

The Kingdom
Part 3 – “Intersect”
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Exodus 25:2-8

“Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give... Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.”

Exodus 40:34-35

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it. When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped...

Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;

Isaiah 6:4

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 6:5

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”.

Malachi 1:6-10

“A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the Lord Almighty. “It is you priests who show

contempt for my name... When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the Lord Almighty... With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?"—says the Lord Almighty. "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the Lord Almighty.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Mark 15:37-38

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Acts 2:1-3

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Do you not know that your bodies are temples 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 bodies.

1 Peter 2:4-5

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house a to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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Group Questions

1. When you think of God, do you think of “the glory of the Lord”? In the Bible, what happened when people encountered the manifestation of the holy? Why does everyone react in a similar way?
2. What does Malachi 1:6-14 teach us about worship that honors God?
3. Read Mark 15:37-38. What do you notice about these verses?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. In what way does this truth make “thou shalt” and “thou shalt not” unnecessary?
5. God’s plan for today is that the church is the place where the kingdoms of heaven and earth intersect. What are some of the implications for us?
6. What was your reaction to the Online Church Challenge? What Bible verses might be relevant as you decide whether you will participate?