

Discussion Questions
Free Will? (“The Ark Is in the Temple”)
Revelation 11:15-12:2

(Have you ever experienced a moment in which you suddenly thought to yourself, *“Wow, there is no other place else I’d rather be—no other place and no other time?”* If so, share about it.)

(If you had absolute freedom and could do anything you wanted what would be the first three things you’d do? Why?)

- What is free will?
- “Does your neighbor have free will?” Do you?
- If so, how did you get this free will or how did they?
- How do you recognize a truly free will?
- Is free will something we can earn or is it a gift?

Read Exodus 25:1-22

- When you read or hear about the Ark of the Covenant what do you think of?
- What images or stories come to mind? What significance do you think it holds?
- What do you think God was trying to reveal to the Israelites about Himself and/or about them through the Ark?

In Revelation 11:19: *“...God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.”*

During this sermon, Peter describes the way people often view God and His great power. He explained that we think of God as creating us, like paper dolls, then commanding us to do things that we aren’t very good at doing and then judging us with anger and fire.

Peter explained that he thinks Scripture reveals we are actually the temple of God designed to house the Ark of God—the Free Will of God—within us. God relates to us more like a lover who gives Himself—Free Will—to us and romances us in such a way that moving in step with Him is like a dance with the Lover of our souls rather than trying to impress an angry Father.

- How do you experience your Creator?
- Have you always experienced Him the way you do now? If not, what has changed, and how/why?

The imagery of God abiding within us, His temple, is quite an intimate idea.

- How does it make you feel to know that the Creator of you, and all things, desires to fill you, flood you with His presence, and abide with you forever?

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