

*DAY 6*

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Victory family, what an honor it is to consecrate ourselves as the beautiful body of Christ Jesus our Lord in a time such as this. I often think about God's infinite understanding and His eyes roaming to and fro throughout the earth and seeing all the wicked in it. I imagine the eyes of the Lord growing tired as they roam the earth, until His eyes lay ahold of a hungry heart that has been standing at attention, waiting for the day to lock eyes with the King of Glory. As their eye's lock, the storm of the Lord is kindled, and His presence ferociously gallops toward the heart, body and soul consecrated unto Him. Then, in his passionate love, He fills this living sanctuary with his glory. In this fast, "A Living Sanctuary," my declaration is this, "Here I am, Lord. Indwell in me and fill me afresh with your glory for your names sake!"

"Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys" (Exodus 40:34-38, NKJV).

I am thankful that the Lord bestows upon us the honor and great privilege of being a living sanctuary for his glory. A sanctuary is a place of habitation. God had commanded Moses to give strict instructions to his people on how to build the sanctuary. He gave them the exact measurements and heavenly ordained blueprints for the building of the tabernacle. Also, God provided all the gold, silver and precious jewels and materials to make the building of the tabernacle even possible.

In addition to these things God also poured out his spirit on all the craftsmen and workers who were involved in the building process. This was a large-scale mission, and it took the leadership of God for it to be accomplished. Why was this so necessary? Because God desires a resting place for his glory and the glory of the Lord is holy! That which the Lord indwells in must be holy! The tabernacle in all its beauty was nothing without the glory of the Lord. As the living sanctuary of the Lord, we must live holy lives and act in a way that honors God, inviting him to fill us with his glory. God is searching for consecrated vessels to inhabit with his glory.

I love what King David says in Psalm 26:8 (NKJV) “Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.”

Love is what will propel you to live a life consecrated unto the lord. Love will give you the boldness to protect your inner life (sanctuary) with God at all costs and make Him the highest priority in your life. The degree in which we consecrate ourselves as the temple of God comes down to the level of personal revelation of his holiness.

“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy’ (Leviticus 19:2, NKJV).

I love this verse because God gives us a commandment that we are to be holy! This means that we can be holy. It sounds simple, but the Lord desires us to be holy. I remember the man that I was before I was cleansed by the blood of Jesus. To think that while I was a sinner Christ died for me and became the atoning sacrifice for my sins. God always had it in his heart for us to be holy as he is holy. This is a very humbling thought and keeps me to steward the living sanctuary with reverence and holy fear. Never forget the price Jesus paid on the cross to allow us to become the living sanctuary of his presence and walk with God. “But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—” [Colossians 1:22, NIV].

“According to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. Then Moses looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them” [Exodus 39:42-43, NKJV].

Israel had completed building the temple that the Lord commanded Moses and them to build. After it was built “Moses looked over all of the work.” As living sanctuaries of God’s glory, now is the time that we look over our own lives with thorough examination. During this fast, let us come before the Lord in deeper consecration and ask if there is anything in our lives that is not pleasing to Him. King David says in Psalm 19:12 (NKJV), “Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.” This is important, because as we humble ourselves before the Lord and He continues to purify us, it will maintain the consecration and integrity of our lives as a living sanctuary.

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy” (1 Peter 2:9-10, NKJV).

In addition to being a living sanctuary, we are a royal priesthood, Hallelujah! As a royal priesthood we are to worship the Lord daily with sacrifices of praise. Our lives are to be a constant burning altar of incense to the Lord. King David says in Psalm 29:2 (NKJV) “Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” During this fast, I pray that God brings you fresh revelation into the depths of His holiness uncovering the well of worship to burst forth in our hearts.

“Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5, NKJV)

My final exhortation to you beloved is this, as people who host the Lord God almighty you are holy ground. Protect that ground with purity, maintain your ground with daily devotion, and host the presence of the Lord with worship.

I pray strength and encouragement over you during this fast in the mighty name of Jesus, amen!