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Title: *A holy and clean temple*

2 Corinthians 6:16 — 2 Corinthians 7:1

As a reminder: Paul pleaded with the church at Corinth to be unrestrained in their love for him in the way he was unrestrained in his love toward them.

As a reminder: Remember, Paul directed folks not to be yoked with unbelievers. There's no agreement between the two.

What you'll hear today:

- **What comprises God's temple?**
- **What does it mean that God is a
Father to us?**
- **How can we perfect holiness in the
fear of God?**

Paul writes that we believers are God's temple (2 Corinthians 6:16). He dwells in us, and He is our God, and we are his people. We serve the one true God, and no idols.

Remember that God no longer dwells in a temple made with human hands. He's in our hearts, and of course in heaven.

Acts 5:27-33; Acts 7:44-55

**Paul made this point about we believers
comprising the temple in a previous
letter.**

1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20

Being called God's people is a major deal (2 Corinthians 6:16). That's a promise first given to the people of Israel.

Exodus 29:42-45; Leviticus 26:3-12

**Come out from among them (2
Corinthians 6:17) is a reference to
separating from Corinthians who
sought to serve idols. There's no other
god before our God.**

What did God promise to do with the people of Israel who rejected idolatry?

Isaiah 52:9-12; Ezekiel 20:31-38

**We are children of God, and thus are
distinct from the world and its many
idols:**

**Philippians 2:14-16, 1 John 3:1,
Galatians 3:22-26**

God promises to be the Father of those who reject idols + the things associated with them (2 Corinthians 6:18). Every believer is doing that, and every believer is His child.

**Gentiles at one point could not claim to
be the children of God, but that is no
longer the case.**

**Hosea 2:19-23; Isaiah 19:19-25; Romans
9:22-26**

As God's children, Paul writes that the Corinth readers (and us by extension) should cleanse ourselves from filthiness, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1).

**Our status as children of God
necessitates that we be holy:**

1 Peter 1:14-16; Hebrews 10:11-14

**You and I comprise the temple of God.
That temple has no idols, and we should
rejoice that the one true God serves as
our Father. We must be holy with His
promises in view.**

**The Son of God Jesus Christ Lord is the
Holy One of God — you can't be a
child of God without him, and you can't
be holy without Him either. On your
best day, or your worst, we need Him.**

**If you've ever been depressed, or down,
or if you've felt lowly, the Lord can and
will lift you up — we'll discuss some of
instances next week and why they
matter.**