**Series: God and Kings (2 Chronicles)
Sermon: The Temple Will Be Destroyed
Bible Verses: 2 Chronicles 7:19-21
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God chose the Jewish Temple as a place for his sacrifices and prayers. This place was "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

It took \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to build the Temple.

Sometimes, God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people or nations who do wrong. But, God promised to be attentive to the prayers offered in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - he wanted to heal them.

**HOWEVER: If Israel worships other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, God will reject the Temple and it will become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

The Israelites \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as their Messiah, and crucified him, and soon after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ becomes a heap of rubble.

**The reality is: If you aren't worshiping \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you aren't worshiping \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If you aren't obeying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you aren't obeying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**PRACTICAL APPLICATION:**
- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and honor the name of Jesus. He is not a "good man" - he is God in flesh, whom we worship. The Temples was destroyed because the Jews didn't recognize him. I must recognize and acknowledge who he really is.

- worship and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, as our Lord and savior (Psalm 100:2-3).

We should be interested in making Jesus our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him.

- Jesus said, "If you do not forgive others their sins, your Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your sins." I better take him seriously (Matthew 6:15).

- Jesus commanded me to be generous with my money. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not giving whatever I have left after I take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ portion first (Luke 12:33-34).

- I must learn to follow Jesus, whatever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 10:38).

**Growth Group prep**

* Lookup 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. What takes the place of the Temple, now? Hint: the answer is not "me."
* In 1 Corinthians 3, what does it mean for the Temple to be destroyed? What kinds of actions are damaging?
* How does that change how we do Church?
* What were some of the purposes of the Temple prior to Jesus, and how do you think those things work with the "new Temple" in 1 Corinthians?