

## Lesson 5

# The Temple of God

### I. A Place Where God Meets Those Who Worship Him:

- A. In Old Testament:
1. In tabernacle (Exod. 25:8-9; Lev. 26:11-12; Deut. 12:5; 16:2-6).
  2. In temple built by Solomon (2 Chron. 7:12-16).
  3. God's name recorded there (Exod. 20:24).
- B. In New Testament (Matt. 18:20; Rev. 2:13; 3:8; Col. 3:17; Acts 15:17; Eph. 3:14-15); God's name recorded in Church.



Model of the Temple in Jerusalem as it appeared in the First Century.

### II. A Spiritual Building in Which the Spirit of God Dwells: (1 Cor. 3:9; 16-17; Eph. 2:19-22).

### III. Must Be Built According to God's Plan:

- A. God's plan (1 Chron. 28:10-19; Exod. 25:40; Heb. 8:1-5; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Psa. 127:1).
- B. God's plan for New Testament Church is found in New Testament scriptures.

### IV. Christ and Apostles the Foundation (Isa. 28:16-17; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20).

### V. Christians the Stones Built Together into the Temple of God (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:5, 6, 9-10).

- A. Unbelievers and disobedient cannot be stones (1 Pet. 2:7-8).
- B. Strength of building depends upon stones being securely cemented and builded together in peace and love (Eph. 2:21-22; 4:1-3, 16).

### Questions for Discussion:

1. What is God's Temple in the world today? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where has God's name been recorded today? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where must the people of God come today to worship? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of building is the Temple of God today? \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. Who inhabits God's Temple? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Who are the stones in God's Temple? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. How does one become a stone in the Temple? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 8. Can one be a stone in God's Temple without being a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Can one be a stone in God's Temple without being a member of the Church? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Where can the plan of God's Temple be found? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 11. Is it important that God's plan should be followed in the building of His Temple today?  
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- 12. Upon what does the strength of the Temple depend? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 13. Can acceptable sacrifices and worship be offered elsewhere than in the Temple?  
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- 14. What feature of the Church is emphasized in this figure? \_\_\_\_\_

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