Shammah

2) Be humble

“Not my will but Yours...”

What are you willing to do to host the
presence of God?

“Show us Your Glory!”