

## Jesus & The Temple - Prayer Guide

Marie & I developed the Jesus & The Temple Prayer Guide after praying through Dr. Cho's Tabernacle Prayer for many years. We'd like to share a few important things we've learned by praying according to the temple pattern that God gave to all Christians.

First of all, God lives in His [Heavenly Temple](#). That Temple is literally the center of all creation therefore the Tabernacle or Temple in Scripture is not just old testament history. It's important to understand that all references to historic Temples or Tabernacles in the bible point to [God's Temple in heaven](#), the original temple which is His eternal Temple outside of space and time. [Moses' Tabernacle](#) is the first picture of the Heavenly Temple given in Scripture to Moses in the Book of Exodus. [David's Tent](#) and then [Solomon's Temple](#) are other Old Testament examples. God gave King David [the plan of Solomon's Temple](#) in writing in [1Chr 28:19](#). The worship pattern in The Tabernacle of Moses and Solomon's Temple are the same.



Herod's Temple during Jesus's years on earth has the same pattern for worship. Fast forward to [Revelation 21-22](#) and the New Jerusalem is described. In that city John looked and [saw no temple](#) because the Lord God and the Lamb are it's Temple. Again, the point I want to stress here is that the Temple pattern is eternal, and it's throughout the Bible.

Beyond being a central theme throughout the bible, I believe God wants us today to see the temple as an illustrated sermon of how to worship Him through a pattern of prayer. I learned this prayer from Pastor Yonggi Cho, pastor of the largest Christian church in the world. Pastor Cho graduated to heaven in 2021. Pastor Cho said that by praying daily the tabernacle prayer, God empowered him to pastor what became a church of over 1 million people. This is the greatest testimony for the potential of the Tabernacle Prayer. All pastors and Christians should pause and consider the [implications of what Pastor Cho teaches](#) in his Tabernacle Prayer video I was able to put on YouTube a number of years ago. It is, as far as I know, the most watched prayer teaching on the internet.

### What About Jesus?

You may be wondering how does Jesus fit into all this?

We are glad you asked. This document features the Jesus & The Temple Prayer Guide and walks you through the Temple pattern from the perspective of Jesus and what he did to fulfill every aspect of Temple worship. After all, Jesus has been serving as the [High Priest](#) in the Heavenly Temple for about 2,000 years. If Jesus is our High Priest, then the Temple in Heaven must be extremely important. Peter tells us we are members of the [Royal Priesthood](#) and we will get to worship Jesus, our Lord and our high priest, in the heavenly temple one day.

While on earth, Jesus declared that his body was the temple in [John 2:19-22](#). And he would rebuild it in three days.

*(But the temple Jesus meant was his own body [Jesus was claiming divinity, his body corresponding with the Temple, the home/dwelling place of God; 1:14].*

Jesus had incredible zeal (an intense jealousy) for his Father's House, Herod's Temple in his day. So much so that he drove out the money changers from the Temple insisting that they stop turning his Father's House into a marketplace. Jesus defended the Temple as His House of Worship so how should we view the Temple today?

### **A Prayer vs A Pattern for Worship**

Another major idea to understand is that the Tabernacle Prayer is actually a pattern for worship versus a prayer you find in the Bible like the Lord's Prayer. So understand that you are worshipping God as you use the Tabernacle pattern. It teaches you how to worship in what the Bible tells us is God's pattern of worship. What we do as priests praying and worshipping God according to his pattern of worship in the invisible tabernacle actually releases His blessing in physical tabernacles ...our bodies. Prayer is the core activity in the Tabernacle pattern of worship. You may find yourself singing, praising, dancing, lying prostrate in intercession, practicing repentance, crying out to God, calling on Him, and waiting on Him. You never know what the Spirit will lead you to as you worship God in His Holy Temple ... your body!

Again, this is an invisible Temple, unseen by the natural eye, but accessed by faith as you pray through the Word of God according to the Temple pattern. The Lord teaches us how Temple worship works in many books of the Bible. Exodus, Deuteronomy, Leviticus, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Matthew, John, Acts, Ephesians, 2 Corinthians, Colossians, 2 Peter, Hebrews, Revelation and many others. But the Temple as a place to worship is a foreign concept for Christians because so few leaders teach about it.

### **An Eternal Pattern of Worship**

By praying through these passages we participate in an eternal pattern of worship going on in the Heavenly Temple and we come boldly before the Throne of Grace. This is a very big deal. If you consider Abraham, Issac, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, many of the Prophets, Jesus, Peter, James, John, and Paul, all of these men were given a vision of the Heavenly Temple and Zion. They saw it and it was a big factor in the strong faith they had in God and their heavenly home. Now we have his Word. And His word tells us stories of what happened and some of what they saw. God is inviting us to get these powerful images in our minds to expand our faith and to motivate in our royal priesthood, our heavenly calling. Hebrews 11 & 12 sums up what we should be visualizing when we consider our high calling in Christ Jesus. We come boldly before His (heavenly) throne of Grace!

Praying through the Tabernacle or Temple reinforces the reality that there has always been an

eternal Temple in heaven. The temples on earth that are talked about throughout the Bible, are all patterns of the Temple in Heaven. This applies to our bodies as well. We are the portable Tabernacles of God today.

*1Cor 6:19 You should [Don't you ] know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit who is in you and was given to you by God. So you do not belong to yourselves, 20 because you were ·bought by God [bought] for a price. So honor God with your bodies.*

So many Christians don't guard what they allow in their own minds and bodies because they don't understand this fundamental aspect of being a temple. Many get all clogged up with garbage and wonder why they don't experience more of God's presence. Many are drawn to an emotional experience through loud music, lights, and other external stimuli. Yet it's a clear conscience that enables us to "see" God and "hear" His voice. [Acts 24:16](#) [Heb 10:22](#) [1Tim 3:9](#) [1John 3:21-22](#) A clear conscience is the goal of the laver in the temple pattern.

Jesus said, "It is finished" on the cross on earth. Then he did an amazing thing in Heaven based on what was finished at the Cross. He carried his blood into the Heavenly Temple and put it on the Mercy Seat in heaven. He became the High Priest of Heaven. His sacrifice was the permanent sacrifice of a lamb on passover day and His blood is on the eternal Mercy seat on the original Ark of the Covenant in heaven. Wow!

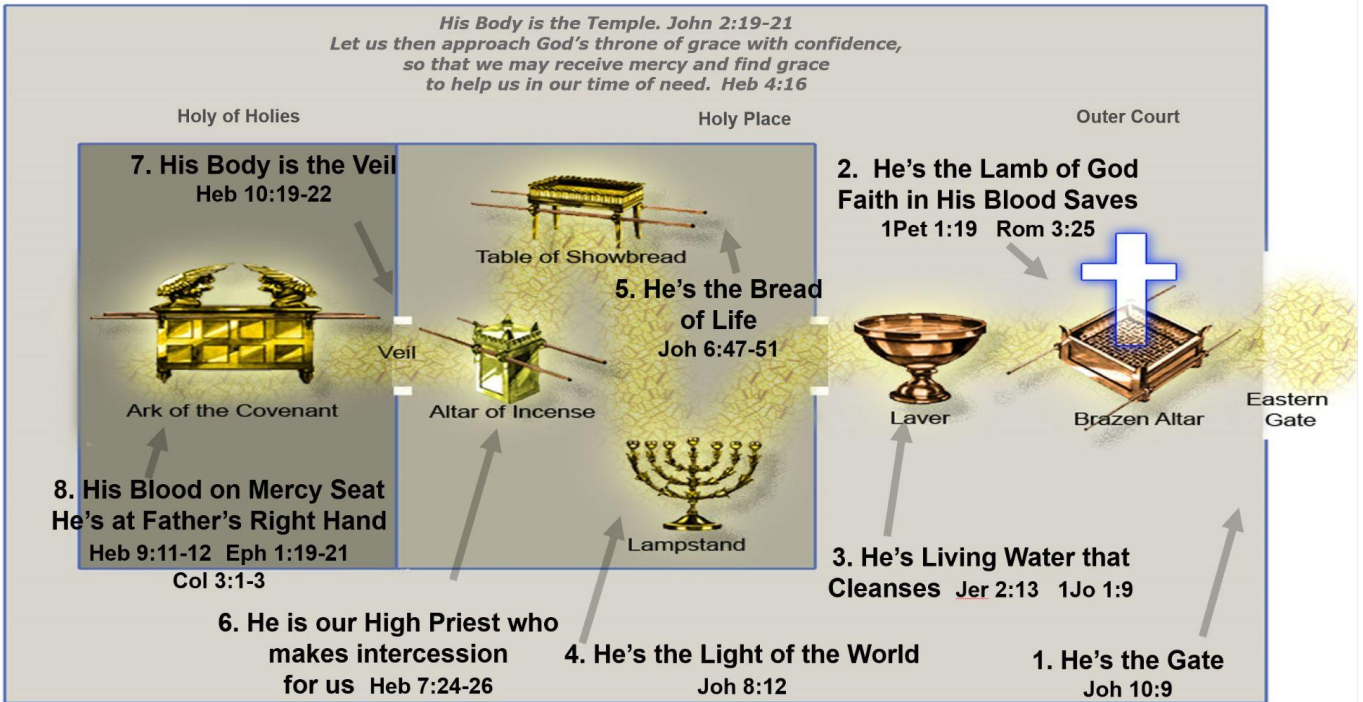
This is a mind boggling reality that is at the heart of the Gospel and fulfills all that both the Old and New Covenants tell us about temple worship. Because of this, we now have access to our Father in Heaven. Our prayers now go up into the Temple in Heaven and fill bowls that are poured out before God. We now commune with God because he dwells inside of our bodies (our temples) and through the indwelling of Holy Spirit. Today our primary job is to be priests in our own temples. As we seek first the kingdom of God everything else, all our other needs, can be met as well. If we build our houses (our lives, our temples) on the Rock they will stand!

*Matthew 6:33 tells us to Seek first [Be concerned above all else with] God's kingdom and ·what God wants [his righteousness]. Then all your other needs will be met as well [these things will be given to you].*

This worship imagery that God gives us in the Temples of the Bible is consistent throughout the Scriptures. It gives us imagery of what the eternal heavenly Temple is like. We can then use our imaginations to visualize what we cannot see with our physical eyes. The Tabernacle Pattern also prepares us for what Millenium worship may be like in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem if we are here to see it! You can read about it in Isa 2, Eze 40-47, and Zec 14:16-21. We hope you enjoy the Jesus & The Temple version of the Tabernacle Prayer.

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## Jesus Brings Grace to The Temple Pattern



Notes:

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1	<p><b>We are to Be grateful</b></p> <p><b>GATE</b></p> <p><b>He's the Gate for the Sheep</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Psalm 100:4</a></u></b></p> <p>4 Come into his ·city [gates] with songs of thanksgiving and into his courtyards with songs of praise. Thank [Praise] him and ·praise[bless] his name.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">John 10:9</a></u></b></p> <p>9 I am the ·door [gate], and the person who enters through me will be saved and will be able to come in and go out and find pasture [compare <u><a href="#">Ps. 118:20</a></u>].</p>
2a	<p><b>BRAZEN ALTAR (CROSS)</b></p> <p><b>He's the Lamb of God</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">1Peter 1:18-21</a></u> (<u><a href="#">Expanded Bible</a></u>)</b></p> <p>18 [For] You know that in the past you were living in a ·worthless [meaningless; futile; vain; <u><a href="#">Eccl. 1:2</a></u>] way, a way passed down from ·the people who lived before you [your ancestors]. But you were saved [ransomed; redeemed] from that useless life. You were ·bought [ransomed; redeemed; like a slave whose freedom was purchased by a payment], not with something that ·ruins [perishes; spoils] like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ [<u><a href="#">Is. 52:3</a></u>], who was like a pure and perfect lamb [a lamb without defect or blemish; <u><a href="#">Lev. 1:3</a></u>].</p>
2b	<p><b>BRAZEN ALTAR (CROSS)</b></p> <p><b>Faith in His Blood Saves.</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Romans 3:25</a></u></b></p> <p>25a God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith...</p>
3a	<p><b>LAVER</b></p> <p><b>He's the Living Water</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Jeremiah 2:13</a></u></b></p> <p>13 "My people have done two evils: They have ·turned away from [abandoned; forsaken] me, the ·spring [fountain] of living water[<u><a href="#">17:13</a></u>]. And they have dug their own ·wells [cisterns], which are broken ·wells [cisterns] that cannot hold water [cthe idols, like the wells, are useless].</p>

3b	(wash, clean, purify)	<p><a href="#">1 John 1:8-10</a></p> <p>8 If we say we ·have no sin [<i>or</i> have no sin nature; <i>or</i> are not guilty of sinning], we are ·fooling[deceiving] ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because ·we can trust God to do what is right [he is faithful and righteous/just; <a href="#">Deut. 32:4</a>]. <b>He will ·cleanse [purify] us</b> from all ·the wrongs we have done [unrighteousness]. 10 If we ·say [claim] we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and ·we do not accept God’s teaching [<i>his</i> word is not in us].</p>
4	<p>LAMPSTAND</p> <p><b>Jesus Is the Light of the World</b></p>	<p><a href="#">John 8:12</a></p> <p>12 Later, Jesus talked to the people again, saying, “I am the light of the world [the Feast of Shelters included a lamp lighting ritual that Jesus may be alluding to; <a href="#">7:37-39</a>]. The person who follows me will never ·live [<i>walk</i>] in darkness but will have the light ·that gives life [<i>of</i> life].”</p>
5	<p>TABLE OF SHOWBREAD</p> <p><b>Jesus the Bread of Life</b></p>	<p><a href="#">John 6:47-51</a></p> <p>47 ·I tell you the truth [<i>Truly, truly I say to you</i>], whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the ·bread that gives life [<i>bread of life</i>]. 49 Your ·ancestors[forefathers; <i>fathers</i>] ate the manna [see <a href="#">6:31</a>] in the ·desert [wilderness], but still they died. 50 Here is the bread that comes down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will never die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give up so that the world may have life.”</p>



6	<p><b>ALTAR OF INCENSE</b></p> <p><b>Jesus our High Priest who makes intercession for us.</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><b>Hebrews 7:24-26</b></a></p> <p><b>24</b> But because Jesus ·lives [remains; abides] forever, he ·will never stop serving as priest [·has a permanent/eternal priesthood].</p> <p><b>25</b> So he is able ·always to save [·or to save completely/forever] those who come to God through him because he always lives, asking God to help [interceding for] them.</p> <p><b>26</b> ·Jesus is the kind of high priest we need [·For such a high priest is indeed suited/fitting for us]. He is holy, ·sinless [innocent; blameless], ·pure [undefiled], ·not influenced by [set apart from] sinners, and he is ·raised above the heavens [·or having the highest place in heaven].</p>
7	<p><b>VEIL</b></p> <p><b>His Body is the Veil</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><b>Hebrews 10:19-22</b></a></p> <p><b>19</b> So, brothers and sisters, ·we are completely free [since we have confidence] to enter the ·Most Holy Place [sanctuary; holy things; Holy of Holies] without fear because of the blood of Jesus' death. <b>20</b> We can enter through a new and living way that Jesus opened [·or restored; renewed; or inaugurated] for us. It leads through the curtain—Christ's ·body [flesh; clike the curtain of the Most Holy Place, Christ's body, sacrificed for us, provides access to the presence of God]. <b>21</b> And since we have a great priest over God's house, <b>22</b> let us come near to God with a ·sincere [true] heart and a ·sure [confident] faith, because we have been made free [had our hearts sprinkled; sacrificial blood was sprinkled on people and things to purify them] from a guilty [evil] conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water [water was used in Judaism for ritual purification].</p>

8a	<p><b>HOLY OF HOLIES</b></p> <p><b>Jesus Blood on The Mercy Seat</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Hebrews 9:11-12</u></a></p> <p><b>11</b> But when Christ came as the high priest of the good things we now have [that have come], he entered the greater and more perfect tent[tabernacle]. It is not made by humans [with hands] and does not belong to this world [creation; created order] <b>12</b> Christ entered the Most Holy Place [sanctuary; holy things; Holy of Holies] ·only once—and for all time [once for all; <a href="#"><u>7:27</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>10:10</u></a>]. He did not take with him [...not by means of] the blood of goats and calves. His sacrifice was [...but by means of] his own blood, and by it he ·set us free from sin forever [obtained/secured eternal redemption/liberation].</p>
8b	<p><b>Jesus at Father's Right Hand</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Ephesians 1:19-21</u></a></p> <p><b>19</b> And you will know that God's power is ·very[exceedingly; overwhelmingly] great for us who believe. That power ·is the same as [<i>or was demonstrated in</i>] the great strength <b>20</b> God ·used[exerted] to raise Christ from the dead and ·put[<i>L</i>seat] him at his right ·side [hand; <a href="#"><u>Ps. 110:1</u></a>; <a href="#"><u>Acts 2:34</u></a>] in the heavenly ·world [realm; places]. <b>21</b> God has put Christ ·over [far above] all rulers, authorities, powers, and ·kings [lords; dominion], and every other ·title given [<i>L</i>name that is named]not only in this ·world [age] but also in the ·next[coming one].</p>
8c	<p><b>We're to think about the things in heaven.</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Colossians 3:1-3</u></a></p> <p><b>3</b> [Therefore] Since you were ·raised from the dead [raised] with Christ, ·aim at [aspire to; seek after; focus on] ·what is in heaven [the things above], where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. <b>2</b> Think only about [Set your minds on; Fix your thoughts on] the things ·in heaven [above], not the things on earth. <b>3</b> [For] ·Your old sinful self has [You] died, and your new life is ·kept [hidden]with Christ in God.</p>