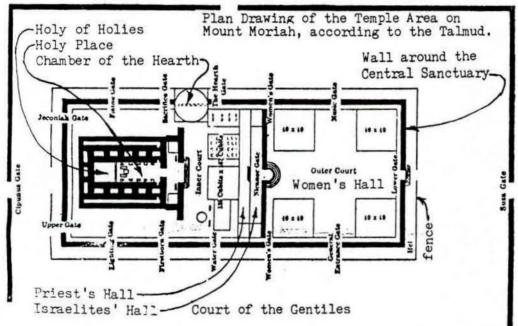
# TEMPLE OR SYNAGOGUE



Plan view of the Second Temple (Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah) circa. 519 BC. The plan size and layout of the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was the same for Soloman's, Ezra's, and Herod's Temples. But the size of the Court of the Centiles of Herod's Temple was 6 times that shown for the Second Temple, according to Josephus.

The western wall was omitted from this drawing to conserve space.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Nov. 83 MONARCH showed that MUSIC IS THE BRIDGE from SOUL to SPIRIT. And the Dec. 83 MONARCH identified 3 different forms of MUSIC that produce 3 different but specific results, i.e., PRAISE, BLESS and WORSHIP.

This month we propose to identify reasons that ENVIRONMENT plays a great part in helping or hindering our progress from SOUL to SPIRIT. We will look at the factors that make it hard to get into the SPIRIT while our minds are very active with projects like listening, talking and thinking; and we will see why MUSIC makes it easier to get into

the SPIRIT. The pattern for going into the SPIRIT is different for every person and that determines if it is best to WORSHIP in a car, shop, kitchen, study or church. We will note the difference between the SYNAGOGUE and TEMPLE to find the ENVIRONMENT that each presents to us so we can select the right one for the right purpose.

We will study how to implement the imperative command of GOD which states, "Be filled with the SPIRIT; Speaking to yourselves in PSALMS and HYMNS and SPIRITUAL SONGS, SINGING and making MELODY in your HEART to the LORD." (Eph. 5:18-19).

SYNAGOGUE or TEMPLE

Activities such as

The SYNAGOGUE was not the same thing as the TEM-PLE. They were used for entirely different purposes.

preaching and teaching that involve the use of the MIND-SOUL were/ are excusively for the SYNAGOGUE.

But, WORSHIP with the HEART-SPIRIT was/is mainly for the TEMPLE, though eventually it should be practiced everywhere.

Perhaps this MONARCH will help us all to get into the HEART-SPIRIT. At least we hope it will help us to better know when our activity is from our MIND-SOUL.

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#### DIFFERENCE

What's the difference? Plenty! First, every city had at least one SYNAGOGUE. But only Jerusalem had the TEMPLE.

Religious Israelites who lived in places outside of Jerusalem customarily used their SYNACOGUES at least once a week (Luke 4:16). and they traveled to the TEMPLE in Jerusalem 3 times a year, i.e., 1) Passover, 2) Pentecost, 3) Tabernacles (John 8:13, 7:2). There were exceptions. JESUS Himself sometimes added and omitted visits. To us Christians that means that the pattern should not become part of the TEMPLE. a hard and a fast rule, but it should be looked at.

Moses did command the people of Israel to attend the 3 feasts at the TEMPLE in Jerusa- the GENTILES). lem (Deut. 16:16), but I cannot find any command to attend the SYNAGOGUE, searching both O.T. and N.T.

church every week in your own hometown and packing up your family and traveling to another state 3 times a year to attend big religious conventions.

#### SYNAGOGUE

persons, a congregation (STRONG'S 4864). Some quately translated "TEMPLE" in the KJV. people mistakenly refer to a building as a SYNAGOGUE, like the word "CHURCH."

JESUS customarily attended SYNAGOGUE and that is where many of His miracles were per- translated "TEMPLE" in the KJV. formed. A SYNAGOGUE was pretty close to being like a school. In fact, that is where the young people were sent to learn to read. The text books were the TALMUD and the TORAH. 7 temples:

"As His (JESUS') custom was, He went into the SYNAGOGUE on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to READ. And there was delivered unto Him the BOOK of the prophet Esaias (Isaiah) (Luke 4:16-17).

The SYNAGOGUE is the place to develop your MIND-SOUL.

In the N.T., SYNAGOGUE appears 68 times. It is associated with TEACHING 30 times, HEALING 7 times, PUNISHMENT 7, EXORCISM (casting out demons) 3, and PRAYER 1 times. That is a fair idea of what went on in the SYNAGOGUE.

#### TEMPLE

Ancient manuscripts of the Bible use two ent places. But the translators rendered them into one word "TEMPLE."

NAOS (STRONG'S 3485), a shrine, TEMPLE. HIERON (STRONG'S 2411), a sacred place, i.e., the entire precincts, (where as NAOS (3485) denotes the CENTRAL SANCTUARY itself of the TEMPLE at Jerusalem).

The unfortunate result of the inadequate translation is to prevent us from noticing a very definite pattern of actions that happened in each different place.

One word, HIERON (2411), describes the whole TEMPLE.

The other word, NAOS (3485), describes a

It is better to translate:

HIERON (2411) - TEMPLE AREA (COURT of

NAOS (3485) - CENTRAL SANCTUARY.

A study of the 212 places where "TEMPLE" appears in the Bible shows two separate dis-There is a big difference between going to tinct patterns, one pattern for each Greek word.

The pattern shows that MIND-SOUL-PSYCHE activities were associated with the Greek word HIERON, which we believe should be translated "TEMPLE AREA" and more techni-The word "SYNAGOGUE" means an assembly of cally "COURT OF THE GENTILES", but was inade-

> It also shows that HEART-SPIRIT activity, such as WORSHIP was associated with the Greek word NAOS, which we believe should be

### HISTORY

Historically, there have been at least

- 1. TABERNACLE OF MOSES 1500 BC.
- 2. TABERNACLE OF DAVID 1000 BC.
- 3. SOLOMON'S TEMPLE (FIRST TEMPLE) 950 30
- 4. EZRA'S TEMPLE (SECOND TEMPLE) 500 BC
- 5. HEROD'S TEMPLE 33 AD
- 6. JESUS' PHYSICAL BODY 33 AD
- 7. MAN'S BODY 33 AD to at least 1984 AD., because they all are referred to as the TEMPLE.

#### FUTURE

In the future many Christians are going to see that many of their religious activities are really MENTAL-SOUL-PSYCHE in nature and that they do serve a good purpose when they train the person for even a higher order of SPIRITUAL activity. These people different Greek words to describe two differ-will not be tricked into thinking that PSYCHE (MIND) actions are SPIRITUAL, as some people unfortunately are tricked today.

Some advanced groups will provide an environment which is especially conducive to learning, teaching, preaching, study, singing, practice, correction of error and learning to PRAISE, BLESS and WORSHIP. In this place they will take up the offering, make announcements, ask for opinions, engage in discussion, pray, heal, prophesy, exorcise demons; in fact, do all the things that JESUS did in the SYNAGOGUE (or COURT of the GENTILES).

The LEARNING PLACE will be used like the old SYNAGOGUE.

Some super advanced Christians will learn to cease their MENTAL-SOUL-PSYCHE activities; they will stop thinking processes and then enter into WORSHIP with their whole HEART-SPIRIT. They will become sensitive enough to know when they are in the SPIRIT and when they are responding to their religiously trained SOUL. Those people will be able to build their own private WORSHIP PLACE for themselves no matter where they are. Some will even be able to get into the SPIRIT while they themselves are being subjected to negative environments such as arguments, debate, and being pushed around. For example, some will drive a car while on a mission of mercy due to a situation of tragedy. They will quietly (or silently) hum a song of PRAISE, BLESS or WORSHIP. This will take their MIND off the problem and on to GOD. the solution, and they will be in the SPIRIT. They will build their own private SPIRITUAL WORSHIP PLACE in the face of tremendous adversity.

Some Christians are mature but not quite that far advanced. They will participate with groups of nearly equal maturity. These groups will provide an environment conducive to WORSHIP, and they will dedicate the place to WORSHIP only. They will recognize that not all Christians can get into the SPIRIT in the face of adversity so they will provide training and also a place of refuge to make it much easier to stop MENTAL activity and to get into the SPIRIT. They will build a physical WORSHIP PLACE to be used like the old TEMPLE.

Of course, some will mistakenly make the WORSHIP PLACE a new NEHUSHTAN. They will immaturely depend on the place itself to always provide the stimulus to move from SOUL to SPIRIT. Other more advanced Christians will gladly learn their lessons in the LEARN-ING PLACE and apply them in the WORSHIP PLACE and finally be able to operate the same prin-

ciples wherever they are. These should become the MANIFEST SONS OF GOD.

And, like always, there will be those who have already learned many of the steps. They will enter the process at their own level and head on up.

And, like always, there will be those who know it all! They will probably enter at the highest level and head on down!

## FUTURE LEARNING PLACE LIKE THE OLD SYNAGOGUE

The FUTURE SYNAGOGUE will be a LEARNING PLACE, par excellence. It will house equipment such as desk, blackboard, flipcharts, audio-visual teaching machines, slide and movie projectors, video recorder/players, cameras, all kinds of musical instruments including piano and organ, comfortable desk chairs for students and a complete library. It may even contain satelite TV communication hookups. The general decorations and atmosphere may be rather austere and plain to further enhance the idea of a learning environment. But no expense will be spared on anything that will help to get the ideas across.

Those who are learning or practicing the techniques of leavining the SOUL and entering the SPIRIT will find that it is one thing to learn the theory and practice in the LEARNING PLACE and it is another thing to actually perform. They will find that all the theory and practice in the world won't help when the environment is wrong. Those people will want to take their theory and practice to a place where the environment is right.

Newly trained pilots are not sent right into battle after they have learned to fly the airplane. They are sent on many cross-country training flights before they meet the enemy. Some even return for more refresher courses and others take advanced specialized training before they are sent out. The new LEARNING PLACE will contain those elements. The "training flights" for Christians will first take place in the LEARNING PLACE and eventually in the WORSHIP PLACE. Astute Christians will know that even that is not the final goal.

#### TYPES OF SONGS

Here are some ideas about how to separate the three main types of songs that will be taught in the LEARNING PLACE.

"Come before His presence with SINGING... and into His courts with PRIASE (Psa. 100).

PRAISE songs describe the attributes of GOD that we enjoy. They tell about His goodness in relation to ourselves. They reach out to encourage other people to join in and agree. They are horizontal in the fact that they involve other people and/or places. PRAISE songs often describe GOD'S relationship to the temporal realm. PRAISERS sing and/or play musical instruments and/or keep time by clapping.

BLESSING songs describe what we want from GOD and/or what we want to give to Him. Sometimes our wants are very personal and selforiented, like healing. Other times we want something for someone else like salvation. There are times when our attention shifts from our wants to what we have to give to GOD. Immature Christians often want to work out a trade. Advanced people offer themselves or something they control or possess without any strings attached. I call them oblique songs because they are not completely directed toward the temporal realm, neither are they completely directed toward the eternal. They sing about giving and/or receiving something, earthly or heavenly.

WORSHIP songs describe GOD only. They do not involve ourselves, our feelings, our wants, needs or desires. Nor do they involve anyone else, any place or anything temporal. I call them vertical songs because they point directly up toward SPIRITUAL ETERNAL HEAVEN. They sing about just GOD (or His manifestations as JESUS and/or the HOLY SPIRIT).

And naturally, we find some songs that combine PRIASE, BLESS or WORSHIP within the same song.

Some lazy and some super anxious Christians will think that they can learn a few new songs and then get into the SPIRIT in order to perform supernatural miracles. Eventually they will find that it is necessary to sing intelligently with meaning. They will be able to do that after spending time in Bible Study in the LEARNING PLACE.

PRAISE means, bend the wrist. BLESS means, bend the knee. WORSHIP means, to prostrate.

### FUTURE WORSHIP PLACE LIKE THE OLD TEMPLE

Some groups will provide a place where it will be easy to forget all of the problems of the mind realm and move out of their SOUL activities and into the SPIRIT. Our Nov. 83 MONARCH titled MUSIC IS THE BRIDGE FROM SOUL TO SPIRIT amplifies much on that process. In this environment they will try to prevent

MENTAL-SOUL activities from taking place. There will be no teaching or preaching, no announcements, no study, no testimony, no planning, no mental activity at all, and no offerings. One fellow said, "That will be nearly HEAVEN; no preaching and no offerings!"

What will it be like? Beautiful! Plush! Soft! Perhaps opulent! There will be mood lights, mood music, singing of PRAISE, BLESS and WORSHIP songs all without announcement and without songbooks, sheets, overhead projectors or other thought oriented devices.

The PRAISE, BLESS and WORSHIP songs that were learned and perhaps even memorized in the LEARNING PLACE will be sung from the HEART-SPIRIT in the WORSHIP PLACE.

We are not talking about churches that presently have a head pastor and also a subordinate minister of music (though that is a good start) because for the most part presently they try to work together in the same room in the same service. Most of us have heard sad stories of how the pastor took over a service just when the spirit of the song service was super high and it was felt that miracles were just about to happen. Though there will be song leaders and chief musicians, there will not be any announcements such as "We will now sing." The songs will flow naturally from one to another. The idea of singing the first, third and fifth verse will be strictly anathema in the WORSHIP PLACE (but quite acceptable in the LEARNING PLACE). Scripture set to music will take priority over traditional songs.

Routine announcements concerning the group activities will be printed on handbills and distributed to the people as they leave in order to further minimize every thinking process in the WORSHIP PLACE.

Immature Christians will bring condemnation on others for mistakes committed in the WORSHIP PLACE. Advanced Christians will turn the other way - and wait for another day. Then they will carefully, lovingly and privately instruct the offender while in the environment of the LEARNING PLACE.

Some Christians will find it very difficult to attend a WORSHIP service in the WORSHIP PLACE (or anywhere for that matter) and look at another person who has done wrong to them. Unforgiveness and a root of bitterness will begin to take its toll. The WORSHIP PLACE will provide many chances to show that the SOULISH drives are still in charge. People will be trained to react to this setback

by returning to the LEARNING PLACE for more strength. Naturally, like any battle, some will give up. Others will "Hang in there" and finally win the war by entering into GOD no matter what the circumstance around them presents.

In the future the WORSHIP PLACE will provide all the functions formerly provided by the TEMPLE. The difference is that this time the people will be able to "boldly enter into the holiest by the blood of JESUS" (Heb. 10:19). They will go "boldly unto the throne of grace, that they may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

The most advanced Christians will eventually discover after many successful times in the WORSHIP PLACE that even that is a symbol for something more and better. They will develop the ability to WORSHIP GOD with their SPIRITUAL BODIES anywhere, at anytime.

#### TEMPLE SACRIFICE OR BLESSING

Whereas the TEMPLE included SACRIFICE along with WORSHIP as the two main activities practiced there, you may have noticed that we did not include SACRIFICE as an activity in the WORSHIP PLACE. That is because JESUS is the lamb of GOD; and there is no further requirement for SACRIFICE since the SUPREME SACRIFICE of JESUS. But, we did include something like SACRIFICE; it is BLESSING. How is BLESSING like SACRIFICE? "BLESSING is a determined act of the MIND or will to commit or dedicate something which you own - to the use and ownership or service of someone else." (MONARCH, PRAISE, BLESS, WORSHIP, Dec. 83). In addition, BLESSING is a two way street. You can offer and give a blessing and you can request and receive a blessing. So BLESSING is a type or form of SACRIFICE because you give what you have to someone else. Christians mostly ask GOD to meet their needs with requests for BLESSINGS like healing, success, affluence, salvation of loved ones, etc. Songs like, "Here's my cup Lord...come and fill this thirsting of my SOUL, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more," seem to indicate the direction they expect BLESSING to flow. However, most Christians also ask GOD to accept their offering to Him. Sometimes they offer their possessions; other times their talents and once in a while their whole lives.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of GOD, that ye present your bodies a living SACRIFICE, holy acceptable unto GOD, which is your reasonable service" (ROM. 12:1).

### SYNAGOGUE - TEMPLE SEPARATION TEACHING - WORSHIP SEPARATION

It may be that most people close their eyes when they PRAY in a subconscious effort to cut out their surrounding environment and direct their MINDS toward GOD. That is an admirable step toward the time when they can follow the example of JESUS who "lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father..." (John 17:1). In other words the practice of closing the eyes for prayer may be an embryo attempt to build a personal WORSHIP PLACE.

The WORSHIP PLACE and LEARNING PLACE will be simply one room separate from the other in some cities. More advanced groups will probably provide separate buildings. The reason for the separate facilities is because TEACHING brings division between people and WORSHIP brings them together. For instance,

JESUS said, "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on the earth? I tell you Nay; but rather division" (Luke 12:49). Whenever a TEACHER says anything, there is usally someone who sees the subject another way. James said about the same thing, "My brethren, be not many masters (TEACHERS), knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all" (James 3:1).

People associate bad vibes with environments where arguments, debate, disputing, correction and discipline have created a bad scene. The human SOUL-PSYCHE associates physical things such as a door, a room, a carpet, a table or chair with a bad happening that occurred while the eye was fixed on the feature. That's why newly widowed women are usually advised to "Sell the house and move away."

It is nearly impossible for the novice Christian to break away from the strong mental pictures and memories brought on by an environment that produced past downers in the life of the person. That was the reason for the TEMPLE. It couldn't produce bad vibes because nothing irritating happened there (theoretically).

The human SOUL-PSYCHE is also strange in the fact that it can return to rational thought in a negative environment, but it is seldom able to progress to forgiving and forgetting in the HEART-SPIRIT. That's the reason that it is nearly impossible to go into true WORSHIP while looking at a platform podium where an especially raunchy testimony was given the week before. Those things need

to be separated; and the most complete method of separation is to keep them physically away from each other so that they do not have a single thing in common.

Within the last half century many church leaders have discovered that they can build a fairly large congregation on a diet of quartets and other musical entertainment. That is because music and WORSHIP serve to bring us all together. On the other hand, they discovered that providing a diet of several visiting teachers, one after the other, served to strengthen a few individuals but it often split the church, or at least sent a few families looking for another church.

WORSHIP is love and that attracts people. Someone said all the world loves a lover.

Teaching is truth and that repels error. JESUS said that His truth would divide families down the middle.

I think that presently the HOLY SPIRIT is moving on leaders of Christian groups to provide a good balance of both strong forces.

Eventually, the most astute Christians will be able to see the difference between church and GOD.

#### TEMPLE AREA

The approach to GOD at the TEMPLE started by entering the gate in the outward most wall surrounding the TEMPLE AREA and going into the COURT OF THE GENTILES, the largest area. Next came the fence around the CENTRAL SANC-TUARY, then 10 cubits later the actual wall around the CENTRAL SANCTUARY. Next came the OUTER COURT (also called WOMEN's HALL). After that came the INNER COURT and within that, first was the ISRAELITES' HALL and next the PRIEST'S HALL. Up to this point the entry has all been outside the main building but within 3 walls and a fence. Next the VESTI-BULE within the main building is entered. Then the HOLY PLACE and finally the HOLY OF HOLIES.

#### LIKE THE SYNAGOGUE

The COURT OF THE GENTILES (within the TEM-PLE AREA but outside the CENTRAL SANCTUARY) accommodated activities such as preaching, teaching, healing, prayer, discussion, debate and questions. In fact, it contained all of the activities which took place in the SYNA-GOGUE at other cities. The COURT OF THE GEN-TILES served the people of Jerusalem in the same manner as did the SYNAGOGUES in other cities. The COURT OF THE GENTILES also contained the commerce and money changers associated with buying and selling the animals required for sacrifice. This corrupted practice was attacked by JESUS who called it a "Den of thieves" (Matt. 21:12).

Widows lived, fasted and prayed in the COURT OF THE GENTILES (Luke 2:37).

In summary, even though the KJV says that patterns of MENTAL-SOUL-PSYCHE actions occurred in the TEMPLE, the Bible student now asks "which part," knowing that the real CENTRAL SANCTUARY of the TEMPLE was not for MENTAL activity, it was for SPIRITUAL. The Bible student knows that a translation difficulty caused the confusion.

After a student reads the 69 references to the SYNAGOGUE and the 212 references to the TEMPLE in the Bible, then the patterns of activity will show forth for each different place.

I predict that you will better understand all this after you have read this whole MON-ARCH a few times. If you read the MONARCHS titled, BUILD MY CHURCH, Aug. 83; MUSIC IS THE BRIDGE, Nov. 83 and PRAISE, BLESS, WOR-SHIP, Dec. 83, then you should be ready to rightly divide some of these patterns. (II Tim. 3:15).

#### CENTRAL SANCTUARY

The CENTRAL SANCTUARY was considered to be the sacred portion of the TEMPLE AREA. It housed the activities of the Priests and Levites. As an example of the treatment of the sacredness, Priests were not allowed to sit down, much less to sleep in the CENTRAL SANCTUARY. So a special chamber was constructed to meet their physical needs. The CHAMBER OF THE HEARTH was built so that half the chamber was within the CENTRAL SANCTUARY and the other half extended outside the CEM-TRAL SANCTUARY into the COURT OF THE GENTILES, which was considered secular, even though they both were within the TEMPLE AREA. The Priests sat down, rested and slept (their course kept them there a long time) in the secular portion of the CHAMBER OF THE HEARTH.

#### EXCLUDED

A fence was placed around the CENTRAL SANCTUARY at a distance of 10 cubits outside its walls. Gentiles and ritually unclean Israelites were not allowed past the fence, though they could participate in activities within the COURT OF THE GENTILES placing them well within the outside walls of the TEMPLE AREA.

All qualified Israelites, including WOMEN, could pass the fence and enter the OUTER COURT (also known as the WOMEN'S HALL) which was the first part of the CENTRAL SANCTUARY.

Past the OUTER COURT was the INNER COURT.

Within the INNER COURT of the CENTRAL SANCTUARY was the PRIESTS' HALL, which was reserved for Priests and Levites; occasionally, however, men and women made use of it by presenting sin-offerings, sacrifices on which they were required to place hands.

#### PROSTRATION IN THE CENTRAL SANCTUARY

WORSHIP occurs while the WORSHIPER is PROSTRATE. The Dec. 83 MONARCH showed the tight connection between PROSTRATION and WORSHIP. They are interrelated. Here are quite a few more scripture references to show that PROSTRATION is the proper position for WORSHIP: II Chron. 7:8, Joshua 5:14, Psa. 45:11, 95:6, 99:5, 132:7, Isa. 2:8-9, 46:6, Dan. 3:5,10,15.

We will now cite three different cases wherein the people of Israel PROSTRATED themselves in WORSHIP within the CENTRAL SANCTUARY of the TEMPLE. These examples were selected from an article titled "TEMPLE" in the JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA.

#### PROSTRATION AT FESTIVALS

At festivals, to accommodate the large crowds, all Israelites were permitted to enter the PRIESTS' HALL, fully within the sacred INNER COURT, on which occasion the curtain of the vestibule was raised to show the people the interior of the very sacred HOLY PLACE. The people, though tightly packed, were able to find sufficient space in which to PROSTRATE themselves; this being one of the miracles associated with the TEMPLE.

# PROSTRATION AT THE INCENSE OFFERING

During the sacrifice the Levites were at their stations in the OUTER COURT on the steps leading to the PRIESTS' HALL within the INNER COURT but they did not commence their music until the libation of the close of the service. The musical instrument called the "magrefah" somewhat similar to the organ, stood between the altar and the vestibule deep within the INNER COURT. Its tones, which could be heard a long distance, were the signal for the Priests to PROSTRATE themselves. This PROSTRATE WORSHIP took place in the OUTER COURT (Women's Hall) of the CENTRAL SANCTUARY.

# PROSTRATION AT THE CEREMONY OF LIBATION

The trumpeters sounded, the High Priest commenced the ceremony of the libation (pouring out a liquid); the officer unfurled the kerchief; the cymbals clashed; and the Levites sang hymns accompanied by music. During the pauses the trumpet sounded, and the people in the INNER COURT PROSTRATED themselves; at every pause a trumpet sound and a PROSTRATION. This took place within the INNER COURT of the CENTRAL SANCTUARY.

# PROSTRATION - WORSHIP N.T. CHANGES

JESUS taught us that the CENTRAL SANCTU-ARY of the TEMPLE at Jerusalem was an O.T. type and shadow of His N.T. physical BODY. "Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this TEMPLE in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But JESUS spake of the TEMPLE (STRONG'S 3465, CENTRAL SANCTUARY itself) of His BODY" (John 2:21). "What? Know ye not that your BODY is the TEMPLE of the HOLY GHOST which is in you?" (I Cor. £:19).

#### SPIRITUAL BODY

JESUS changed the O.T. pattern of PROSTRATE BODY WORSHIP when He told the woman at the well that true WORSHIP is for the SPIRIT and it can occur anywhere in the world, not just at Jerusalem (John 4, See our Dec. 83 MONARCH). We have many more needs than those just for our PHYSICAL BODIES. I am a SPIRIT. I have a SOUL and I live in a BODY. And I also have a SPIRITUAL BODY. "There is a natural BODY and there is a SPIRITUAL BODY" (I Cor. 15:44).

So then we must learn to perform the function of WORSHIP with our SPIRITUAL BODY, using the pattern of WORSHIP with our NATURAL BODY. JESUS did not tell us to STOP WORSHIPING with our NATURAL BODY. That means that PHYSICAL PROSTRATION of our NATURAL BODY is a learning experience. It is a natural way to learn how to enter into the higher order of SPIRITUAL WORSHIP. Our Dec. 83 MONARCH has a lot to say about PRAISE, BLESS, and WORSHIP; it identified them as "progressive acts of love-making. One step naturally follows the other and nothing should be left out."

Big changes are coming, so we pray that our friends will have eyes that see and ears that hear.

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