**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Where does God live? Where is God’s house?
      1. As we study the Bible, we see that God has been living in a series of “houses.”
      2. Throughout Scripture, we see that God has moved from house to house, until recently.
         1. He would move into a house, that house would get defiled and dirty, and then God would move out because He cannot live in a dirty house.
   2. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
   3. God now lives in us.
      1. In the Old Testament, God had a temple for His people.
      2. In the New Testament, God has a people for His temple.
         1. Our hearts are a royal residence.
   4. The message today will look at various houses that God has lived in and moved out of.
2. God’s primary house was adam (genesis 2:7)
   1. Man is body, soul and spirit.
      1. God made man’s body from the dust of the ground.
      2. God gave man a spirit by the breath of life.
         1. God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.
      3. Man became a living soul.
   2. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
   3. Every person has a body, soul and spirit.
      1. With your body, you have physical life and know the physical world.
         1. With your body, you know the world beneath you.
      2. The Greek word for “soul” is the word from which we get the word “psyche.”
         1. Your soul is the emotional part of you.
            1. It is the cognitive part that lives within your body.
         2. The soul is your mind, your emotion and your will.
            1. All of these make up the person that you are in personality, intelligence, sense of humor, etc.
         3. With your soul, you know the world within and around you.
      3. The soul and spirit are not the same.
         1. God makes a differentiation between soul and spirit.
            1. 1 Thessalonians 5:23
            2. Hebrews 4:12
         2. Your spirit is the part of your nature that enables you to know God.
            1. John 4:24
         3. When we become believers in Christ and are saved, God’s spirit bears witness with our spirit that we’re His children.
            1. Romans 8:16
   4. Plants have a body but no soul; animals have a soul.
      1. The word “soul” means “conscious life.”
      2. The book of Genesis speaks of living creatures having a soul.
      3. Animals have mind, emotion and will.
      4. What makes man more than a clever animal is that he has a spirit.
         1. Plants have inanimate life, animals have animate life, but humans have spiritual life.
            1. God put into us a spirit.
            2. We became living souls because God’s Spirit is within us.

It is the spirit that is the origin of spiritual knowledge.

* 1. God made man to live in; Adam was a house of three rooms.
     1. God is a triune God.
        1. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
     2. Everything God made reflects His triunity.
        1. Space is height, width and depth.
           1. Height is not width, width is not depth, and depth is not height.

They are all different, yet they’re all the same.

Like the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, they are distinguishable but inseparable.

* + - 1. Time is past, present and future.
    1. When God made man, He made him body, soul and spirit.
       1. 1 Thessalonians 5:23
    2. God was to live in Adam’s spirit.
       1. Adam walked and fellowshipped with God in the Garden of Eden.
  1. God’s primary house was Adam.
     1. A house designed – three rooms.
        1. God was to live in Adam’s spirit.
        2. Adam was to be a house of three rooms; and the innermost room, the spirit, was where God dwelt with Adam.
           1. Isaiah 57:15
     2. A house desecrated – Adam sinned.
        1. When Adam sinned against God, he defiled and desecrated the house.
        2. Genesis 3:6
           1. Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
     3. A house desolated – God moved out.
        1. Genesis 3:19
        2. When Adam sinned, God moved out.
        3. Adam, now, is minus God in his spirit.
           1. His spirit is dead, but his soul and body are still alive.
        4. Rather than being God-centered, Adam is now self-centered.
        5. Rather than the spirit having dominance over the soul, the soul (the mind, emotion and will) has dominance.
        6. Rather than being a spiritual man, Adam is now a soulish man.
     4. A house destroyed – Adam died.
        1. Genesis 3:19
        2. Genesis 3:3
        3. Adam died immediately in his spirit, progressively in his soul, and ultimately in his body.
           1. Adam died immediately in his spirit.

To be lost is to be minus God.

One does not have to be a bank robber or a murderer to be minus God.

It only takes one-half of one sin.

God won’t live in a dirty house.

God is on the outside, and Adam is no longer a royal residence.

1 John 5:12

1 Timothy 5:6

* + - * 1. Adam died progressively in his soul.

His mind, which was meant to be centered on God, now becomes a garden of weeds.

Fears, neuroses, disappointments and sorrows come into his heart, mind and soul.

* + - * 1. Adam died ultimately in his body.

The seeds of death were in him the moment he sinned.

* + - * 1. We have all sinned against God and are separated from the life of God.

We have died immediately in the spirit, progressively in the soul, and ultimately in the body.

Our bodies are winding down to the grave.

1. God’s pattern house was the temple
   1. This is the second house God moved into.
   2. God built a temple for His people in the Old Testament.
      1. First, it was a tabernacle, which was just a tent.
      2. Later, it became a more stately structure.
   3. Again, it was a house of three rooms.
      1. The outer court was a place of sacrifice.
      2. The inner court was where people met and fellowshipped together.
      3. The innermost court, called the Holy of Holies, was where the Shekinah glory of God dwelt.
   4. The temple was a pattern.
      1. Hebrews 8:5
      2. It’s an object lesson that corresponds to the human body.
         1. The outer court (the place of sacrifice) was where the brazen altar was located.
            1. We’re to present our bodies a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1

* + - 1. The inner court where the people met and worshipped together is likened to our fellowship at church.
         1. This represents the soul.
         2. We fellowship with one another on a soulish level.
      2. The innermost court represents the human spirit, the Holy of Holies.
  1. The temple was a house designed.
     1. God designed the temple with three rooms.
     2. Hebrews 8:5
  2. The temple was a house desecrated.
     1. Matthew 21:13
  3. The temple was a house desolated.
     1. God will not live in a dirty house.
     2. Matthew 23:38
        1. In this passage, the Lord Jesus does not call it “My Father’s house” but “your house.”
     3. After they had taken the holy temple and made it a den of thieves, they continued to worship in it; but God was not there.
        1. It was no longer God’s house but your house.
  4. The temple was a house destroyed.
     1. Matthew 24:1-2
     2. God moved out and moved on.
     3. The temple is not standing today.
        1. There are other temples that have been preserved, but not this specific one that is mentioned in Scripture.
           1. Jesus’ word is fulfilled.

1. God’s perfect house was jesus (John 2:19-21)
   1. This is the third house that God moved into.
      1. God’ perfect house was Jesus Christ Himself.
      2. John 2:19-21
   2. The Lord Jesus knew that His body was the temple of God.
      1. A house designed:
         1. Hebrews 10:5
         2. The Lord Jesus was the second Adam.
            1. Body, soul and spirit
         3. The Lord Jesus was totally perfect.
            1. John 8:46
            2. The Lord Jesus was born of a virgin and is not a son of Adam.

In Adam, all die.

The Lord Jesus came as He did (born of a virgin) to be what He was (sinless) to do what He did (die for our sins).

Only a perfect sacrifice could be acceptable before God.

* + 1. A house desecrated:
       1. Isaiah 53:6
       2. 1 Peter 2:24
       3. 2 Corinthians 5:21
       4. God took our sin and the dirty, perverted sin of this world and put that sin upon the Lord Jesus.
          1. Jesus never sinned, but our sins were laid upon Him.
    2. A house desolated:
       1. Matthew 27:46
          1. God cannot live in a dirty house.
       2. When Jesus was willing to become our substitute and take our sins upon Himself, then that perfect house was desolated.
       3. God the Father turned His back on God the Son.
          1. Habakkuk 1:13
       4. The Lord Jesus died instead of us, and we should love Him for what He did for us.
          1. Psalm 23:4

The Lord Jesus walked that dark valley by Himself.

* + 1. A house destroyed:
       1. John 2:19
          1. Jesus knew that He would be destroyed.
       2. God the Father would be the one who would destroy Him.
          1. Isaiah 53:10
          2. When Jesus took our sins and became our substitute, God had to treat Jesus as He would treat us.
          3. Romans 8:32

If God did not spare Jesus when He was bearing our sins, then why would He spare us if we reject the Jesus, the sin bearer?

If God could not overlook the sin that was upon Jesus, then God cannot overlook our sin.

1. god’s permament house is the believer
   1. God has moved in and has stopped moving.
      1. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
   2. As believers in Christ, God lives in us and is never moving out.
      1. 2 Corinthians 6:16
         1. The word “dwell” means to settle down.
      2. John 14:16
      3. Ephesians 3:17
   3. When God comes to live in us, He comes to stay once and for all.
   4. There are several lessons we can learn.
      1. The lesson concerning salvation:
         1. Salvation is not getting man out of Earth and into Heaven; it is getting God out of Heaven into man.
         2. Heaven is a by-product of salvation.
         3. Being saved is getting God back into our hearts, helping us to understand that we are now a temple of the Holy Ghost.
      2. The lesson concerning security:
         1. God has stopped moving.
         2. God dwells in our hearts by faith and will never forsake us.
            1. Hebrews 13:5

In the Greek language, the author keeps piling up the negatives of “never, never, no never, never forsake you.”

* + - 1. Because of the Lord Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary, no sin will ever be imputed to us.
         1. God will not live in a dirty house.
         2. Romans 4:8

If there were even one-half of one sin on our records, then God would have to move out.

But because of Jesus, sin is never imputed to us.

* + - * 1. God may discipline us, but we are secure.

Hebrews 12:6

* + - 1. Some people only believe in security once we get to Heaven.
         1. Why would we be safe up there if we’re not safe down here?
         2. Angels fell from Heaven.
         3. Security is not in a place; it’s in a person, and His name is Jesus Christ.
    1. The lesson concerning sanctification:
       1. Adam died immediately in his spirit, progressively in his soul, and ultimately in his body.
          1. When we get saved, God puts all of that in reverse.
       2. When we are saved, we are justified immediately in the spirit.
          1. Hebrews 12:23
          2. Immediately, every sin and stain are buried in the grave of God’s forgetfulness.
       3. We are sanctified progressively in the soul.
          1. God is working on us day by day to make us more like the Lord Jesus Christ.
          2. We are not totally sanctified yet.
          3. Philippians 1:6
       4. We will be glorified ultimately in the body.
          1. The Bible teaches that God will one day change our bodies to be like unto His glorious body.

Psalm 17:15

* + - * 1. 1 John 3:2

We will be like the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. As believers in Christ, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit of God.
      1. We should be careful not to defile the temple with our words or actions.
   2. Every day is a holy day and every place is a sacred place when God lives within us.
   3. Are you saved?
      1. You can be today.
   4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16