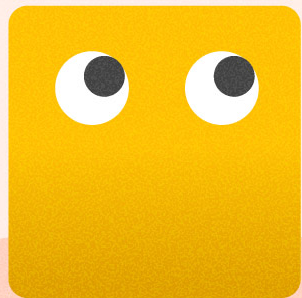


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STARTING RIGHT



Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

THE HOUSE OF GOD

**STARTING
RIGHT**

THE HOUSE OF GOD:

A place where God's presence dwells and where His people gather to worship Him.

Psalms 139:7-10 (NIV)

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Genesis 28:17-19 (NIV)

¹⁷ He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Exodus 25:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. ⁹ Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

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Signifies that God is worthy
of honour and praise.

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The way we treat the house of God
shapes the way we live out our faith daily.

Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

HOUSE RULES



**PLEASE
TAKE OFF
YOUR SHOES**

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Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (NIV)

¹ Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. ² Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (NIV)

³ A dream comes when there are many cares, and many words mark the speech of a fool. ⁴ When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. ⁵ It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (NIV)

⁶ Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, “My vow was a mistake.” Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷ Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore fear God.

3 house rules in the house of God:

PREPARE YOUR HEART

BEFORE SERVICE

Ecclesiastes 5:1 (NIV)

¹ Guard your steps when you go to the house of God...

How do you prepare your heart?

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- Arrive early.

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- Put away every distraction.

What fills your mind before worship often controls your attention during worship.

How do you prepare your heart?

- Arrive early.
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- Pray.

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- Pray.
- Come clean with God.

Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Exodus 3:5 (NIV)

⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. “**Take off your sandals**, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

Joshua 5:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ ...“Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

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Ecclesiastes 5:1 (NIV)

¹ ...Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.

Ecclesiastes 5:2 (NIV)

² Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God...

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Ecclesiastes 5:2 (NIV)

² ...God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

Don't forget who God is.

Isaiah 55:9 (NIV)

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and
my thoughts than your thoughts.

How can we as a cell group focus
on paying attention?

When we stop yapping and start listening,
we make room for God to speak.

Psalm 53:2 (NIV)

² God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

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Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ When you make a **vow** to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. ⁵ It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it.

A vow is a commitment, a promise made with the intention to follow through.

Ecclesiastes 5:4 (NIV)

⁴ When you make a vow to God, **do not delay** to fulfill it...

What happens after
we leave the house of God?

Ecclesiastes 5:4 (NIV)

⁴ When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. **He has no pleasure in fools**; fulfill your vow.

Ecclesiastes 5:6 (NIV)

⁶ Do not let your mouth lead you into sin.
And do not protest to the temple
messenger, “My vow was a mistake.”...

Acts 4:32 (NIV)

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

Deuteronomy 23:21 (NIV)

²¹ If you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin.

Ecclesiastes 5:7 (NIV)

⁷ Much dreaming and many words are meaningless...

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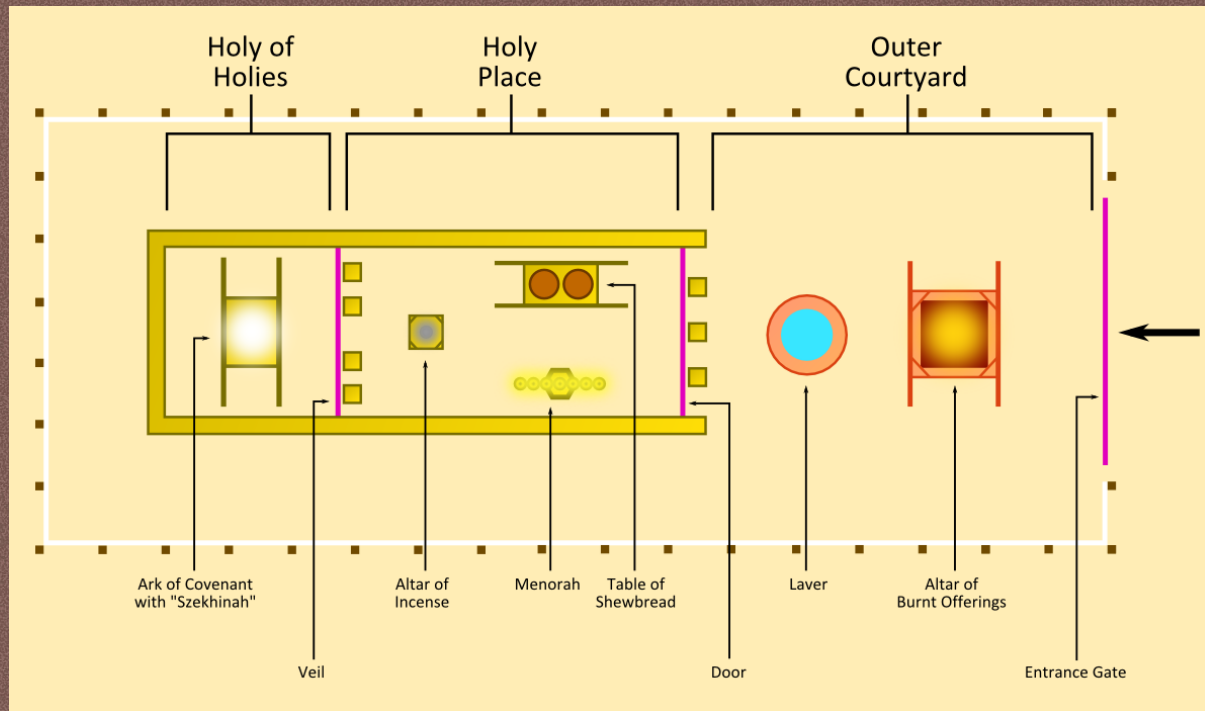
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John 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Matthew 27:51 (NIV)

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split

2 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord,
the veil is taken away.

Though we can freely walk into
the house of God, it doesn't mean
we should casually walk in.

Ecclesiastes 5:7 (NIV)
7 ...Therefore **fear God**.

The fear of the Lord is recognising:

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- God is all-powerful.
- God is loving.

Psalm 96:9 (NIV)

⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Psalms 145:3 (NIV)

³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

HEART OF WORSHIP

When the music fades,
All is stripped away,
And I simply come...

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, Jesus.

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