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Go Deep
Where Does God Live?
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What is the most beautiful Church House or Cathedral you have seen?

What is the connection between the words “Church House” and “God’s House?”

Read Exodus 40:33-38.

What happened when Moses finished the Tabernacle?

What identification does verse 38 give to the cloud?

So, what was communicated to the people by the cloud filling the Tabernacle?

Read 2 Chronicles 7:1-3 (This event is the dedication of Israel’s temple, build by King Solomon, the son of David, 400 years after the event recorded in the above Exodus story (1000BC).

List the similarities in the two events.

What happened in the two events?

There’s a big word to describe what happened: *Shekhinah*. The word denotes the presence of God. It literally means *dwelling*.

When the Shekhinah glory filled the temple, what message did the people get?

Based on this, where was God’s House, God’s dwelling?

Another temple was built when the Jews returned from exile around 500BC because Solomon’s Temple had been destroyed when the Babylonians conquered Judah. There is no record of “God’s glory filling this temple.”

Herod began to refurbish that temple in 19BC and the temple was dedicated 10 years later. There is no record of “God’s glory filling this temple” either.

If the glory of the Lord did not fill these temples, what message did the people get?

Read Mark 13:1-2

What did Jesus say would happen to the temple? How do you think people who thought the Temple was God’s house, felt about Jesus’ statement?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:16 and Ephesians 2:21-22.

Where is God’s House/Temple/Tabernacle now? What are the ramifications of that teaching? What difference does it make in how you see yourself and others? In how you live?