



Last Sunday I was amused by a long sermon by the TPM Minister about maintaining the **House of God**. I would like to summarize what I understood from the sermon. I am sure most of our readers would have also heard of such sermons in their respective places. He starts the whole topic with a HUGE Assumption. **The TPM Faith Home is assumed to be the HOUSE OF GOD.**

1. The HOUSE OF GOD is Holy therefore you need to come with Reverence.
2. You are expected to come to the HOUSE OF GOD
3. God expects you to work for the HOUSE OF GOD
4. You are expected to keep the HOUSE OF GOD Neat and Clean
5. God will be upset if your kids drop food particles in the HOUSE OF GOD
6. The removal of cobwebs in the HOUSE OF GOD is the responsibility of each believer.

and much more such theatrics...

With all these TPMics about the House of God, I would like to present my viewpoint about this kind of appeals.



Do I disagree with the Preaching?

Absolutely 100%. But you may question me what is wrong with maintaining a place which you gather for fellowship. I agree that all of us have a responsibility to maintain a place which we gather for fellowship. However, the context is Highly Manipulative. The manipulation technique is so ingrained into the preacher that he is taking the name of the Lord to coerce the believers to do his bidding. I am sure he is not even aware of the fact that he is misusing the name of the Lord violating one of the TEN Commandments ([Exodus 20:7](#)).



Is he successful in his Manipulation?

To an extent, he is greatly successful. Folks who would not bother about maintaining the building premises will start taking it seriously. The ones who did not worry about folding the mats have started doing so. Mothers are extra vigilant with their kids spilling the food particles. But what is the motivation for the people to do so? It is not that they need to have a nicely maintained premises for fellowship. No, they are fearful that the Lord will send some retribution to punish them. Love is never a motivator in TPM. It is always Fear.



What Exactly is the House of God according to the Bible?

Let us start off with [1 Corinthians 3:16](#). The Apostle is clearly saying that WE ourselves are the House of God. So far be it that you think this brick and mortar building is the House of God. We serve a Living God who Dwells within us. [Acts 7:47](#) tells us that God Does not dwell in any building made with human hands. Is not it logical that we Humans live in a building built by our own hands that God also desires to dwell in a building built by his own hands ([Gen 2:7](#)).



The Believers are turned to materialistic ways by these preachers that they do not understand basic biblical concepts. When Jesus said that if Two or Three are Gathered in My Name ([Matthew 18:20](#)), he did not mention a place or any building. Do you know why? It's precisely because he does not care. He cares for the Souls of Men and not the brick and Mortar of magnificent buildings. He wanted to make a point that he does not care about any buildings when he said that One Stone will not be Left above the Other from the Jewish House of God ([Matthew 24:2](#)). Jesus wanted to demolish the notion that he dwells in some human hand made HOUSE OF GOD. What better way to achieve this than prophetically order its destruction?

Moreover, when Jesus was asked if he could build this magnificent structure as the Jewish Temple, He responded in a way which many people would not understand it.

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." [John 2:19](#)

For God, His temple is always our Human Body. But for Pharisees and Blind guides, the temple is always a Brick and Mortar Structure.

Let us constantly Sacrifice in his temple(our Body) and preserve it Holy, Blameless and Acceptable to God.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship. [Romans 12:1](#)



Request to the TPM Minister

Next time you see a cobweb in the Faith Home, please take a long broom and clean it up rather than waiting for the next Sunday to pass a condemning sermon on hapless believers. You are responsible to maintain the premises you are residing in. Stop being a cry baby and take up some responsibility for yourself.

God Bless you all.





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