

# S.A.F.E. Homes



**Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere**



*“One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,”*

*Psalm 27:4a*

## **Seek The Most Important Thing**

What a joy it is to walk into the house of the Lord with other like-minded people to worship God. The church is different than any other place on earth. It is not like school, work, a grocery store or shopping center. It is often called the sanctuary, which suggests a place of refuge and protection.

The Psalmist David felt very strongly about being in the temple of the Lord. He proclaimed, “One thing have I desired of the Lord.” Amazing! He could have longed for any number of things: more money, pleasures, friends or influence. But he knew none of those things could truly satisfy. His primary desire was to be in the house of the Lord. To prove just how serious he was, he pledged, “that will I seek after.” He wasn’t taking it for granted that there would be another opportunity next week. He didn’t look for a reason to skip out. No! He wanted to actively seek for a way to be in the house of God. His determination wasn’t just for a moment or a season either. His desire was to dwell in the house of the Lord as long as he lived!

If the past year has taught us anything, it has demonstrated how easily we can lose the privilege of going to the house of the Lord, either by sickness, fear or government restrictions. We are living in unstable times. God is being mocked in high places of government. Going to church has become an inconvenience or even ridiculed as unnecessary. More than ever before in our lifetime, we need to make going to the house of God a priority just like David did!

**Family Prayer:** *Lord, what a privilege it is to be able to go to church and worship you and hear your Word taught. Help me never to take it for granted and to always seek for ways to draw closer to You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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What would it be like if you lived in a country that forbid gathering for service in a church building? Could your family stay strong for the Lord? Plan a night this week to have a service at home with just your family. Have a time of singing, Bible study and prayer together as a family. You might want to make this a regular event so that worshipping at home becomes as natural as worshipping in a church building!

Let's talk

Have you considered what it would be like to live in a country where church gatherings are forbidden? How grateful should we be for freedom of worship? Discuss ways we can express our gratitude for this privilege.

Do some research this week on oppression of Christians around the world. If you live in a country that allows freedom of worship, don't take that for granted! Pray for those people who live in oppressed nations and realize just how easily that could have been you.



## Additional Challenges

The temple figured prominently in the life of God's people in both the Old and New Testaments. Let's look at a few of these references.

- In the wilderness God gave Moses specific instructions on how to build the tabernacle. They had to follow His guidelines exactly!

Exodus 25:8-9

"And let them make me a \_\_\_\_\_; that I may \_\_\_\_\_ among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."

- Jesus made it a habit to go to the House of the Lord and participate!

Luke 4:16

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, \_\_\_\_\_, he went into the \_\_\_\_\_ on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read."

- God added to the early church because of their faithfulness!

Acts 2:46-47

"And they, continuing \_\_\_\_\_ with one accord in the \_\_\_\_\_, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and \_\_\_\_\_ of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

- No matter what the world thinks, it is extremely important to get together today to worship God and to be taught His ways. Even more so as His coming draws closer!

Hebrews 10:25

"Not forsaking the \_\_\_\_\_ of ourselves \_\_\_\_\_, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the \_\_\_\_\_, as ye see the day approaching."

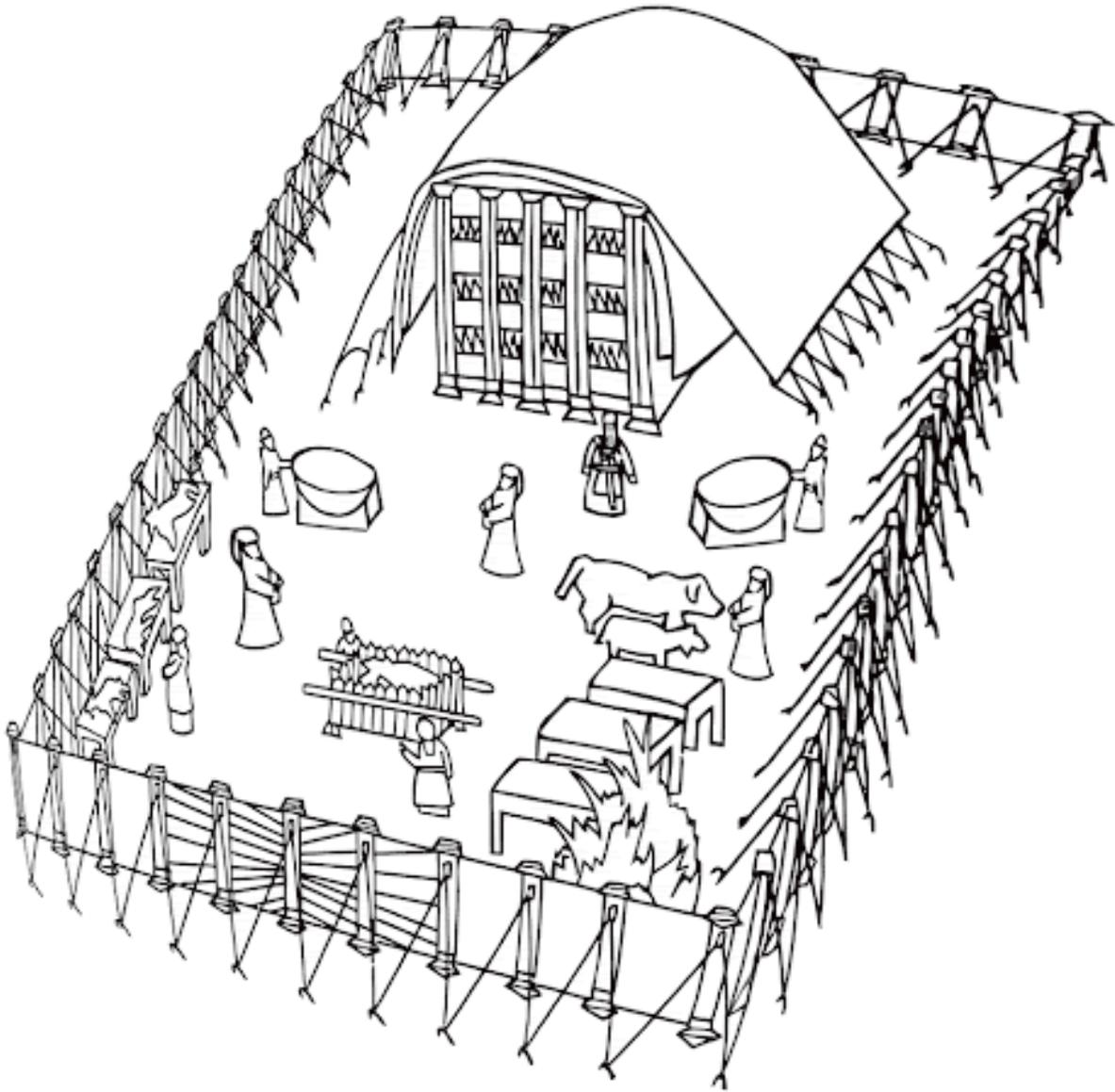
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