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1. God's Design for His House – His Continual Presence

– is to manifest his glory

Moses – heart after God, angel not good enough – Ex 33:15-17

Solomon – 2 Chron. 5:11-14 – glory of God fell on them

Solomon – 2 Chron 7:14-16

Ezekiel 43:5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Revelation 4:3-11, 5:8-13, 7:9-11, 19:11-16 glory fell, people fell, shouted

Acts 2:4 Day of Pentecost filled the house

Tests of His Presence – check list

2. God's Decree for His House – Passionate Worship

Psalms 22:3 "He inhabits (sits down) the praises of His people"

Mark 12:30 The 1st command is passionate love for God, Christ

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

John 4:23-24 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

2 Chronicles 5:11-14 loud worship, singing, praising, exalting the name

2 Chronicles 20:21 appointed singers

21. Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever." 22. As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men.

"Sing lustily (passionately, joyfully) and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength." (John Wesley)

(ie. Jack Hayford's church) – Exalt Him!!!

(ie New Life Church) – Love Him!!!

3. God's Desire for His House – A House of Prayer

A place of hunger for God – seek my face (not my hand)

Matthew 21:13, Luke 19:46, Mark 11:17, Isaiah 56:7

My house shall be a house of prayer

My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Leprosy in the house – needs to be cleansed

(ie) Jack Hayford, small church adultery, other examples

Matthew 17:21 – “But this kind does not go out but by prayer and fasting.”

Matthew 17:21 KJV-Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

No Mighty Miracle – unbelieving prayers, faithless faith

Spirit and power of the Lord was present to heal

Luke 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Nazareth, could do no mighty work, save heal a few sick folk.

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Application – The Solution for the Presence of the Lord

Is He present ... In your life? ... In your home?... In your worship?

- Prepare yourself – daily, weekly, seasonal “Spring Cleaning” – Lenten Devotions and use of the prayer room. Get serious about the presence of the Lord in life, home, and church.
Here are my suggestions – once each week in March – spend an hour in the prayer closet – fast once a week from at least one meal – read Scripture and devotions concerning God's presence.
- Praise - Fill the House – music is not worship, verbal exaltation is. God will not be displeased with you. Satan will not sit on your lap or bind your tongue -- Appointed singers --- MP3 Worship!!!
- Pray Through this House – prayer strategies, “behind the wall” – “the Waiting Room -- prayer shield, prayer room, prayer cottage, prayer retreats, concert of prayer, altar waiting. Use the Altar! Walk through. Prayer Scriptural promises as you do in your own home. You are a prince or princess with God!!!

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I. His "Shekinah" Presence - Glory Defined

Jewish tradition, word study, Grk word "Skene" or dwelling.

The visible, tangible, palpable, or manifest presence of God on earth.

II. His "Manifest: Presence

1. God is omnipresent – everywhere, all the time, Psalms 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

2. God is present always – Immanuel, God with us, Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Psalms 46:1 God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

3. God is present as the Holy Spirit

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

4. God is present when 2-3 are together in prayer

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

5. God is manifestly present in power and glory

Luke 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

Mark 6:5 **And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed *them*. (In Nazareth, he was amazed at their lack of faith, unbelief.)**

III. His "Welcomed" Presence

- Jack Hayford – The Glory of Your House
- Tommy Tenny – The God Chasers
- A.W. Tozer – Pursuit of God, Whatever Happened to Worship

1. Prepare the way – lift up your heads – Ps 24:7-9
2. Invite and Welcome – You that inhabits the praises - Psalms 22:3
3. Exalt Him Together – Psalm 34:3

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Purpose of the House of God

1. God's Design – is to manifest his glory (Hayford, Tenny, Revivals)
2. God's Decree – seeks such to worship Him (John 4:23, 1st command is passionate love for God, Christ – (ie New Life Church)
3. God's Desire – my house shall be a house of prayer

Tests of the House of God

- Does God show up on Sunday morning? Is He felt and known?
- Do people, even visitors note His presence?
- Are people being saved regularly through the services?
- Are people weeping and broken before God at the altar?
- Are there miracles?
- Are there healings?
- Are demons being cast out?
- Are miraculous gifts evident?
- Is there a tremendous longing after God?
- Are marriages being restored by God's intervention?
- Are people being delivered from sin, addictions, fears, bondages?

Solutions for the House of God

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Psalm 24

- 1 The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

2 Chronicles 5:11-14

- 11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*: (for all the priests *that were* present were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course:
- 12 Also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)
- 13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD;
- 14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

2 Chronicles 7:12-16

- 12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.
- 13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;
- 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
- 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.
- 16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

NIV Exodus 33:9-23

Exodus 3:2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

Exodus 23:20 ¶ Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Exodus 23:23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

Exodus 32:34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

Exodus 33:2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

9. As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses.

10. Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to his tent.

11. The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

12. Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.'

13. If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

14. The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15. Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" 17. And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." 18. Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19. And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

20. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21. Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.

22. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

23. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

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Psalm 24 – Who Can Approach His Presence

1. The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; 2. for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. 3. Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? 4. He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. 5. He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. 6. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Selah 7. Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 8. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory. Selah

2 Chronicles 5:11-14 – Shekinah Glory Descends on the Temple

11. The priests then withdrew from the Holy Place. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions. 12. All the Levites who were musicians--Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives--stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets. 13. The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, 14. and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.

2 Chronicles 7:12-16

11. When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, 12. the LORD appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. 13. "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, **14. if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

*15. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.
16. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.*

- Psalms 34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us [exalt his name](#) together.
- Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall [seek me](#), and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
- Proverbs 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that [seek me](#) early shall find me.

Moses – an angel’s presence was not good enough, If you do not go with me then send us not. Ex 33:14-18 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. 15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence. 16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth. 17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. 18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

Worship

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh [such to worship](#) him.

First Command – passion for God

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt [love the Lord](#) thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt [love the Lord](#) thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: *this is* the first commandment.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt [love the Lord](#) thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

House of Prayer

Isaiah 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my [house of prayer](#): their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an [house of prayer](#) for all people.

Matthew 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the [house of prayer](#); but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Mark 11:17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the [house of prayer](#)? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Luke 19:46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the [house of prayer](#): but ye have made it a den of thieves.

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