

God's Desire for a Dwelling Place

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I. The Desire of God's Heart - A Mutual Habitation of God and Man

Isaiah 66:1-2 Thus says Jehovah, / Heaven is My throne, / And the earth the footstool for My feet. / Where then is the house that you will build for Me, / And where is the place of My rest?... / But to this kind of man will I look, to him who is poor / And of a contrite spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Peter 2:4-5 Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen [and] precious, 5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Psalms 90:1 O Lord, You have been our dwelling place / In all generations...

Deuteronomy 33:27a The God of old is your habitation...

II. The Five States of God's Dwelling

A. In the Heavens

1 Kings 8:39a Then hear in the heavens Your dwelling place...

B. The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

Exodus 25:8-9 And let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst; According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, even so shall you make it.

Exodus 33:11 And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

C. The Temple in the Good Land

1 Kings 6:12-14 As for this house that you are building, if you walk in My statutes and execute My ordinances and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will establish My word with you, which I spoke to David your father; 13. And I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel, and I will not forsake My people Israel. 14. So Solomon built the house and finished it.

D. The Church in the New Testament

1 Timothy 3:15b ...the house of God, which is the church of the living God.

E. The New Jerusalem – God’s Tabernacle with Man for Eternity

Rev. 21: 2a-3a 2a. And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, 3a. And I heard a loud