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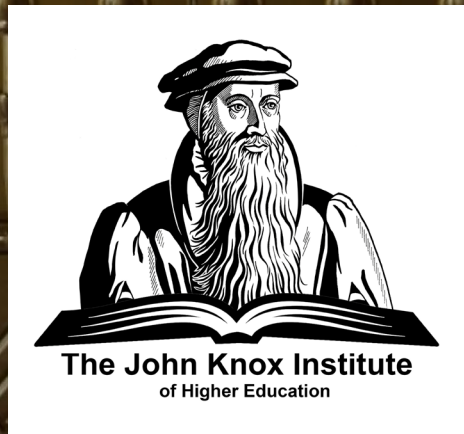
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Lecture 2 ~

THE TEMPLE THEME



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Scripture Text

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.”

“And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony.”

—Exodus 25, verses 8 and 22

Key Points

1. God’s five designations for the Tabernacle.
 - a. Sanctuary—Exodus 25, verse 8.
 - b. Tabernacle—Exodus 25, verse 9.
 - c. Tent—Exodus 26, verse 36.
 - d. Tabernacle of the congregation—Exodus 29, verse 42.
 - e. Tabernacle of the testimony—Exodus 38, verse 21.
2. The Tabernacle was the visible gospel in the Old Testament.
 - a. The whole Bible is one progressive revelation of God’s plan for salvation.
3. The temple theme throughout the Bible.
 - a. Temple defined—God’s meeting place with man—Exodus 25, verses 8 and 22.
 - b. There was no need for a temple in the Garden of Eden before the fall.
 - c. The Tabernacle in Exodus 25 is the first officially appointed meeting place with God.
 - 1) Throughout Genesis, many altars were built to sacrifice to God.
 - d. The Tabernacle of Moses was very different from temples built for false gods in that day.
 - e. Solomon’s temple was much more glorious, made of stone, and built on a larger scale.

- f. The rebuilt temple after the Babylonian conquest was less ornate and much smaller.
- g. “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.”—John 1:14.
- h. The final temple, holy, dedicated believers in the Lord Jesus Christ—1 Corinthians 6:20.
- i. The new heaven and earth, the Lord God and the Lamb are the temple—Revelation 21:22.

Review Questions

1. What were God’s five designations for the Tabernacle in the book of Exodus? What is the significance of each name?

2. Rev. Vergunst says we need to understand that the whole Bible is one progressive, united revelation from God, though it is made up of many books. What is the main message that God is revealing in the Bible?

3. Please explain why we cannot really define a temple as the dwelling place of God. Can you evidence this from Scripture?

4. If not a dwelling place of God, what then is the most accurate definition of the temple? Can you evidence this from the Bible?

5. Why is there no mention of a temple or tabernacle in the garden of Eden? How did God meet with Adam and Eve then?

6. Were there other officially designated places to meet with God during the 3,000 years from Genesis 1 to Exodus 25? How did men call upon God during those years?

7. Besides the Tabernacle, can you name the other temples of God in the Old Testament?

8. When the temple was rebuilt after the Babylonian exile, it was small and plain. How did God encourage those who remembered the greatness of Solomon's temple, which was destroyed? How was that a prophecy of the coming of the church?

9. How does John's Gospel tell us that God has come to dwell among us? How are Christian believers the temple of the Spirit?

10. When God creates a new heaven and a new earth, what will be the temple there? How do we know this?

Personal Applications

1. As we study the whole Bible, we see how God has repeatedly designated sanctuary places where sinners can meet with him. What does this tell you about God? What does this mean for you?

2. Rev. Vergunst showed us God's five different designations for the Tabernacle, which was the visible gospel in the Old Testament. How do these five names help you understand the Tabernacle and what it points to?
