



# THE PLACES OF WORSHIP FOR ISRAEL

ACTS 7:44-50

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1. Humbly \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.48-50)

**Acts 7:44** "Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen.

**45** Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, **46** who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. **47** But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

**48** Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

**49** "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? **50** Did not my hand make all these things?" (ESV)

2. Gratefully \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.45-47)

3. Carefully \_\_\_\_\_ (v.44)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 113**. How is the detailed recognition of God's specific care for his people in this passage magnified and made even more praiseworthy when put against the backdrop of the statements in vv.4-6?
2. Read **Isaiah 66:1-2**. Why is our concern for obeying God's word diminished when we fail to maintain a "high view" of God? Why do you think a low view of God fosters pride and self-interest?
3. Read **Psalm 132:1-5** and **1 Kings 8:27-30**. Realizing that both David and Solomon understood that God could not be localized by a physical worship center in Jerusalem, why do you think they would be so intent on establishing this more permanent worship structure?
4. Read **Ephesians 2:11-13**. What can you do to sincerely worship God for including you in his redemptive plan? Why do you think we don't do this more often?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20**. Imagining what it might have been like in Old Testament times to stand in view of the tabernacle or the temple, how can these two passages adjust your view of the church (ch.3) and your own life (ch.6)?

*This Week's  
Bible Reading Schedule*

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Deut.3-4 & Mk.11:20-33*

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Deut.5-7 & Mk.12:1-27*

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*Deut.8-10 & Mk.12:28-44*

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*Deut.11-13 & Mk.13:1-13*

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
*Deut.14-16 & Mk.13:14-37*

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*Deut.17-19 & Mk.14:1-25*

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
*Deut.20-22 & Mk.14:26-50*

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*Deut.23-25 & Mk.14:51-72*

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- Msg. 06-32 – **Why Don't We Have a Temple?**
- Msg. 06-34 – **Why Don't We Have to Keep All Those Old Testament Ceremonies?**
- Msg. 06-35 – **What's with All the Animal Sacrifices, and Why No More?**
- Msg. 06-33 – **Why Did We Need a New Covenant Anyway?**
- Msg. 13-09 – **A Torn Curtain**
- Msg. 13-07 – **Grateful for an Inclusive God**
- Msg. 12-03 – **The Encouragement of Being a Part of God's Plan**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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