

SYLVIA'S CORNER

ARE MORMON TEMPLES CHRISTIAN?

Today more Mormon temples are being constructed than ever before. We need to ask ourselves if they are really God's dwelling places.

Let's look at some scriptures and see what God has to say. The Mormon leaders decide where these temples are to be built. They build them in areas where they have large populations of followers. They really want their members to have access to these buildings. It is interesting that in the Bible, **God** chose the place for His temple to be built. When we look at I Kings 8: 16, it reads; "Since the day that I brought forth My people Israel out of Egypt, **I** chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein."

Continuing in I Kings 8: 18 & 19, He (God), even chose **who** would build His house. It states; "And the Lord said to David my father, whereas it was in thine heart to build a house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. Nevertheless **thou shalt not build the house**; but thy son that shall come forth from thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name."

Here we see that God would not allow David to build his temple. He assigned that task to his son Solomon. In I Kings 8:27, regarding the temple, Solomon told God that if the heaven and heavens of heavens couldn't contain Him, so even more so the house that he (Solomon) built could not. In Psalm 127:1 it states, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman worketh but in vain." From this we see that it has to be the Lord's doing, not man's. The Lord must be in the plans. Man is not the one to decide.

These previous scriptures are all from the Old Testament, but then a very interesting thing happens. After Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins, suddenly things changed. We as believers in Christ became God's temple where His Holy Spirit resides. Let's look at some scriptures to substantiate this. In I Cor. 3:9 it says, "Ye are God's building." Again in I Cor.3:16 & 17, it reads, "Know ye not that you are

the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defiles the temple of God him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." In I Cor. 6:19 again it reads, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

There is another passage in II Cor. 6:16. It continues, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." This is again confirmed Acts 17:24 where it states that; "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of Heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Then in Revelation 21:22 there is a wonderful promise from God. It reads; "And I saw no temple within, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it" We won't need any temple building in heaven. Won't that be glorious!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY RELATING TO THE SCRIPTURES PRESENTED HERE FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT. WE MUST ACCEPT THE WORK JESUS DID ON THE CROSS FOR US. WE MUST CONFESS OUR SINS AND ASK JESUS TO TAKE OVER THE LORDSHIP OF OUR LIVES, OR WE CANNOT BE TEMPLES OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT. IT IS AN EASY THING TO DO. SIMPLY PRAY A PRAYER LIKE THIS: LORD JESUS, I KNOW THAT I AM A SINNER. PLEASE FORGIVE ME AND CLEANSE ME OF ALL SIN. PLEASE COME INTO MY HEART AND TAKE OVER THE LORDSHIP OF MY LIFE SO THAT I CAN BE YOUR TEMPLE. I WILL SERVE YOU AND WORSHIP YOU ALL THE REST OF MY LIFE. AMEN*

IF YOU PRAYED THIS PRAYER, PLEASE TELL SOMEONE. THE STAFF AT E.M.F.J. WILL BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU AND SHOW YOU HOW TO GROW AS A BELIEVER. YOU NEED TO FIND A GOOD CHURCH THAT TEACHES FROM THE BIBLE. YOU NEED TO PRAY AND READ THE BIBLE DAILY. YOU NEED FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER MATURE BELIEVERS. GOD BLESS YOU.