

Spend Time in Prayer – Lesson 2

You Are God's House

Introduction:

Pray through these scriptures affirming that you as an individual, and you as the community of believers in your church, are God's house. Please pray in agreement through each prayer so that your heart stays focused on what you are saying to God.

Father, show us how to yield to Your desire to build us into a house of prayer for the sake and glory of Your kingdom. Teach us how to allow You to work in and through us to fulfill what You have said in Your word!

Psalm 26:8

LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.

Pray: Father, King David had no idea that his description of Your house was incomplete, and that one day, Your glory would come to dwell in us! Show us how to fully love the house where You live, to honor the God who lives IN us! How astonishing and amazing this truth is! Thank You, Father, for choosing us as a dwelling place for Your Spirit, and for allowing us to also dwell with You in high places.

Pause and reflect.

Ephesians 2:21-22

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Pray: Lord Jesus, You are building Your people, Your Church, into a holy temple for Your glory! May we hear Your voice clearly as

we seek You for deeper intimacy and learn how to become a dwelling place for Your Spirit.

Pause and reflect.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

Pray: Father God, show us how to see ourselves as Your temple. Give us a picture of what that looks like in real life. Help us understand what it means for You to dwell in the midst of Your people.

Pause and reflect.

1 Corinthians 6:19

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...

Pray: Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for forgetting that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit and treating it as our own instead of as Your home – the place where You dwell. May we be continually aware that You are present in the midst of Your people and that You alone are the object of our worship.

Pause and reflect.

2 Corinthians 6:16

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Pray: There is no God like You, Lord! We bow before You and acknowledge that You alone are God! Show us how to rid ourselves of the idolatry in our lives so that You can have all of

us: mind, spirit and body! Thank You for walking among us and that we are called children of God!

Pause and reflect.

1 Peter 2:5

...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Pray: Master Builder, You are building Your people into a spiritual house so that we might become a holy priesthood! May our spiritual sacrifices continually be acceptable to You through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Pause and reflect.

John 14:23

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Pray: Holy One of Israel, how we love You! We will obey Your teaching so that You will love us fully and make Your home with us. We can hardly comprehend that You would choose us for the plans and purposes of Your kingdom! Keep our hearts pure and holy as You are holy!

Pause and reflect.

Revelation 3:12

The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

Pray: Lord Jesus, how amazing Your word is! Over and over again You teach Your Body how to be a house of prayer for all nations! May we be victorious in this earthly journey so that we may become pillars in God's heavenly temple. What an amazing thought that You will write new names on us. It is humbling to think that one day we will see with our own eyes the new Jerusalem and be known by Your name!

Pause and reflect.

Father, thank You for teaching us more about becoming Your house through this gift of prayer. In Jesus' Name, Amen!