**Because He Reigns – Rev. 3:12**

The throne of God & the temple in heaven symbolizes the eternal glorious presence of God in heaven

The temple of God is the place where God is enthroned in His glory in heaven

The temple of God was the place of God’s presence & place of worship for Israel

Believers are made pillars in **the place of the permanent presence of God**

**Focal Truth: Believers in heaven will live in the permanent presence of God**

1. **Believers in heaven will be permanently present in God’s presence 3:12**

*I will make Him a pillar in the temple of My God*

1. Solomon the king made pillars of bronze & named them at the entrance of the temple

*1 Kings 7:21 – thus he set up the pillars at the porch of the nave and set up the right pillar and named it Jachin and he set up the left pillar and named it Boaz*

1. Hiram’s the master bronze maker made the bronze pillars for the temple of Solomon

7:15 – He fashioned two pillars of bronze – 12 ft. tall

7:16 – He made bronze capitals to set on top of the pillars

7:18 – He made the pillars of two rows around on the one network to cover the capitals which were on top of the pomegranates and so he did for the other capital.

1. Bronze Pillars = the righteous judgment of God – support the temple of God
2. The Bronze pillars were placed at the entrance to the temple

**Jachin** = grandson of jacob = His name means – “**He will establish**” 1Chron. 28:7 – I will establish his kingdom forever

**Boaz** = kinsman redeemer of Ruth – His name means – **Strength** Ps. 29:11 – The Lord gives strength to His people

1. The Bronze pillars were named – He will establish & He will give strength
2. The temple of Solomon was the place where Israel came to worship God
3. God has already tabernacled among His people in tabernacle & temple!
4. **The temple of heaven is the glorious presence of God** Rev. 21:22 **-** *I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple*

**Consider**

1. Believers made pillars in the temple of God in heaven are **symbols of God’s triumph of salvation in Jesus Christ**
2. Believers made pillars in the temple of God in heaven are **eternal living monuments to the work of God’s grace in salvation**
3. Believers made pillars in the temple of God in heaven **belong to God who loved them with His great love in Jesus Christ**
4. Believers made pillars in the temple of God in heaven are **united to the glorious presence of God**
5. Believers are made pillars in the temple of God in heaven **honored for their strength to overcome the world**
6. Believers made pillars in the temple of God in heaven rest **in the permanent presence of the Lord**

Ps. 84:10 – *for a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness*

1. **Believers in heaven will permanently worship in God’s presence 3:12**

*I will make Him a pillar in the temple of My God*

*Temple is the place of worship – Place of meeting God*

1. Lord Jesus remained at the temple at age 12 to learn from rabbi’s – “I must be about my Fathers business
2. Lord Jesus was daily in the temple teaching
3. The believers were daily in the temple praising God & sharing the gospel

Acts 5:42 – *everyday in the temple and from house to house they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ*

1. Believers will serve the Lord in His glorious presence forever

*Rev. 7:15 For this reason, they are before the throne of God and they serve Him day and night in His temple and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them*

* They will be before the presence of God **in glorious awe**
* They will serve – worship in God’s presence **in purity**
* They will be **covered in the love of God** as they worship in His presence

***He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them***

1. **Isaiah was in the temple in the spirit – He say the glory of God and heard the words of angels – *Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the who earth is full of His glory***

**Consider**

1. Ps. 84:4 – *how blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You*
2. Ps. 5:7 – *at Your temple I will bow in reverence for YOU*
3. **Believers in heaven will be permanently secure in God’s presence 3:12**

*he will not go out from it anymore*

1. The presence of God in heaven is the **believer’s security**

John 14:3 – *where I am, there you will be also*

Ps. 65:4 – *how blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You to dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple*

1. The presence of God in heaven is the **believer’s certainty**
2. The presence of God in heaven is the **believer’s eternal delight**

Ps. 36:7 -9 – *how precious is Your lovingkindess, O God! And the children of men take*

*refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; and you give them to drink of the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light*

**The believer in heaven will never leave the presence of the Lord – *he will not go out from it anymore!***

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Heaven is being in the presence of God in His glory forever!
2. Heaven is living in the eternally secure presence of the Lord forever!
3. Heaven is eternal delight in the presence of the Lord forever!

*I will make Him a pillar in the temple of My God, he will not go out from it anymore*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**