

Ezekiel 8-10 • Where is the Glory of God?

A. Abominations

1. (8:5-6) Some abominations are publicly **visible** and confuse outside observers as to who is being **worshiped**.
2. (8:7-13) Some abominations are only visible from within where **the things** of God are misused in devotion to another **word** – not God's.
3. (v.8:14-15) Spiritual abominations become visibly evident by spiritual **unfaithfulness**.
4. (v. 8:16-18) In the end, abominations result in knowingly **turning one's back** to God.

Summary: God did not initiate this. It all came about because of **MAN'S** forsaking of God's **Word** and **covenant**

B. Judgment

1. (v.9:1-2) Abominations invoke God's **judgment**.
2. (v.9:3a) Abominations result in God's presence **leaving**.
3. (v.9:3b-7) God's judgment always begins first where abominations take place: **His house**.
4. (v.9:8-11) God **marks** the remnant to be saved. **Unfaithfulness** is judged for destruction, **righteousness** is judged for salvation.
5. (v.10:1-2) God gives many opportunities for **reconciliation**, but eventually they come to an end.

Summary: God's presence **leaves**.

C. When God's Glory Returns

1. Matthew 24: Christ departs the temple and gives His End Times discourse from the Mt. of Olives.
2. Luke 24:50-51: Christ **DOES NOT** ascend from the Mt. of Olives, but Bethany.
3. Zechariah 14:4: The Mt. of Olives is the place where Christ will ultimately return

D. Personal Application (1 Cor. 6:18-20)

1. Just as the Shekinah glory dwelt in the temple, so the **Holy Spirit** dwells in us.
2. We are to **"flee immorality"**, the most common form of idolatry and false worship.
3. Indulgence in sin results in the quenching, or "grieving", of the **Holy Spirit**.
4. The spirit of prophecy at work in the church today is the **teaching of His Word**, warning against unfaithfulness and encouraging righteousness.
5. In the Last Days, judgment will begin with the **church**, not the **world**.