

Draw near..



The Greatest Commandment

³⁴Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"^b

³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^c ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

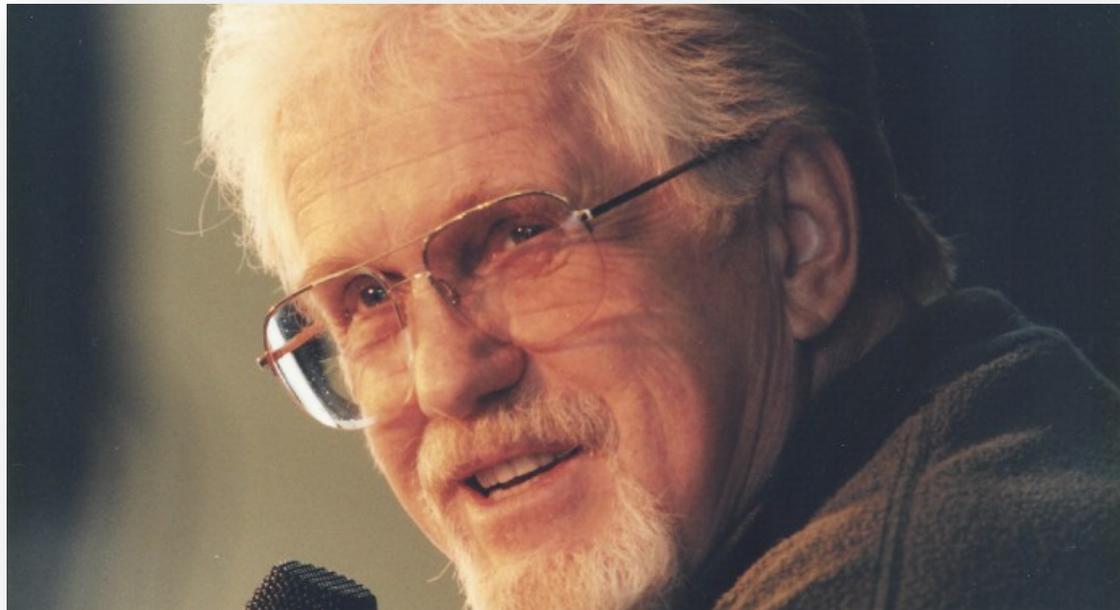
Whose Son Is the Christ?

Matthew 22:37-38

NIV

"Our heart's desire should be to worship God; we have been designed by God for this purpose. If we don't worship God, we'll worship something or someone else."

John Wimber, Vineyard Founder



Hebrews 10:19-21

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Hebrews 10:19-25 - A Call to Persevere in Faith

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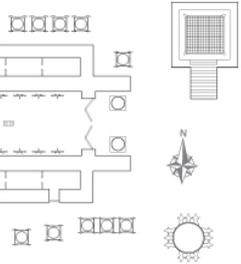
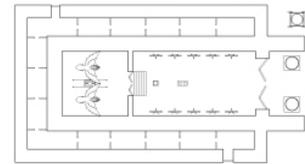
A structure with three levels was built around the walls of the temple. The lower chamber was 7.5 feet (2.3 m) wide, the middle chamber was 9 feet (2.7 m) wide, and the upper chamber was 10.5 feet (3.2 m) wide (1 Kings 6:5–6, 8, 10).

Two ornate wooden doors, overlaid with gold, separated the inner sanctuary from the nave (1 Kings 6:31–32).

The nave had clerestory windows with recessed frames (1 Kings 6:4).

The vestibule was 30 feet (9.1 m) wide and 15 feet (4.6 m) deep (1 Kings 6:3; cf. 2 Chron. 3:4).

Temple Architectural Plan



The hollow bronze pillar on the north was called "Boaz," and the one on the south was called "Jachin" (1 Kings 7:21; cf. 2 Chron. 3:17).

Two ornate wooden, folding doors, overlaid with gold, separated the nave from the vestibule (1 Kings 6:33–35).

The bronze altar for burnt offerings was 15 feet (4.6 m) high and 30 feet (9.1 m) long and wide (cf. 2 Chron. 4:1).

The inner sanctuary (or Most Holy Place) was a 30-foot (9.1-m) cube (1 Kings 6:15–29; 2 Chron. 3:8–14). Such rooms were often elevated in temples of the ancient Near East. Two massive golden cherubim stood on either side of the ark, each 15 feet (4.6 m) tall with 15-foot (4.6-m) wingspans (1 Kings 6:23–28). The ark of the covenant stood between the two cherubim (1 Kings 8:1–11; cf. 2 Chron. 5:2–14).

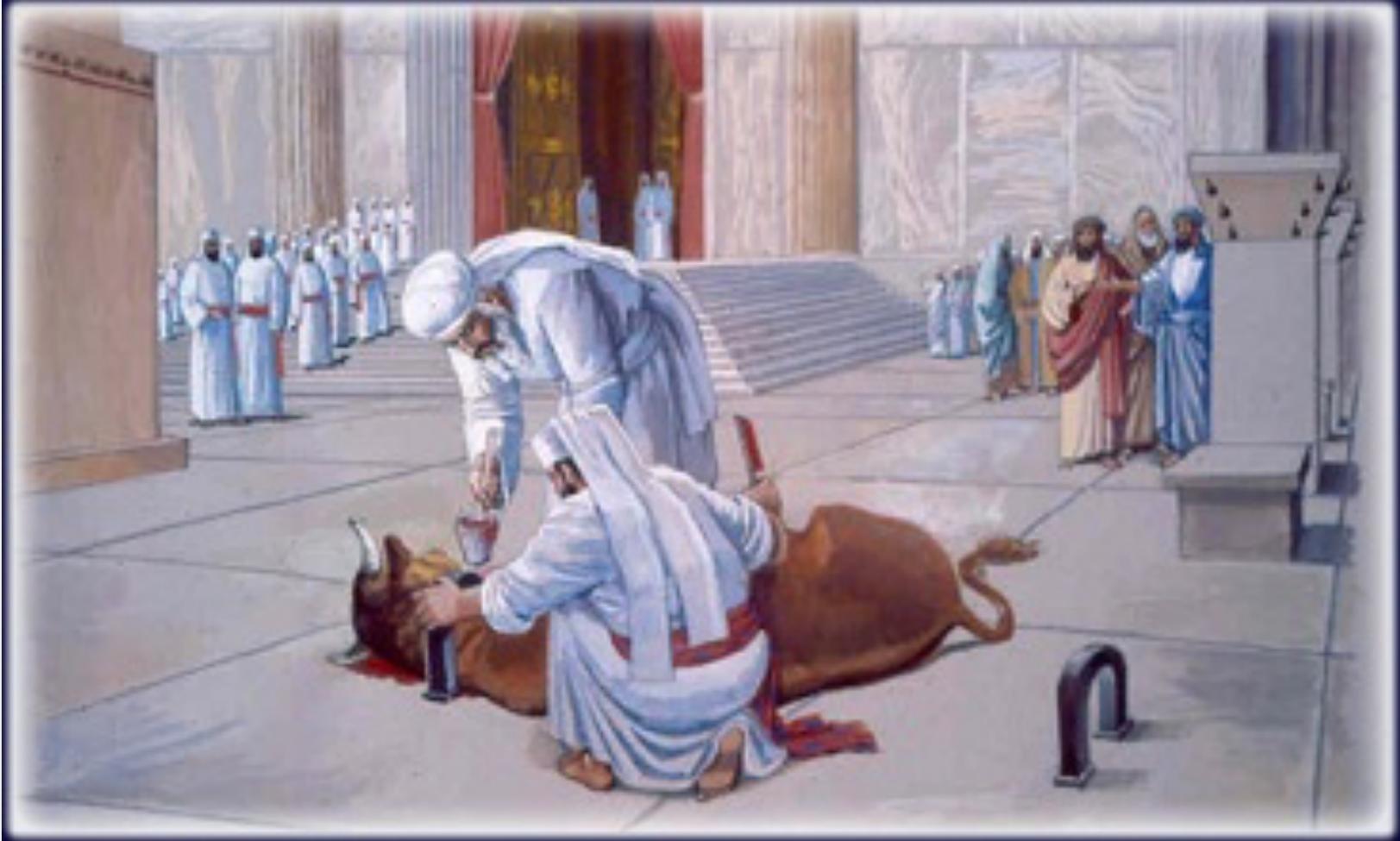
The nave (or Holy Place) was 60 feet (18 m) long and 30 feet (9.1 m) wide (1 Kings 6:15, 17–18; cf. 2 Chron. 3:5–7). It contained the golden altar of incense; the golden table for the bread of the Presence; and 10 golden lampstands, five on the north and five on the south (1 Kings 7:48–49; cf. 2 Chron. 4:7).

Ten bronze wheeled stands, each holding a large basin, contained water for rinsing off the animal parts that were used for the burnt offerings (1 Kings 7:27–38; cf. 2 Chron. 4:6).

The "sea" was a metal basin 7.5 feet (2.3 m) high and 15 feet (4.6 m) in diameter. It held 12,000 gallons (44,000 liters) of water for the priests to wash in. It was supported by 12 bronze oxen in sets of three, facing in each direction (1 Kings 7:23–26; cf. 2 Chron. 4:2–5).

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Solomon began to build "the house of the Lord" in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah in the spring of 967 or 966 b.c. (1 Kings 6:1; 2 Chron. 3:1–2) and completed it seven years later, in the fall of 960 or 959 (1 Kings 6:38). The temple itself, not including the surrounding chambers on three sides, was 90 feet (27 m) long, 30 feet (9 m) wide, and 45 feet (14 m) high. It stood in the middle of a court with boundary walls.









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We can enter God's presence with confidence:-

- By the blood of Jesus (v.19)
- Through the curtain that is his body (v.20)
- Because he is our priest (v.21)



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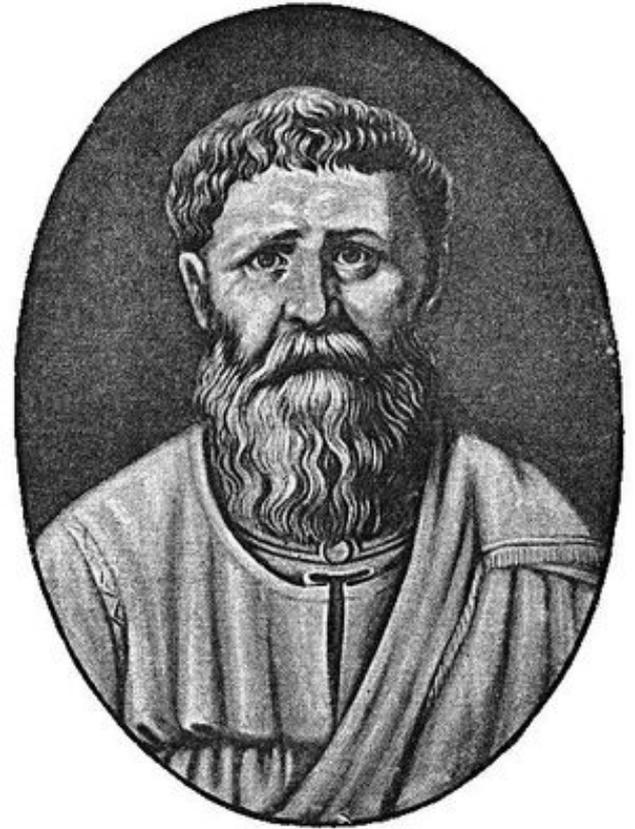
1. Draw near to God with a sincere heart (v.22)



“Great are you, O Lord, and
worthy of high praise.

Great is your strength and of
your wisdom there is no
counting. Even man is, in his
own way, a part of your
creation, and longs to praise
you... You stir us up to take
delight in your praise; for you
have made us for yourself and
our heart is restless till it finds its
rest in you.”

(St. Augustine)



2. Hold fast to the hope we profess (v.23)



Our primary identity
is as worshippers -
sons & daughters of
God worshipping
forever before his
throne.

Let's rejoice in our
inheritance.

Sean Feucht

(Burn 24-7/David's Tent)



3. Encourage one another to love & good deeds (v.24-5)



“Bring your kids, family and friends. We're going to worship Jesus because he's worth it. We're going to talk about Jesus because we want to know him more. And we're going to pray to Jesus, because he is the one who brings us to life. It's all about Jesus. It may be a little rough around the edges, but it'll be a lot of fun!

Henry Cross

(Rock & Redeemer Vineyard,
Luton & Dunstable)



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