

Glory for God's House

2 Chron 2.1-6.11; 1 Kings 5.1-8.21

A Guided Tour of the Temple, chs 2-4

1. Whatever we build should be great
– because God is the Greatest! v5

- ***a magnificent house***
for a magnificent God 1 Chr 22.5
a bold advert for his glory

2. Even our very best is never
really good enough for God, v6

- ***God is transcendent***
we cannot contain him
- ***the temple: a place for sacrifices***
God can only dwell with his
people if our sins are atoned for
the altar was the focal point -
for consecration and prayer v4

3. A brief guided tour, chs 3-4

- **the temple's location 3.1**
 - a place of revelation 1 Chron 21**
 - a place of mercy**
 - God's people spared death**
 - a place of atonement**
 - a place of substitution**
 - where God had provided**
 - the sacrifice Gen 22.7-8,14**
 - a pointer to Calvary**
- **the temple's foundations 3.3**
 - a pointer to Jesus**
 - 1 Cor 3.11; 1 Pet 2.6**
- **the temple's entrance porch 3.4**
- **the temple's main hall 3.5-7**
 - with bread and lights 4.7-8**
- **the temple's Most Holy Place 3.8-13**
 - a perfect, golden cube v9**
 - with welcoming cherubim**
 - home for the Ark 5.7-8**

- **the temple's curtain 3.14**
- **the temple's courtyard 3.15-17**
home to the huge altar 4.1
and laver 4.2-6
- **a magnificent house**
for a magnificent God! v8,18,22
fit for receiving God's glory 5.13-14

4. God longs to dwell with his people

- his reason for creating humans**
in his image Gen 1.26; 3.9
- **in the tabernacle and temple**
God dwelt symbolically
Ex 25.8; 2 Chron 6.2
- **in Jesus Christ John 1.1,14**
God dwelt physically
- **by his Holy Spirit 1 Cor 6.19**
God dwells internally
- **in the age to come Rev 21.3**
God will dwell eternally

5. God longs for his glory **to fill his temple, 5.13-14**

- **God's glory is seen in all creation**
Psalm 19.1
- **God's glory descended on**
the tabernacle and temple
Ex 40.34-35; 2 Chron 5.13-14
- **God's glory was seen in his Son**
John 1.14; Mat 17.2
- **God's glory is created in the lives**
of his people 2 Cor 3.18
- **God's glory is to fill his church**
Eph 3.20-21
- **God's glory is created in the lives**
of his people 2 Cor 3.18
- **God's glory will radiate from his**
people throughout eternity
Rev 21.9-11,22-23

This is what God has made us for
2 Cor 4.17-18; 5.5; John 16.24