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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 79

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by choosing to dwell in you as **His Temple**. **1 Cor. 6:19-20** *“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”*

The Greek word for **temple** is *naos* which means *a divine dwelling place; a sacred abode; a place of divine manifestation*. The temple was the place where God dwelled among His people. His presence was always seen by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. The people could always see and know that God was present. Since we are now the temple of God, He wants to manifest Himself through us so that others can see that He is alive and real.

The first step is to realize that God has taken up residence in His people. If you have chosen to follow Christ as your LORD and Savior, then He has chosen to come and live within you. Therefore, we are to honor or glorify God in our body.

When you see the word therefore in scripture, you can ask yourself the question, “what’s it there for?” Since He is living in us we are to therefore honor Him by keeping the temple clean or sanctified; set apart for His use. We honor Him when we realize we are set apart for His purposes and we don’t allow the things of this world to be manifested in us instead of His Spirit. In **Matt. 21:12-13**, we see Jesus being upset with those who were using the Temple as a place to fulfill their own selfish desires: *“Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” He said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.”* Specifically, the temple was a place where people could come and make sacrifices to the LORD and offer up prayers to Him. We are to be a people who have given our sacrificial offering to Him and continually pray with Him. God has chosen to now live among us and in us. Let’s make sure we keep His house clean and usable.

Dear Father, help us all to be used as Your dwelling place; Your tabernacle or temple. A place where You have chosen to dwell. Help us to get rid of the things in us that are not useful or do not glorify You. In Jesus Name, Amen