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<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>WORSHIP A.M.</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>
<b>WORSHIP P.M.</b>	

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OF THE LORD'S WAY  
"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..."

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Record for August 15, 2021

Bible School 66  
Worship Service 89  
Sunday Evening 40  
Wednesday Evening Online  
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**August 22, 2021**

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**Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.**

**Sunday Evening 5:00 P.M.**

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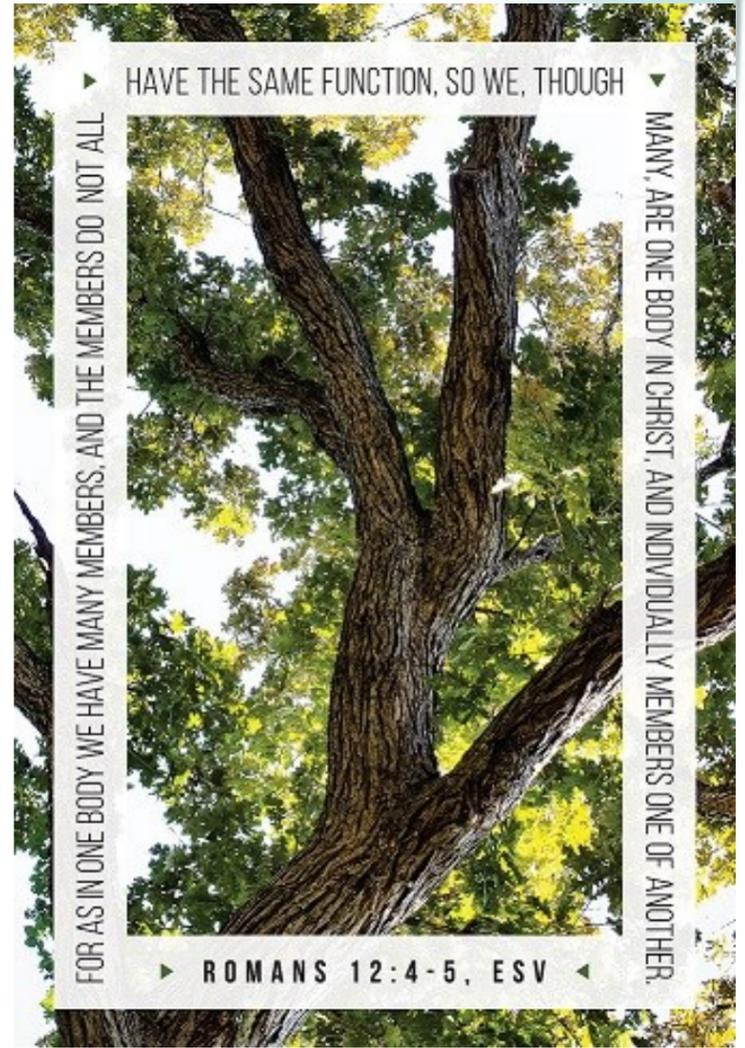
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# THE GOSPEL GUIDE



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## The Divine Shekinah

### A Study in Haggai

When Cyrus issued the decree that the Jews return and rebuild the temple, we know that there was a bit of a motivation issue among the people. We do not talk about this much, but the people apparently were not as excited to return and build as we would like to believe. God uses Haggai the prophet to try and motivate the people. "Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple [house]..." (Haggai 1:8).

Some important words in Haggai chapter one are "house" and "build". In 2 Samuel 7, God promises that He would **build** David a **house**, and that the son of David would **build** God a **house**. It would be at this house that the divine glory would dwell. The Torah explains that God would choose the place of His dwelling (Deuteronomy 12:5). This dwelling is the divine Shekinah in Hebrew. This is the divine presence and glory of the Lord. This divine presence descended on the tent of meeting where Moses spoke with God, and on the temple that Solomon built (1 Kings 8:11). "The Lord said He would **dwell** (Shekinah) in the dark cloud. I have surely **built** You and exalted a **house**, and a place for You to dwell in forever" (1 Kings 8:12-13). This divine dwelling is so important because it is the Old Testament Emanuel, God with us. The significance of the temple is that it is here that the divine glory of God dwells with man.

Ezekiel stands at the south side of the temple (house) and sees that "the cloud filled the inner court" (Ezekiel 10:3). The next verse explains that this is the brightness of the Lord's glory. Without getting confused by the apocalyptic language, which is for another study, the verse that we must not miss is, "Then the glory of the Lord departed from the threshold of the temple [house]..." (10:18). The Shekinah has left the house.

Now that Cyrus has decreed the return by the authority of God, if they do not rebuild the house, then the Shekinah will not return. What is interesting about the book of Ezra, is that once the house is built and dedicated, unlike Solomon's dedication, there is no description of the divine cloud filling the temple.

But wait a second, God says, "I will fill this temple [house] with glory" (Haggai 2:7). You would think if the divine glory of the Lord filled the temple, that the book of Ezra would mention it. God goes on to explain that He will subdue the nations by His authority, and then to Zerubbabel, "I will make you a signet ring; for I have chosen you..." (2:23). A signet ring is a seal of authority. Now, let's try to bring this all together.

When Jesus cleanses the temple in John 2, He says, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's **house** a **house** of merchandise!" (2:16). The disciples will later remember a passage that talks about the zeal of God's **house** (Psalm 69:9). Then Jesus says something incredibly cryptic, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (Johns 2:19). The text explains that He is talking about the temple of His body (2:21). Wow. Think about that. Jesus' body is the temple (descended from Zerubbabel by the way). Jesus is given all authority, and in His body is the divine Shekinah (dwelling) of God. In other words, in Acts 2 when the Spirit of God descended on the church, the church became the house that Jesus built (think Matthew 16; "...I will **build** My church"). The **house** is the **temple**, and the **temple** is His body. This means that when we are members of His body, the divine Shekinah dwells with us. "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him" (Acts 5:32).

It would seem that the initial return from exile did not bring the divine Shekinah back to the temple. The Messiah, however, is the temple in which God would dwell. We have the opportunity to be members of this house where the presence of the Lord dwells with us.



**Diane Lawrance** had surgery to remove a kidney in which they found cancer. Surgery went well. However, before she can be released the doctors have a couple things they are checking out.

**Daniel Beal** fell into a window and was taken to OU Hospital. He had to get several stiches and was admitted for monitoring.

Keith Lawrence's mother, Sandra Pollard has been released from the hospital and placed on hospice. She is at home so that family may visit her. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.



### Deacon Search Update

Scott Perry, Dalton Path, and Austin Beard, were presented to the congregation last Sunday for consideration to serve as deacons. These men were recommended by the congregation as men found to have the characteristics of a deacon found in 1 Timothy 3. If anyone has any scriptural reason why any of the men presented should not serve in this capacity, please submit these concerns in writing to one of the elders by Sunday, August 29. Installation of these new deacons will be Sunday, September 26, in the morning service.

### Qualifications to Consider:

- Reverent - Good Character, worthy of respect • Not double tongued - Not two-faced, sincere • Not given to much wine - Not addicted to alcohol, not indulging in much wine
- Not greedy for money - Not use shameful ways to make money, not pursuing dishonest gain
- Holds mystery of faith with pure conscience - Clear conscience about possessing the mystery of the Faith, Keep hold of deep truths on the faith with clear conscience, Lives the life he professes
- Wife: Reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all - Good character, not gossips, controlled temper, trustworthy
- Husband of one wife - One wife
- Rules children and household well - Manages children and family well

## Reading the Bible in a Year Together

August 23, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 6-8

August 24, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 9-11

August 25, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 12-14

August 26, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 15-18

August 27, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 19-21

August 28, 2021  
Jeremiah, Chapters 22-24

August 29, 2021  
Jeremiah Chapters 25-28

### CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Mack	Fredith Hanifan	Blake Carter
Chad Beard	John Sullivan	Selene Williams
Carla Dame	Floyd Davis	Dorothy Strickland
Carl Weeks	Diane Lawrence	Thearlene Morris
Emma White	Frank Romberg	John Rampey
Boyd Cheney	Sandra Pollard	Sandon Hilditch
Debbie Taffe	Debra Campbell	Georgia Cagle

All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances. They appreciate your interest and prayers.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am**  
**Sunday Morning Worship service 10:30 am**  
**Sunday Afternoon Service 5:00 P.M.**  
**Wednesday Night service will be online.**