

Your 2015?



Temple time..

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What is a temple?

Definition:

*“a **building** devoted to the worship, or regarded as the dwelling place, of a god or gods or other objects of religious reverence.”*

Tiger's Nest Monastery - Bhutan



The “white temple” - Thailand



The Temple of Heaven - Beijing



The Golden Temple - India



Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Hungary



Suleymaniye Mosque - Istanbul



A couple of temple questions..

- 1. Are temples more “holy” than other buildings?**
- 2. Is your worship more acceptable to God in a temple?**
- 3. Should you cleanse yourself before going into a temple?**
- 4. What does the bible say about temples?**

What did Jesus say?

Luke 21: 5-6 One day people were standing around talking about the Temple, remarking how beautiful it was, the splendor of its stonework and memorial gifts. Jesus said, “All this you’re admiring so much—the time is coming when every stone in that building will end up in a heap of rubble.”

What did Stephen say?

Acts 7 - God's True Tabernacle

44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen, 45 which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David, 46 who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob. 47 But Solomon built Him a house.

48 "However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:

49 'Heaven is My throne,
And earth is My footstool.

What house will you build for Me? says the Lord,
Or what is the place of My rest?

50 Has My hand not made all these things?'[n]



What did Paul say?

1 Corinthians 6:

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Ephesians 2:

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, **grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**

The background of the slide is a photograph of a cluttered room, possibly a workshop or a storage area. In the center, there is a black guitar case with the 'Gibson' logo visible. To the right of the guitar case is a white plastic chair. The floor is covered with various items, including cables and boxes. The lighting is warm and somewhat dim, creating a moody atmosphere. On the left side of the slide, there is a circular inset showing a close-up of a string of warm-toned lights.

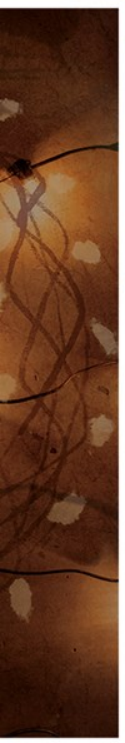
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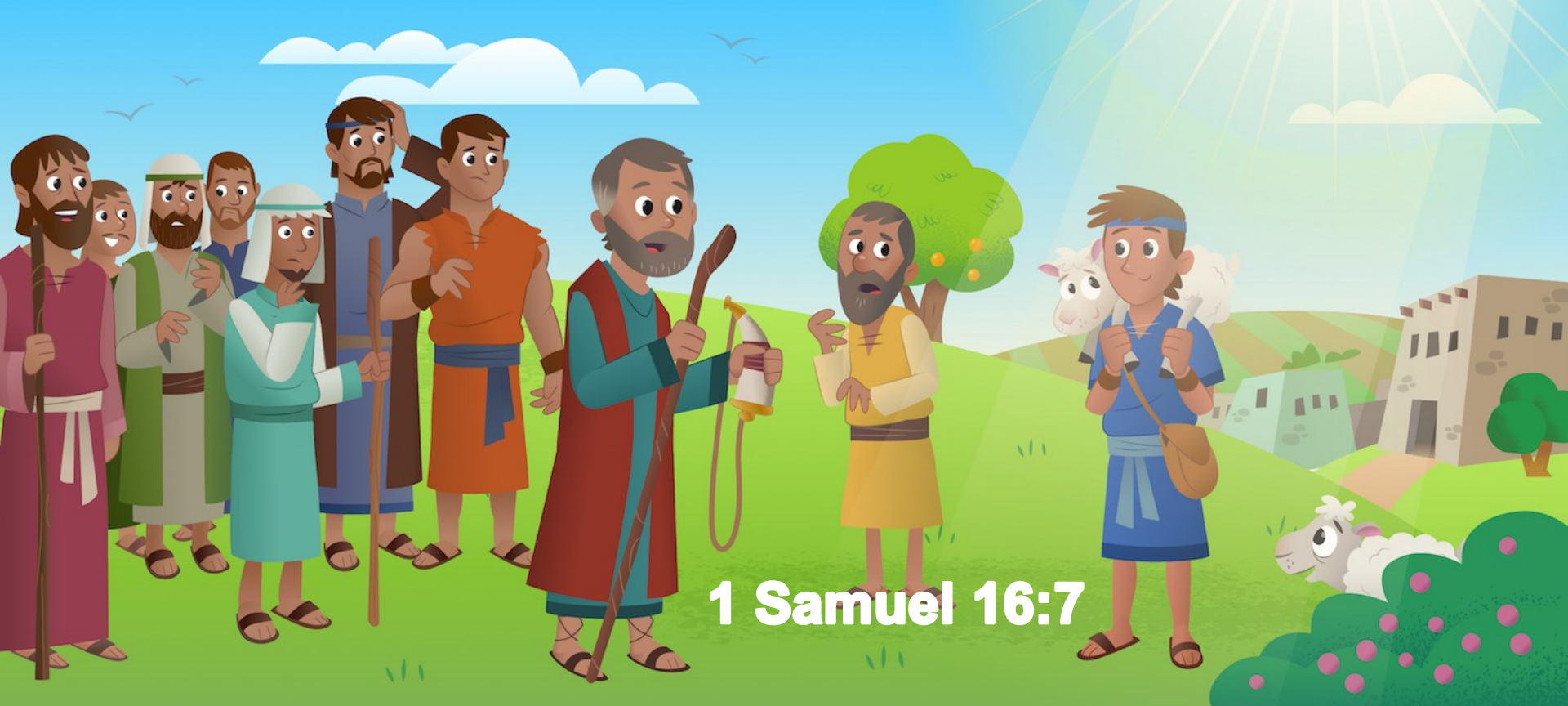
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Constant Consecration..

1. Hands
2. Eyes
3. Minds
4. Tongues..
5. Hearts..





1 Samuel 16:7

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees;[a] for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Offense-proof hearts..



This holiday season..





In closing, we commit to:

1. Consecrating our temples

- Hands
- Eyes
- Minds
- Tongues..
- Hearts

2. Dealing with & resisting offense

3. “Being the gift” this holiday