

**The Building of the Temple:
A Lesson on the Living Temple,
The Believer in Whom God's Spirit Dwells
1 Kings 6: 11–20**

1. *The conditional promises of God concerning the temple:*

Stresses that the temple or church building is not sufficient by itself; obedience is necessary

a. The condition:

Must obey God's Word

b. The promises

1) Would use Solomon to fulfil His promises

2) Would live among the Israelites: Grant His presence and guidance

2. *The interior of the temple:*
Stresses the importance of communion with God

a. The walls and floors

1) The walls:

Were lined with cedar

2) The floor:

Was covered with fir or pine

11 The word of the LORD came to Solomon:

12 "As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfil through you the promise I gave to David your father.

13 And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel."

14 So Solomon built the temple and completed it.

15 He lined its interior walls with cedar boards, panelling them from the floor of the temple to the ceiling, and covered the floor of the temple with planks of juniper.

b. The inner sanctuary,
the Most Holy Place:
Was partitioned off
with cedar boards

1) The location

- Was 30 ft. from the rear
of the temple
- Left 60 ft. for the main hall

2) The interior:

Was covered with cedar,
and all wood-work was
delicately carved

3) The purpose:

To house
the Ark of the Covenant

4) The size:

Was a cube — 30 ft. long,
30 ft. wide, 30 ft. high

5) The interior covering:

Was pure gold

6) The altar of incense:

Was overlaid with gold

16 He partitioned off twenty cubits
at the rear of the temple with cedar boards
from floor to ceiling
to form within the temple
an inner sanctuary,
the Most Holy Place.

17 The main hall in front of this room
was forty cubits long.

18 The inside of the temple was cedar,
carved with gourds and open flowers.
Everything was cedar;
no stone was to be seen.

19 He prepared the inner sanctuary
within the temple to set
the ark of the covenant of the LORD there.

20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long,
twenty wide
and twenty high.
He overlaid the inside with pure gold,
and he also overlaid the altar of cedar.