

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Where does God live? Where is God's house?
 - i) As we study the Bible, we see that God has been living in a series of "houses."
 - ii) Throughout Scripture, we see that God has moved from house to house, until recently.
 - (1) He would move into a house, that house would get defiled and dirty, and then God would move out because He cannot live in a dirty house.
- b) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- c) God now lives in us.
 - i) In the Old Testament, God had a temple for His people.
 - ii) In the New Testament, God has a people for His temple.
 - (1) Our hearts are a royal residence.
- d) The message today will look at various houses that God has lived in and moved out of.

2) GOD'S PRIMARY HOUSE WAS ADAM (GENESIS 2:7)

- a) Man is body, soul and spirit.
 - i) God made man's body from the dust of the ground.
 - ii) God gave man a spirit by the breath of life.
 - (1) God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.
 - iii) Man became a living soul.
- b) 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- c) Every person has a body, soul and spirit.
 - i) With your body, you have physical life and know the physical world.
 - (1) With your body, you know the world beneath you.
 - ii) The Greek word for "soul" is the word from which we get the word "psyche."
 - (1) Your soul is the emotional part of you.
 - (a) It is the cognitive part that lives within your body.
 - (2) The soul is your mind, your emotion and your will.
 - (a) All of these make up the person that you are in personality, intelligence, sense of humor, etc.
 - (3) With your soul, you know the world within and around you.
 - iii) The soul and spirit are not the same.
 - (1) God makes a differentiation between soul and spirit.
 - (a) 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - (b) Hebrews 4:12
 - (2) Your spirit is the part of your nature that enables you to know God.
 - (a) John 4:24
 - (3) When we become believers in Christ and are saved, God's spirit bears witness with our spirit that we're His children.
 - (a) Romans 8:16
- d) Plants have a body but no soul; animals have a soul.

- i) The word “soul” means “conscious life.”
- ii) The book of Genesis speaks of living creatures having a soul.
- iii) Animals have mind, emotion and will.
- iv) What makes man more than a clever animal is that he has a spirit.
 - (1) Plants have inanimate life, animals have animate life, but humans have spiritual life.
 - (a) God put into us a spirit.
 - (b) We became living souls because God’s Spirit is within us.
 - (i) It is the spirit that is the origin of spiritual knowledge.
- e) God made man to live in; Adam was a house of three rooms.
 - i) God is a triune God.
 - (1) Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - ii) Everything God made reflects His triunity.
 - (1) Space is height, width and depth.
 - (a) Height is not width, width is not depth, and depth is not height.
 - (i) They are all different, yet they’re all the same.
 - (ii) Like the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, they are distinguishable but inseparable.
 - (2) Time is past, present and future.
 - iii) When God made man, He made him body, soul and spirit.
 - (1) 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - iv) God was to live in Adam’s spirit.
 - (1) Adam walked and fellowshiped with God in the Garden of Eden.
- f) God’s primary house was Adam.
 - i) A house designed – three rooms.
 - (1) God was to live in Adam’s spirit.
 - (2) Adam was to be a house of three rooms; and the innermost room, the spirit, was where God dwelt with Adam.
 - (a) Isaiah 57:15
 - ii) A house desecrated – Adam sinned.
 - (1) When Adam sinned against God, he defiled and desecrated the house.
 - (2) Genesis 3:6
 - (a) Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
 - iii) A house desolated – God moved out.
 - (1) Genesis 3:19
 - (2) When Adam sinned, God moved out.
 - (3) Adam, now, is minus God in his spirit.
 - (a) His spirit is dead, but his soul and body are still alive.
 - (4) Rather than being God-centered, Adam is now self-centered.
 - (5) Rather than the spirit having dominance over the soul, the soul (the mind, emotion and will) has dominance.
 - (6) Rather than being a spiritual man, Adam is now a soulish man.
 - iv) A house destroyed – Adam died.
 - (1) Genesis 3:19

- (2) Genesis 3:3
- (3) Adam died immediately in his spirit, progressively in his soul, and ultimately in his body.
 - (a) Adam died immediately in his spirit.
 - (i) To be lost is to be minus God.
 - (ii) One does not have to be a bank robber or a murderer to be minus God.
 - 1. It only takes one-half of one sin.
 - (iii) God won't live in a dirty house.
 - (iv) God is on the outside, and Adam is no longer a royal residence.
 - (v) 1 John 5:12
 - (vi) 1 Timothy 5:6
 - (b) Adam died progressively in his soul.
 - (i) His mind, which was meant to be centered on God, now becomes a garden of weeds.
 - (ii) Fears, neuroses, disappointments and sorrows come into his heart, mind and soul.
 - (c) Adam died ultimately in his body.
 - (i) The seeds of death were in him the moment he sinned.
 - (d) We have all sinned against God and are separated from the life of God.
 - (i) We have died immediately in the spirit, progressively in the soul, and ultimately in the body.
 - 1. Our bodies are winding down to the grave.
- 3) GOD'S PATTERN HOUSE WAS THE TEMPLE
 - a) This is the second house God moved into.
 - b) God built a temple for His people in the Old Testament.
 - i) First, it was a tabernacle, which was just a tent.
 - ii) Later, it became a more stately structure.
 - c) Again, it was a house of three rooms.
 - i) The outer court was a place of sacrifice.
 - ii) The inner court was where people met and fellowshiped together.
 - iii) The innermost court, called the Holy of Holies, was where the Shekinah glory of God dwelt.
 - d) The temple was a pattern.
 - i) Hebrews 8:5
 - ii) It's an object lesson that corresponds to the human body.
 - (1) The outer court (the place of sacrifice) was where the brazen altar was located.
 - (a) We're to present our bodies a living sacrifice.
 - (i) Romans 12:1
 - (2) The inner court where the people met and worshipped together is likened to our fellowship at church.

- (a) This represents the soul.
 - (b) We fellowship with one another on a soulish level.
 - (3) The innermost court represents the human spirit, the Holy of Holies.
 - e) The temple was a house designed.
 - i) God designed the temple with three rooms.
 - ii) Hebrews 8:5
 - f) The temple was a house desecrated.
 - i) Matthew 21:13
 - g) The temple was a house desolated.
 - i) God will not live in a dirty house.
 - ii) Matthew 23:38
 - (1) In this passage, the Lord Jesus does not call it "My Father's house" but "your house."
 - iii) After they had taken the holy temple and made it a den of thieves, they continued to worship in it; but God was not there.
 - (1) It was no longer God's house but your house.
 - h) The temple was a house destroyed.
 - i) Matthew 24:1-2
 - ii) God moved out and moved on.
 - iii) The temple is not standing today.
 - (1) There are other temples that have been preserved, but not this specific one that is mentioned in Scripture.
 - (a) Jesus' word is fulfilled.
- 4) GOD'S PERFECT HOUSE WAS JESUS (JOHN 2:19-21)
- a) This is the third house that God moved into.
 - i) God's perfect house was Jesus Christ Himself.
 - ii) John 2:19-21
 - b) The Lord Jesus knew that His body was the temple of God.
 - i) A house designed:
 - (1) Hebrews 10:5
 - (2) The Lord Jesus was the second Adam.
 - (a) Body, soul and spirit
 - (3) The Lord Jesus was totally perfect.
 - (a) John 8:46
 - (b) The Lord Jesus was born of a virgin and is not a son of Adam.
 - (i) In Adam, all die.
 - (ii) The Lord Jesus came as He did (born of a virgin) to be what He was (sinless) to do what He did (die for our sins).
 - 1. Only a perfect sacrifice could be acceptable before God.
 - ii) A house desecrated:
 - (1) Isaiah 53:6
 - (2) 1 Peter 2:24
 - (3) 2 Corinthians 5:21

- (4) God took our sin and the dirty, perverted sin of this world and put that sin upon the Lord Jesus.
 - (a) Jesus never sinned, but our sins were laid upon Him.
 - iii) A house desolated:
 - (1) Matthew 27:46
 - (a) God cannot live in a dirty house.
 - (2) When Jesus was willing to become our substitute and take our sins upon Himself, then that perfect house was desolated.
 - (3) God the Father turned His back on God the Son.
 - (a) Habakkuk 1:13
 - (4) The Lord Jesus died instead of us, and we should love Him for what He did for us.
 - (a) Psalm 23:4
 - (i) The Lord Jesus walked that dark valley by Himself.
 - iv) A house destroyed:
 - (1) John 2:19
 - (a) Jesus knew that He would be destroyed.
 - (2) God the Father would be the one who would destroy Him.
 - (a) Isaiah 53:10
 - (b) When Jesus took our sins and became our substitute, God had to treat Jesus as He would treat us.
 - (c) Romans 8:32
 - (i) If God did not spare Jesus when He was bearing our sins, then why would He spare us if we reject the Jesus, the sin bearer?
 - (ii) If God could not overlook the sin that was upon Jesus, then God cannot overlook our sin.
- 5) GOD'S PERMAMENT HOUSE IS THE BELIEVER
- a) God has moved in and has stopped moving.
 - i) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - b) As believers in Christ, God lives in us and is never moving out.
 - i) 2 Corinthians 6:16
 - (1) The word "dwell" means to settle down.
 - ii) John 14:16
 - iii) Ephesians 3:17
 - c) When God comes to live in us, He comes to stay once and for all.
 - d) There are several lessons we can learn.
 - i) The lesson concerning salvation:
 - (1) Salvation is not getting man out of Earth and into Heaven; it is getting God out of Heaven into man.
 - (2) Heaven is a by-product of salvation.
 - (3) Being saved is getting God back into our hearts, helping us to understand that we are now a temple of the Holy Ghost.
 - ii) The lesson concerning security:

- (1) God has stopped moving.
 - (2) God dwells in our hearts by faith and will never forsake us.
 - (a) Hebrews 13:5
 - (i) In the Greek language, the author keeps piling up the negatives of “never, never, no never, never forsake you.”
 - (3) Because of the Lord Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary, no sin will ever be imputed to us.
 - (a) God will not live in a dirty house.
 - (b) Romans 4:8
 - (i) If there were even one-half of one sin on our records, then God would have to move out.
 - (ii) But because of Jesus, sin is never imputed to us.
 - (c) God may discipline us, but we are secure.
 - (i) Hebrews 12:6
 - (4) Some people only believe in security once we get to Heaven.
 - (a) Why would we be safe up there if we’re not safe down here?
 - (b) Angels fell from Heaven.
 - (c) Security is not in a place; it’s in a person, and His name is Jesus Christ.
- iii) The lesson concerning sanctification:
- (1) Adam died immediately in his spirit, progressively in his soul, and ultimately in his body.
 - (a) When we get saved, God puts all of that in reverse.
 - (2) When we are saved, we are justified immediately in the spirit.
 - (a) Hebrews 12:23
 - (b) Immediately, every sin and stain are buried in the grave of God’s forgetfulness.
 - (3) We are sanctified progressively in the soul.
 - (a) God is working on us day by day to make us more like the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (b) We are not totally sanctified yet.
 - (c) Philippians 1:6
 - (4) We will be glorified ultimately in the body.
 - (a) The Bible teaches that God will one day change our bodies to be like unto His glorious body.
 - (i) Psalm 17:15
 - (b) 1 John 3:2
 - (i) We will be like the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 6) CONCLUSION
- a) As believers in Christ, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit of God.
 - i) We should be careful not to defile the temple with our words or actions.
 - b) Every day is a holy day and every place is a sacred place when God lives within us.

- c) Are you saved?
 - i) You can be today.
- d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16