



## SERMON NOTES:

1. Yahweh's glory fills his temple when his temple is holy.
2. Yahweh dwells with his people when his people are holy.
  - a. Yahweh's temple is the place of his throne - authority
  - b. Yahweh's temple is the place of the soles of his feet - presence
  - c. Yahweh's temple is where he dwells among his people - relationship
3. Yahweh's holy temple is designed to bring his straying people to shame.
  - a. Shame is exposed when my iniquity is confronted by Yahweh's holiness.
  - b. Shame is removed when my iniquity submits to Yahweh's holiness.
  - c. We can choose to accept Yahweh's forgiveness, but we cannot choose our consequences.
4. Yahweh's temple is filled with people who worship him alone.

## GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Why did Yahweh's glory leave his temple and what will cause it to return?
2. How does Yahweh's holiness both expose shame and remove shame?

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- Life Flows from the Temple: Spirit of Life (Ezekiel 47-48)
  - Ezekiel 47:1
  - Water is used in Scripture to represent the power of God's Spirit
  - John 7:37-39
1. The power of the Spirit grows deeper as it flows. The more He is followed, the greater His power!
    - a. Ezekiel 47:3 Ankle Deep (Salvation)
    - b. Ezekiel 47:4 Knee and Waist Deep (Prayer and Service)
    - c. Ezekiel 47:5 Over your head Deep (Complete Filling and Following)
    - d. Spurgeon said of George Mueller "How blessedly our friend Mr. Mueller of Bristol swims! What a master swimmer he is. He has had his feet of the bottom many years and as he swims he draws along behind him 2,000 orphan children whom by God's grace, he is saving"
  2. The river brings life and blessing as it flows. Where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is FREEDOM (II Corinthians 3:17)
    - a. Ezekiel 47:8-9
    - b. Trees will grow and fish will live where neither were existent before. The Arabah valley is the deepest valley, but barren. The Dead Sea is so salty that nothing can live there. BUT GOD!
    - c. Ezekiel 47:12
    - d. God's people knew dryness now, but His Spirit of Life is coming! The complete fulfillment will be in the millennial reign of Jesus!
    - e. Galatians 5:16, 25



## GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Read Psalm 42:1; Jeremiah 2:13; John 4:10-15; Joel 3:18; Zechariah 14:8; Revelation 21:22. What is the value of the water flowing from the Temple? What is the relationship between symbolical interpretation and literal? Can it be both? How does the river in Revelation 21 differ from Ezekiel 47? (Hint: Temple vs. Throne). What are the similarities?
2. Read John 7:37-52; John 4:1-45. How do Jesus' comments in these passages align with Ezekiel's prophecies in Ezekiel 47? How does the water change the landscape and the heart? Read Galatians 5. What affects does Holy Spirit have on those that follow Him into deeper waters? What are some signs that are evident of being filled with Holy Spirit?
3. Read Ezekiel 48:35. The Hebrew name is Yahweh Shammah (The LORD is There). What is the significance of the name of this city? Describe what it would be like to live in this city? This is the only time this name is used in Scripture. What's the significance between Yahweh Shammah and Jerusalem?
4. The list of tribes in Revelation 7 does not include the tribe of Dan but Ezekiel's list in 48 does include Dan. Why the difference? (Hint: Tribulation versus Millennial Reign). Dan was known for it's idolatry (unfaithfulness) but God is faithful to remember them. How amazing is our God!