

I Corinthians 3:16 – “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

TEMPLES OF PRAYER

When God created Adam, there was no temple, but there was a meeting place. It was a Garden. God put Adam in a garden to tend it and keep it. In that same garden God met with Adam, and later with Eve. There was no separation from Adam’s domain for work and his domain for worship. When Adam and Eve became separated from God by sin, they became separated from their meeting place. The garden was replaced by an altar. Man could only meet God through sacrifice. In time, the altar was surrounded by a Tabernacle. The Tabernacle became a Temple. This was the house of God. God didn’t live there. It was a meeting place. Jesus said, “It is written ‘My house is a house of prayer’” (Luke 19:46). There is no temple in Jerusalem today. Believers are God’s temple, and He lives in us through the Holy Spirit. The inner sanctuary is our spirit. That is where we meet God and He meets us. Because of the presence of the Spirit, our bodies are houses of prayer. Once again there is no difference in your domain for work and your domain for worship. You are a traveling temple. God is always present in you. Yet, He waits for you to meet Him in prayer. When you pray, you enter the presence of God, something no one did except the High Priest in the Old Covenant. You have access to God. Everything under law kept man away from God. Because of Christ’s sacrifice for your sins, you can enter into God’s presence any time, anywhere. That’s the reason for the question, “Do you not know you are the temple of God?” What will you do, now that you do know?