

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VIII – The Christian Assembly
Lesson 05 – The “House of God”

I. ‘Body of Christ’ metaphor stresses:

- A. UNITY (no schism)
- B. COOPERATION in mission
- C. EVERY MEMBER is important to the whole

II. ‘Temple of God’ metaphor stresses:

- A. God’s presence in the assembly
 - 1. A place for God to dwell among His people
 - 2. A place for God’s people to find His presence – communion

III. The ‘House of God’ metaphor – oldest term used for the ‘Assembly’:

- A. (Bethel) is where heaven meets earth. Gen. 28:10-22
 - 1. Abrahamic Covenant – Gen. 28:1-4
 - 2. God reaffirms the Abrahamic Covenant to Jacob – Gen. 28:10-22
- B. Moses built the Tabernacle as a portable ‘House of God’
- C. Solomon built a permanent ‘House of God.’
- D. As Jacob shows, the ‘House of God’ can exist without a building.

II. The ‘Assembly’ (ekklesia) is the ‘House of God’ now, counterpart.

- A. The ‘House of God’ is the Christian Assembly (1 Tim. 3:15)
- B. What defiled God’s ‘house’ in the OT also defiles the Assembly
 - 1. Clean hands and a pure heart: Psalm 24:1-10; James 4:1-12
- C. Returning to Bethel, put away idolatry (Gen. 35:1-15).

- 1. Put away all forms of idolatry – pagan symbols, practices, holidays