

Session Two

Living as Temples of Skin

Accordingly, in classic Jewish thought, the Shekinah refers to a dwelling or settling in a special sense, a dwelling or settling of [divine presence](#),^[2] to the effect that, while in proximity to the Shekinah, the connection to God is more readily perceivable. Some Christian theologians have connected the concept of Shekinah to the Greek term "[Parousia](#)", "presence" or "arrival," which is used in the [New Testament](#) in a similar way for "divine presence".^[1]

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

The Hebrew word for glory is kabad, kaw-bad'; or כָּבֵד kabad, kaw-bade'; a primitive root; to be heavy, i.e. in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable; causatively, to make weighty

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **2 Corinthians 4:17**

“We must praise Him until we can worship Him and then we must worship Him until His glory descends.”

We are His Temple of Skin

Ouk Oidate is Pauls' response to the Corinthians in astonishment, **“Do You Not Know!”**

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you (all) together are that temple. **1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

Paul says that you are the temple (individually) and that you are the temple (corporately).

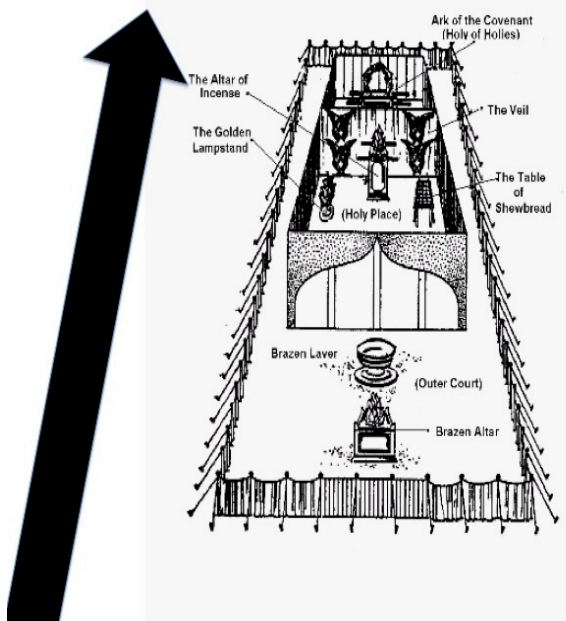
Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit*, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. **1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law that I will give you. There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites. **Exodus 25:21-23**

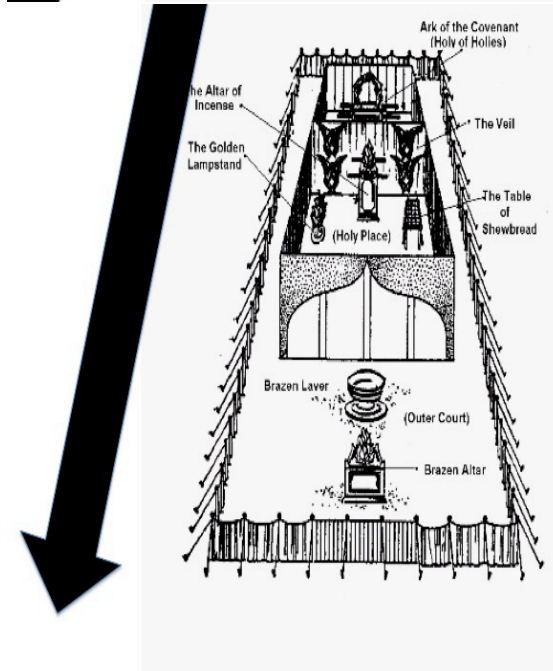
For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. **Leviticus 17:11**

***Without the blood there
can be no safe meeting place.***

Put the altar in front of the curtain that shields the ark of the covenant law—before the atonement cover that is over the tablets of the covenant law—where I will meet with you. **Exodus 30:6**



*Take me past the outer courts
Into the Holy Place
Past the brazen altar
Lord I want to see your face
Pass me by the crowds of people
And the Priests who sing your praise
I hunger and thirst for your
righteousness
But it's only found in one place
Take me into the holy of holies
Take me in by the blood of the lamb
Take me into the holy of holies*



*But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the [n]cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **Hebrews 9:11-***

Difference between Temple of Skin and Temple of Stone

Prior to Solomon's Temple made of stone, the Tabernacle was a movable Temple made of the skins of animals.

Everyone who had ram skins dyed red or hides of sea cows brought them (Exodus 25:5a; 35:7a, 35:23b). The sea cows are marine

animals resembling a seal. They grow to about ten to twelve feet long and have a round head and a divided tail. They are often found among the coral rocks of the Sea of Reeds. Five hundred of those skins would provide the covering for the Tabernacle.

What was in the Ark of the Covenant?

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The Golden Jar of Manna
3. The Budded Staff of Aaron

Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. ***This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.*** Hebrews 9:3-4

The priests then brought the ark of the Lord's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and overshadowed the ark and its carrying poles. These poles were so long that their ends could be seen from the Holy Place in front of the inner sanctuary, but not from outside the Holy Place; and they are still there today. ***There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets*** that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt. When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. ***And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple.*** Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in a dark cloud; I have indeed built a magnificent temple for you, a place for you to dwell forever." **1 Kings 8:6-12**