

LESSON - 17

CHURCH- Similes

References: Eph. 2:15-22; 1 Cor. 12: 11-28; Eph. 5:25- 32.

Memory verse: Eph. 2:20-22:- 20. having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21. in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22. in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

Objective: To know God's purposes of the Church through various similes about the church used in the Bible and to surrender ourselves to His will.

Introduction:

Similes of the Church:

Temple- building:

Body:

Bride:

Family or Household:

Flock (Sheepfold):

God's vineyard or Field of Corn:

Light:

The Pillar and Ground of the truth: (1. Tim. 3:15).

Questions:

1. In what all aspects do the church resemble the temple?
2. Which are the two-fold relationships of the believers, as church in the body of Christ?
3. How does the church resemble a family or household?
4. Who is the chief shepherd and who are the sheep?
5. Mention the various similes through which the church as been described by the apostles?

