



For many centuries, when the people of God thought of “bringing the best,” they would connect that idea with \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ who “drew near” to God on their behalf, and the \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem.

### The Temple of the Lord

- The \_\_\_\_\_ that King Solomon first built for the LORD (1 Kings 6-8), to be...
  - More than a magnificent \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 24:1-2)
  - More than a \_\_\_\_\_ landmark (John 2:18-20)
  - More than a place of empty \_\_\_\_\_ (John 2:13-17; Mal 1:10)
- The place of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ among mankind (Isa 6:1), unable to contain him (Isa 66:1; Acts 7:48), but the place where he promised to \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of his people (1 Kings 6:11-13)

### Bringing the Best, In Christ Jesus

- \_\_\_\_\_ are the sacrifices, the priests, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple, God’s spiritual house (1 Pet 2:4-5)
  - Built on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 2:19-20)
  - Joined \_\_\_\_\_, growing into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit (Eph 2:21-22; 1 Cor 3:16-17)
  - \_\_\_\_\_, “set \_\_\_\_\_” from the world (2 Cor 6:14-18)
- In simplest terms: we are not \_\_\_\_\_; all the way down to the level of our own \_\_\_\_\_, we exist to \_\_\_\_\_ God (1 Cor 6:19-20)