



SERMON NOTES

Term – Autumn 2019

Series – Luke

Gathering & Date – the 10, 13th October

Title – The Worship Journey of the Temple

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Reading – Luke 1:5-11

Summary

- God gave Moses detailed instructions for a tabernacle, a tent of meeting, that would allow Him to dwell among his people.
- Later, king Solomon developed this into a permanent stone temple. When this temple was destroyed by the Babylonians, Herod reconstructed his own version. With only some differences between them, all of these structures were based on the same blueprint given to Moses.
- This blueprint laid out a journey of worship that is still relevant to our worship today.
- How do we know it's relevant? Well, for one, Hebrews 8:5 talks about it being a "copy and shadow of what is in heaven". If the blueprint of temple worship is a reflection of what the angels are constantly (and presently!) doing in heaven, it must still be pertinent to us today.

Take time to look at the table resource for temple worship, following through the different stages and how each stage relates to our worship today.

Questions

1. Is there one of the stages from temple worship that really excites you or perhaps that you hadn't thought of before?
2. Which one of the stages from the temple blueprint of worship do you find most challenging to your own worship?
3. What could you put in place throughout your week to help you engage more with that particular aspect of worship?
4. In Zechariah's day, only the priests could go past a certain point in the temple worship journey. This is no longer true for us – access I open for all – but are there times in sung worship when you feel you can't "get any further"? What do you think causes this and how might God want to help you?
5. Can you remember a time in sung worship when you have felt like you're in the Holy of Holies? I.e., His presence is thick, there's an atmosphere of possibility and power, you tangibly felt Him or heard His voice, a miracle happened. Take some time to share & encourage each other with worship testimonies and allow them to raise your faith for your own worship.