

Sacred Spaces!

KJV Exodus 3:1-5 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for **the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.**

Sacred space is a place that has been occupied by God and dedicated for a holy purpose!

A space where God is the focus and everything in that space makes everyone who enters that space conscious of God!

They are places worshippers encounter God in a special way that differs from any other place.

Without sacred spaces every place would be the same and there would be no specific place on earth to encounter God.

In the beginning God met with Adam in The Garden at a specific time and place.

We need sacred spaces to encounter God, to remember there is a more to life than the spaces people occupy!

Today more people are choosing to worship at home from their electronic device rather than gather in a Sacred Space!

We need a revelation of sacred spaces, so people can encounter God more deeply and more personally!

When Moses first encounters God he does so on a mountain that is considered sacred space! In this sacred space... **Moses learns who God is!**

Jehovah says...I am The God of thy father, of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! The Bible says Moses hid his face because he was afraid. Moses also learns to fear God in this sacred space!

Then God tells Moses “He has seen the affliction of His people and heard their cries.”

Moses learns that God sees and hears what they’re going through!

In this **sacred space** Moses learned **God had a plan for his life and the people of God!**

Moses has to remove his shoes because he is occupying is **sacred space**.

Removing the shoes because everywhere else Moses had walked in those shoes was **common, unclean and secular**.

But because Moses was now where God is, the **space** is now **sacred!**

A Chicago pastor recently went viral because he asked a transvestite to leave the church because he was inappropriately dressed.

Has received much backlash from the LGBTQ and liberal community!

- Because they don’t understand **sacred spaces?**

Life itself teaches us every space isn’t the same!

This is football season, out on the football field is a different space than in the stands—they wear special clothes, do special things and even speak a special language when calling plays!

Just as there is **sacred space** there is **sacred language, sacred garments, sacred music and sacred activities**.

I remember as a child we had **church clothes!** As soon as we got home, we took those clothes off and put on regular everyday clothes.

In Mark 5 the women with the issue of blood was healed when she touched Jesus clothes—His clothing was **sacred!**

*GWN **Exodus 19:1** Two months after the Israelites left Egypt, they came to the desert of Sinai.*

God’s people come to the Mountain of God to meet God, Moses goes up and God tells him what to say to the people.

***Exodus 19:9-11** The LORD said to Moses, "I am coming to you in a storm cloud so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always believe you." Moses told the LORD what the people had said. **10** And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,*

It and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

To **sanctify** means to set apart, the people set aside all other tasks and focused completely on meeting God, they meditated, prayed, washed themselves and washed their clothes.

On the 3rd day they met God on a sacred space—Mt. Sinai!

Jesus **acknowledged sacred spaces** in Matt 21:12 **He went into the Temple and threw out people who treated the temple like a market place.**

Jesus said the temple is a “house of prayer” **talking with God is the focus**

Again, in **Mark 1:21-26** Jesus casts demons out of a man in the temple.

Jesus called the **sacred space** where believers gather “**The House of Prayer for all nations**”!

GWN Hebrews 10:25 We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming.

When we gather in sacred spaces it increases the focus, attention and desire for God’s presence. It magnifies The LORD!

ESV Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Jesus said when people gather together **in a single space focusing their attention totally of Him—He will show up, He will be there!**

Sacred spaces remind us not only there is a God, but He’s a **Holy God!**

They remind us that God visits and communes with **holy people** in a **holy place** where **holy speech, holy songs, holy dance and holy things** happen.

- **Sacred spaces** give us hope! It we can be healed anywhere it’s in the divine presence of God!
- If we can be set free of hurts, pains and burdens it’s in the divine presence of The LORD.
- If we can get blessed anywhere, it’s in the sacred space!

Sacred spaces remind us that **God is present**, that He’s near and that He’s involved in the affairs of men!

They **give us security** that when we feel all alone in this world, we can come to this **sacred space** and remember God is still with me.

They remind us that even though we live in a fallen evil world, there is one place a **sacred space** where we can come and feel the divine protection of our God!

Of course, the **church sanctuary** should be treated as a **sacred space**!

This **sacred space** is where many of **you got saved**!

This **sacred space** is where some of **you got healed**!

This **sacred space** is where a number of **you first encountered God**!

This **sacred space** is where some of **you met your spouse**!

This **sacred space** is where some of **you get direction for your life**!

Sacred spaces are where **sacred language** is spoken; **prophecy, tongues, words of wisdom, words of knowledge, preaching and teaching**!

1 Timothy 3:15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

The Church has been given specific instructions on how to conduct ourselves in The **Sacred Space** called The House of God and they don't come from the (secular) world!

No outside organization or institution should tell us what is acceptable in God's House but God Himself!

It's the **true men of God's** responsibility to remind us what God says!

Everyone's not going to agree with this message, God has standards for worshipping and serving Him, we can't lower them for anyone!