



## PRAY FIRST - DAILY DEVOTIONAL

### DAY 5

The High Priest, as described in the Old Testament, was responsible for encountering the holiness of God. A "holy" man would enter the *Holy of Holies* and offer a holy sacrifice on behalf of an unholy people. People were dependant on a man to overcome the obstacle of God's holiness in order to experience His forgiveness.

In the New Testament, things would be different. The God-man, Jesus, would die for their sins and then rise from the dead and send the Holy Spirit to be poured out on unholy people. God's holiness was no longer an obstacle because God now resided in human hearts. Through the Holy Spirit, men and women could personally experience the holiness of God.

When Jesus fulfilled His promise to send the Holy Spirit – we became the Temple that God dwells. The "Holy of holies" is no longer made up of stones and bricks but by the hearts of those who follow Christ. It's incredible to think that God dwells in the hearts of His people. That He chooses to live in us, giving us full access to all He is.

If you are a follower of Christ, do you ever stop to think that the Holy Spirit dwells in you? How often do you remind yourself that you are the Temple of God? That your heart is the "Holy of Holies," the very place God resides? If you would – how would your life change?

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Colossians 3:12-17

#### **JOURNAL (Reflect):**

- Lord, is there anything you want to correct me from your Word today?
- Lord, if my heart is your dwelling place, your Temple – what does it look like? Are there any rooms in my life that You do not have access to?

#### **PRAY:**

- Confess any sin the Lord speaks to you about?
- Pray for a growing desire to become more holy.