



God With Us: Creation's Temple

1st in the Advent Series

Genesis 1-3

November 30, 2025

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Introduction: Throughout all of Scripture, God dwells with His people!

1) The Temple of Eden.

Main Point: Creation is the dwelling place of God, where he rests and rules.

2) The Image of God and Mission of Humanity.

Main Point: Adam and Eve are called to fill the world with image bearers who worship God.

3) Failure, Fall, and Hope.

Main Point: Adam and Eve failed to bear God's image and be faithful priests in the Garden-Temple. Nevertheless, God is still the same. He wants to dwell with his people and fill all Creation with His worshippers. All along He had a plan to deal with our sin through the work of Jesus so He can be our God, and we can be His people.

Response: As we await the coming of Jesus this Advent Season, take comfort that God dwells with us.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) What was something new that you learned through Sunday's sermon?
- 2) How does the whole Bible tell us and show us that God wants to dwell with us? How does this truth affect our everyday lives?
- 3) Why is the Garden of Eden a temple? How does God's holiness affect our ability to dwell with Him?
- 4) How are Adam and Eve priests in the Garden-Temple of Eden? What was their job?
- 5) What does it mean to be an image bearer of God? What was Adam and Eve's mission to the world? How does this connect to our mission as God's people, the Church?
- 6) How did Adam and Eve fail to be priests in the Garden and to bear God's image at the Fall?
- 7) What does the Fall point to? How is all of this connected to the season of Advent?

Further study this week: Read through the following passages each day and pay close attention to the themes of temple, priesthood, and God's desire to dwell with His people: Genesis 12:1-4 & 15 (Mon); Exodus 19:1-9 (Tues); Psalm 8 (Wed); Hosea 1 & 2 (Thurs); Daniel 7:9-14 (Fri).