



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **The Sin You Committed at Church**

Series: **Chasing the Wind**

Text: **Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

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Big Idea: Because God is in heaven and we are on earth, the worship he accepts is not a performance we produce but a posture we bring — ears open before our mouths, words we actually mean, promises we actually keep.

THE WORSHIP GOD IS LOOKING FOR (3 Commands)

I. _____ YOUR STEPS — COME TO _____

Guard your steps when you go to **the house of God**. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. (Ec 5:1).

There is a _____ way and a _____ way to walk into the presence of God.

I saw **the Lord seated on a throne**, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. (Is 6:1). **Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty**; the whole earth is full of his glory.” (Is 6:3). Woe to me!” I cried. (Is 6:5)

WHERE IS THE HOUSE OF GOD NOW?

- _____ is the **TEMPLE**

The Word became flesh and **made his dwelling among us**. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14).

Jesus said, “**Destroy this temple**, and I will raise it again in three days.” (John 2:19)

- The _____ are the **TEMPLE**

“Don’t you know that **you yourselves are God’s temple**...?” (1 Cor. 3:16)

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become **a holy temple in the Lord**. 22 And **in him you too are being built together** to become a **dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit**. (Eph. 2:21-22)

- _____ **HIMSELF**

“I did not see **a temple in the city**, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.” (Rev. 21:22)

TENT - BUILDING - BODY - PEOPLE - to GOD HIMSELF

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN WE GATHER TOGETHER?

Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. (Ec 5:1)

WORSHIP IS NOT A _____, IT IS NOT A PLACE TO BE _____,
IT IS NOT SOMETHING JUST TO _____, IT IS A PLACE TO _____!

II. _____ WHAT YOU SAY

Do not be **quick with your mouth**, do not be **hasty in your heart** to utter anything before God. **God is in heaven and you are on earth**, so let your words be few. (Ec 5:2).

- _____ WORDS THAT PUT US IN OUR PLACE
- NOT _____ WORDS IN QUANTITY BUT _____ WORDS IN SINCERITY

Sing _____ you Mean IT!  Sing _____ you Mean IT!

As a dream comes when there are many cares, so the speech of a fool when there are many words. (Ec 5:3).

III. _____ WHAT YOU SAY

When you make a vow to God, **do not delay in fulfilling it**. He has no pleasure in fools; **fulfill your vow**. 5 It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it. (Ec 5:4–5).

WHAT IS A VOW? A conditional _____ made in public or private worship.

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- _____

Do not let your mouth **lead you into sin**. And do not protest to the temple messenger, **“My vow was a mistake.”** Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? (Ec 5:6)

Simply let your **‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’** and your **‘No,’ ‘No’**; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. (Mt 5:37).

THE POINT IS NOT STOP PROMISING – IT IS STOP PROMISING _____