Under Attack!

Tony Mauck · 1 John 5:13–21

INTRODUCTION

- We are panicking over the wrong pandemic. There is a greater ill in our world.
- I want to suggest to you that the temple is still under attack. And will be for as long as Satan is allowed to have his way in his time.
- The very last thing that he wants is for you and for us to sustain a healthy relationship with God, a power greater than himself.

1 God's Temple Is a Place of Deliverance

Colossians 1:13

- God's presence is within the hearts and lives of faithful people all across this world.
- Being God's temple speaks to cleansing, it speaks to holiness, it speaks to being set apart for God's purposes.
- For he delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved son in whom we have redemption.
- When I speak about deliverance as God's temple, I'm talking to you about an investment that pays immediate and eternal dividends.
- My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.
- You need to rest in such deliverance. The devil cannot touch this.

2 A Glorious Influence in the Midst of Panic and Chaos

- We have a tremendous opportunity in the midst of a lack of knowledge in our world to be a glorious influence about the awesome spiritual realities of God and Jesus and heaven in the midst of panic and chaos.
- The magnificence and glory of God's temple should send a potent message to the world around us. Our world view is different and exceedingly better.
- The more panic, the more evil he instigates and perpetuates, the brighter we can shine against the backdrop of darkness.
- This is an opportunity. Not to do something different than you've been doing, but to keep doing the same thing.
- Being a light in the world, showing the people that you have peace and hope. And that you're not operating under fear.
- If we just keep steady in the course, the Lord will abundantly bless us and be with us and prosper us.

3 Being God's Temple: We Persist

- The important thing about being God's temple is that we persist. And the devil will attack.
- There's only one person that wants you to quit. And that's the evil one.
- Part of our continuance is to realize the grandeur of things in which we are involved.
- Can you say I am a place of God's residence? I have connection with the King.

THE CHALLENGE

How confident are you in the King of Kings and His will for you? Are you ready to turn from vain things, to serve a living and true God and come to Him while there's time and opportunity?

MY NOTES