

“Abominations in the Temple”  
Ezekiel 8:1-18

“He who is **often reproved**, yet **stiffens his neck**, will suddenly **be broken beyond healing**” (Proverbs 29:1).  
“But **be doers of the word**, and not hearers only, **deceiving yourselves**. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like” (James 1:22-24). “**And I told the exiles all the things** that the LORD had shown me” (Ezekiel 11:25).

“Do you not know that **you are God’s temple** and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, **God will destroy him**. For **God’s temple is holy**, and you are that temple” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).  
“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own**, for **you were bought with a price**. So **glorify God in your body**” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).  
“**What agreement** has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said....go out from their midst, and be separate from them....touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you....” (2 Corinthians 6:16-18).

- Ezekiel 8:1-18:
  - The specific nature of prophecies that are tested: “*When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken.*” (Deuteronomy 18:22)
  - “*As I sat in my house, with the elders of Judah sitting before me....*”: The Elders were coming before Ezekiel but they were there to “hear”, not to do. (Ezekiel 33:30-33)
  - “*And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the vision that I saw in the valley.*”: When God gave Ezekiel a vision the glory of the LORD gave him confidence it was from God.
  - “*The image of Jealousy*”: This image was probably of Asherah (2 Kings 21:2-6). Asherah was the mother of Baal.
    - **Jealousy**: Anger that is caused by the rejection or betrayal of love.
  - What we see in verse 10 is probably **the gods of Egypt** (Deuteronomy 4:15-24). God clearly forbids this in His word.
  - The **70 elders** were the leaders of Israel (Exodus 24:9-10; Numbers 11:16).
  - **Jaazaniah** would have been the son of Shaphan, who was a godly man; his son had turned away from God as well (2 Kings 22:8-20).
  - **Tammuz** was the god of spring vegetation or agriculture. During June and July women would have a time of mourning and participate in vile acts. He was a Babylonian and Canaanite god.
  - **These 25 men** were probably the 24 priests and the High Priest (1 Chronicles 24:1-19).

## **Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. All notes and gifts can be given to Lauren Abdalla anytime throughout the month, she will collect them all and present them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give a monetary gift, you can either use the donation container on the back table, making any checks out directly to Pastor Jeremy Scarberry, or with Venmo, by sending it directly to Lauren Abdalla (Church Treasurer). Please contact Lauren Abdalla with any questions and/or if you need her personal Venmo (740)624-7921. Lastly, we would also encourage you to be praying for Pastor Jeremy and Krystal throughout this month. There are specific prayer requests from them on the back table. Please feel free to take those home with you and to set aside time to pray for them throughout this month.

### **TODAY is the LAST day for this collection!**

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have two different ministries that are in need of some volunteers:

- The Maintenance Ministry** is looking for two to three people to join the ministry to help with the set-up and teardown for services and fellowship meals. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Hunter Ardrey.
- The Children's Ministry** is also looking for some volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, if you have any questions about Church Membership, and/or if you are interested in learning more about the Church By-Laws and Statements of Faith, we are having a New Members' Class in November! This is a 2 week class that will be offered on Sunday, November 3rd, and Sunday, November 10th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about the New Members' Class, please see Elder Zach Adams.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch this Sunday, November 3rd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS:** Don't forget to turn your clocks back THIS Sunday, November 3rd!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together THIS Sunday, November 3rd!

★**HEARTCRY MISSIONARY REPORT:** On Sunday, November 10th, a representative from HeartCry Missionary Society will be joining us for the worship service and will be sharing missionary updates with us at the end of the service. We are excited to have him join us!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** If you are currently a Church Member, please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Members' Meeting on Sunday, November 10th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will be presenting the 2025 Budget.

★**FRIENDSGIVING:** We will be having our annual Friendsgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 23rd, at 5:30pm. There are TWO sign-up lists hanging on the wall in the entryway. If you plan on attending, we ask that you please sign-up, so we can get an idea of how much food we will need. Even if you aren't 100% sure if you will be able to attend or not, we would ask that you still sign-up, we would rather have too much food than not enough! The second list is the food list, please sign-up to bring something for the Friendsgiving Dinner! As always, EVERYONE is invited to join us for this wonderful time of food and fellowship!