

# **“In My Father’s House”**

**The Theme of TEMPLE from Genesis to Revelation -  
What the Bible is All About From Start to Finish**

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*“Death for the Christian is not a miserable cul-de-sac, but a glorious open road into the presence of God.” Anonymous*

*“It is no credit to your heavenly Father for you to be loath to go home.”  
Thomas Brooks*

*“Any worldview that cannot cope with death is fatally deficient.” Alistar  
McGrath*

*“Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time.”  
Anonymous*

## **Introduction**

Exodus 29:45-46 ESV

(45) I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God.

(46) And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

Exodus 29:45-46 NBLH

(45) "Habitaré entre los Israelitas, y seré su Dios. (46) "Y conocerán que Yo soy el SEÑOR su Dios, que los saqué de la tierra de Egipto para morar Yo en medio de ellos. Yo soy el SEÑOR su Dios.

This unstoppable intent of God – that He will have a people for Himself and will come and dwell among them – they knowing Him and He knowing them in perfect communion – is what we have called TEMPLE. Christ has gone to prepare a place for us, in His Father’s House – in the Father’s Temple. This eternal house is, in fact, *the New Heavens and the New Earth*. This is YOUR destiny, Christian. It is your homeland. You are an alien and stranger here in this present world. Do not think it to be a strange thing if you have this sense in you of uneasiness – as if somehow you don’t belong here. Because in fact, you don’t!

One of the ESL students asked me last year, “*what is the difference between the English words ‘house’ and ‘home’?*” That is a good question. I think that the same distinction is made in Spanish – ‘casa’ and ‘hogar.’ How would you answer that? What we have in this world is a house. What awaits us in the New Earth is *a home*.

Perhaps you have had just a bit of a foretaste of this? Of *home*? A moment when you have a feeling of belonging, of having real roots? I suppose that is why I loved Montana so much. I still feel it when I go back there and walk through the woods. I felt connected within two weeks of moving there – like I belonged in that place. You may know the feeling yourself.

Well, one day, the Christian is going to be *home*. In Christ, you have a home. And it is not *here* – it is *there* –

Hebrews 11:13-16 ESV

(13) These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the

earth. (14) For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. (15) If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

(16) But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

#### Hebrews 11:13-16 NBLH

(13) Todos éstos murieron en fe, sin haber recibido las promesas, pero habiéndolas visto desde lejos y aceptado con gusto, confesando que eran extranjeros y peregrinos (expatriados) sobre la tierra.

(14) Porque los que dicen tales cosas, claramente dan a entender que buscan una patria propia. (15) Y si en verdad hubieran estado pensando en aquella patria de donde salieron, habrían tenido oportunidad de volver.

(16) Pero en realidad, anhelan una patria mejor, es decir, la celestial. Por lo cual, Dios no se avergüenza de ser llamado Dios de ellos, pues les ha preparado una ciudad.

One of the evidences that we really do know Christ is that we grow less and less connected to this world. *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. For the world is passing away...* says the Apostle John. *But your citizenship is in heaven where Christ is...* Paul reminds us.

Well, this morning we press on, following the advance of the TEMPLE in the history of God's redemption of us in Christ. We have come now to the "L" – which stands for "Lamb" – the Lord Jesus Christ.

T - Trinity (John 17:5, 24)

E - Eden & Eviction– (Genesis 1-3)

M - Moses (the history of Israel)

- Abraham (Genesis 12-15)

- Moses, Israel, and the Tabernacle (Exodus)

P - Poetry & Prophets Psalm 23 Ezekiel 36

**L - Lamb John 1:14; Eph 2:19-22**

**E - Eden Excelled**

The “L” is huge. It encompasses the Gospels, Acts, and the New Testament Epistles. The theme of the Temple is so central in this portion of the Bible that to not understand it is to fail to understand the gospel itself. The Person and Work of Christ, the driving purpose behind the events in the book of Acts, and so many of the passages found in the Apostle’s letters are directly connected with this theme – TEMPLE.

## **I. Temple in the Gospels**

### **A. Review**

The first temple was Eden. God’s temple is the place where He dwells with man. God’s temple, be it in the form of Eden, of the tabernacle in the wilderness, the temple in Jerusalem, Christ Himself, the Church – every temple of God is a microcosm, a small model of the New Heavens and the New Earth where God will once again, and forever, dwell with and among His people. And God’s purpose for His people has always been –

Genesis 1:28 ESV

(28) And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 1:28 NBLH

(28) Dios los bendijo y les dijo: "Sean fecundos y multiplíquense. Llenen la tierra y sométanla. Ejerzan dominio sobre los peces del

mar, sobre las aves del cielo y sobre todo ser viviente que se mueve sobre la tierra."

*"The New Testament pictures Christ and the church as finally having done what Adam, Noah, and Israel had failed to do in extending the temple of God's presence throughout the world."*  
[The Temple and the Church's Mission, G.K. Beale]

Christ is going to engulf the entire cosmos, until the entire creation will become one great temple – where God and the Lamb are the temple and man is no longer alienated from the presence of the Lord. Where all of the cosmos is *the holy of holies* and as a result becomes a cosmos in which there is no longer any death nor crying nor pain, no sin, no wickedness – and in which even the physical creation of the earth, the mountains, the plants, the animals – all of it – is set free from all effects of the curse.

*"...When the Israelites looked at and thought of their temple they were not to think of it as an end in itself, only a sign of their election as a nation. Rather, they were to be reminded of the great goal of spreading the light of God's presence throughout the earth until the entire world was under God's tabernacling presence...the temples symbolic correspondence with the cosmos pointed to an eschatological goal of God's presence tabernacling throughout the earth, an eschatological goal which Revelation 21:1-22:5 appears to be developing."* [Beale]

Revelation 21:1-3 ESV

- (1) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
- (2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

(3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Revelation 21:1-3 NBLH

(1) Entonces vi un cielo nuevo y una tierra nueva, porque el primer cielo y la primera tierra pasaron, y el mar ya no existe.

(2) Y vi la ciudad santa, la nueva Jerusalén, que descendía del cielo, de Dios, preparada como una novia ataviada para su esposo.

(3) Entonces oí una gran voz que decía desde el trono: "El tabernáculo de Dios está entre los hombres, y El habitará entre ellos y ellos serán Su pueblo, y Dios mismo estará entre ellos.

Now, as the New Testament opens and Christ comes, the Temple takes a huge leap in its nature. The temple building at Jerusalem was still standing (until 70AD) but the glory of God had moved to another and greater Temple – Christ Himself. To understand this enables us to understand much more of Christ's Person and Work.

Matthew 12:6 ESV

(6) I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.

Matthew 12:6 NBLH

(6) "Pues les digo que algo mayor que el templo está aquí.

John 2:19-22 ESV

(19) Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

(20) The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"

(21) But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

(22) When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:19-22 NBLH

(19) Jesús les respondió: "Destruyan este templo, y en tres días lo levantaré." (20) Entonces los Judíos dijeron: "En cuarenta y seis años fue edificado este templo, ¿y Tú lo levantarás en tres días?"

(21) Pero El hablaba del templo de Su cuerpo.

(22) Por eso, cuando resucitó de los muertos, Sus discípulos se acordaron de que había dicho esto; y creyeron en la Escritura y en la palabra que Jesús había hablado.

In what way was Christ the Temple? How did Christ fulfill what the first Adam and Israel failed in? And how, in Christ, is the Temple being spread into all the world? These are some of the things we will begin to look at now.

## **B. Christ as the Temple**

First, Christ is the Temple because of His Nature. Christ is Immanuel, God with us. Christ is, as our Confession puts it –

*“The Son of God, the second person in the Holy Trinity, being very and eternal God...being conceived by the Holy Spirit...and so was made of a woman...so that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures were inseparably joined together in one person...which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.”* [LCF, Chapter 8]

In Christ, man and God dwell together in perfect communion. Christ is the High Priest in that Tabernacle, AND all of the sacrifices in it. Christ as this new and greater Temple then came and “pitched tent” among us in the wilderness of this fallen creation –

John 1:14 ESV

(14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 NBLH

(14) El Verbo (La Palabra) se hizo carne, y habitó entre nosotros, y vimos Su gloria, gloria como del unigénito (único) del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad.

*Once more – unlike the first Adam, Noah, or Israel, Christ perfectly and successfully takes the Temple, the dwelling place of God, into all the world so that even now He is known in all creation and one day, in Christ, man will fulfill the mandate of Gen 1:28. The Church is working now to obey that mandate in the form of the Great Commission. Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature....*

Later, when we come to the Temple in The Acts of the Apostles, we will see how Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon all believers advances Temple even further, the Church becoming the Temple.

Let's consider now in a very preliminary sense, how Christ effected the beginning of the New Heavens and New Earth – the New Creation. That is to say, in what ways does Christ in the past and in the present work to establish the restoration and redemption of all things? How do the Gospels present Him as the Temple and as the New Heavens and New Earth?

1. Christ inaugurates the new creation

The New Heavens and the New Earth are now, but not yet. They have arrived, but not completely.

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

(17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NBLH



(17) De modo que si alguno está en Cristo, nueva criatura (nueva creación) es ; las cosas viejas pasaron, ahora han sido hechas nuevas.

With Christ's entrance into this world as the God-Man, the Gospels present Him as the second and last Adam effecting the spread of the Temple throughout all creation so that it is renewed – a new creation. For example,

*“Matthews genealogy begins with the Greek expression ‘the book of the genealogy’ or ‘the book of beginning’ or even the ‘book of genesis.’ This appears to be an allusion to Genesis 2:4 which also has [in the Greek translation of the Old Testament] biblos geneseos – ‘This is the book of the generation (or genesis) of heaven and earth.’ ...Matthew’s point in using the phrase (biblos geneseos) is to make clear that he is narrating the record of the new age, the new creation, launched by the coming, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.” [Beale]*

Understand? The very first page of the New Testament is another “in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...”! Only this time “Adam” is the Lord Jesus Christ and this time Adam will not fail. The Temple, the presence of God, WILL be spread throughout all the cosmos so that the fallen cosmos will become the New Heavens and the New Earth. *And that work is already well on its way to completion!*

The Apostle John does the very same thing in the opening of His Gospel –

John 1:1-5 ESV

- (1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- (2) He was in the beginning with God.
- (3) All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- (4) In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- (5) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5 NBLH (1) En el principio ya existía el Verbo (la Palabra), y el Verbo estaba con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios. (2) El estaba (existía) en el principio con Dios. (3) Todas las cosas fueron hechas por medio de El, y sin El nada de lo que ha sido hecho, fue hecho.  
(4) En El estaba (existía) la vida, y la vida era la Luz de los hombres.  
(5) La Luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la comprendieron (no la dominaron).

A new creation is underway in Christ. He comes as a new and more intimate Temple of God, closer and closer to the end point of the temple – God’s perfect communion with and among His people. Christ is this great healing antidote which, once it has entered a sick and dying world, cannot be stopped.

**QUESTION/PREGUNTA:** Before we move on, let me put a very pointed question to you which the Scripture demands we ask of ourselves.

***Are YOU a new creation in Christ? Are you seeing the working of a NEW CREATION in your heart and mind and life? Have all things become new to you, or are you still the same old person you were when you entered this world? Is Christ in YOU? Do you really know Him and love Him? Have you really placed your full faith and trust in HIM alone as your Savior from this old, perishing world?***

***I am NOT asking you if you have been baptized in water – THAT will never make you a new creation. I am asking if you have been washed clean of your sin by the blood of Jesus Christ through real faith in Christ as the only Savior, as the only Son of God? Nor am I asking if you simply believe in God – the devil believes in God! I am not asking if you are a religious person – the devil is a religious person! I am asking – have you been born again and made a new creation by Jesus Christ? Do you SEE Him at work, changing your thinking, showing you your sin, giving you a new love for God and for other people?***

**¿Es usted un nueva creación en Cristo? ¿Estás viendo el funcionamiento de una nueva creación en el corazón y la mente y la vida? Tienen todas las cosas son nuevas para usted, o está siendo la misma persona de edad que tenía cuando entró en este mundo? Es Cristo en ustedes? ¿Estás seguro de conocerle, y amarlo? ¿Usted realmente ha puesto su fe y confianza en Él como tu Salvador a partir de este viejo mundo, que perecen?**

**No estoy preguntando si han sido bautizados en el agua - que nunca le hará una nueva creación. Estoy preguntando si usted ha estado limpio de tus pecados por la sangre de Jesucristo por la fe verdadera en Cristo como el único Salvador, como el único Hijo de Dios? Tampoco estoy preguntando si usted simplemente cree en Dios - el diablo cree en Dios! No estoy preguntando si usted es una persona religiosa - el diablo es una persona religiosa! Pido - has nacido de nuevo e hizo una nueva creación por medio de Jesucristo? ¿Ustedes lo ven en el trabajo, cambiando su forma de pensar, mostrando su pecado, que le da un nuevo amor por Dios y por otras personas?**

Let's consider some more examples of Christ as Temple in the Gospels.

## 2. Christ's Temptation in the Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11 ESV

- (1) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- (2) And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
- (3) And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."
- (4) But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- (5) Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple
- (6) and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning

you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

(7) Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (8) Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

(9) And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

(10) Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

(11) Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

#### Matthew 4:1-11 NBLH

(1) Entonces Jesús fue llevado por el Espíritu (Santo) al desierto para ser tentado (puesto a prueba) por el diablo.

(2) Después de haber ayunado cuarenta días y cuarenta noches, entonces tuvo hambre.

(3) Y acercándose el tentador, Le dijo: "Si eres Hijo de Dios, ordena que estas piedras se conviertan en pan."

(4) Pero Jesús le respondió: "Escrito está: 'NO SOLO DE PAN VIVIRA EL HOMBRE, SINO DE TODA PALABRA QUE SALE DE LA BOCA DE DIOS.'"

(5) Entonces el diablo Lo llevó a la ciudad santa, y Lo puso sobre el pináculo del templo,

(6) y Le dijo: "Si eres Hijo de Dios, lánzate abajo, pues escrito está: 'A SUS ANGELES TE ENCOMENDARA,' Y: 'EN LAS MANOS TE LLEVARAN, NO SEA QUE TU PIE TROPIECE EN PIEDRA.'"

(7) Jesús le contestó: "También está escrito: 'NO TENTARAS (NO PONDRAS A PRUEBA) AL SEÑOR TU DIOS.'"

(8) Otra vez el diablo Lo llevó a un monte muy alto, y Le mostró todos los reinos del mundo y la gloria de ellos,

(9) y Le dijo: "Todo esto Te daré, si Te postras y me adoras."

(10) Entonces Jesús le dijo: "¡Vete, Satanás! Porque escrito está: 'AL SEÑOR TU DIOS ADORARAS, Y SOLO A EL SERVIRAS (rendirás culto).'"

(11) El diablo entonces Lo dejó; y al instante, unos ángeles vinieron y Le servían.

Remember now, Matthew has presented Christ as a second Adam. He has come as the Temple. We will expect to see then that Christ begins to work to spread the Knowledge of the Lord – the Temple – throughout all the earth. And sure enough, one of the first things that happens is that He is confronted by the devil – where? In the wilderness, the very place where Israel was supposed to be victorious but failed. Jesus will go on to cast out demons from people – beginning the work of destroying the work of the devil, just as the Israelites were supposed to conquer and cast out the pagan, enemy nations from the land.

Jesus defeats the devil. Jesus will bring His people into the Promised Land- to the New Heavens and the New Earth. This is probably why He chose 12 apostles. They represent the 12 tribes of Israel – the Church, the Israel of God – whom He will take into His Father’s House.

### 3. The Healings of Christ

Part of the curse from the Fall is disease. Suffering and death and sickness surround us. We think them normal – but they are not. They are reminders to us of our fallen condition and of our need for Christ. WE SHOULD EXPECT TO SEE, AS PART OF CHRIST’S NEW CREATION, VICTORY OVER SUFFERING AND DEATH AND SICKNESS, AND THAT IS THE VERY THING THE GOSPELS PRESENT TO US.

Matthew 4:23-25 ESV

(23) And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

(24) So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.

(25) And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Matthew 4:23-25 NBLH (23) Y Jesús iba por toda Galilea, enseñando en sus sinagogas, proclamando el evangelio (las buenas nuevas) del reino, y sanando toda enfermedad y toda dolencia en el pueblo.

(24) Se extendió Su fama por toda Siria; y traían a El todos los que estaban enfermos, afectados con diversas enfermedades y dolores, los endemoniados, epilépticos y paralíticos, y El los sanaba.

(25) Y Lo siguieron grandes multitudes de Galilea, Decápolis, Jerusalén y Judea, y del otro lado del Jordán.

*“Such healings also represented the restoration of creation from the fallen condition of the world. The physical and spiritual curses of the fall are beginning to be removed by Jesus, as He is re-establishing the new creation and kingdom, which Adam should have established...Christ’s miracles of healing...signaled the beginning of the new creation, since the healings were a beginning reversal of the curse of the old fallen world. The miracles were a sign of the inbreaking new creation where people will be completely healed. Those He healed, and especially those He raised from the dead, foreshadowed Christ’s own resurrection. Christ’s resurrection was the first-fruits of all believers. We, like Him, will be raised with perfected, restored bodies, at the very end of the age, when the new world will be ushered in.” [Beale]*

#### 4. The Resurrection of Christ

Resurrection! Christ is risen from the dead. He has conquered death. The curse’s pronouncement – *“in the day you eat of it you shall surely die”* – is remedied in Christ.

**NOTE:** How do we know that all of this is true? That the Bible is really the Word of God? That Jesus is the Son of God and that all He says is true? How do we know that Christ is the ONLY Savior, the ONLY way for men to be made right with God, the only Way to God? *By the resurrection of Christ from the dead.*

**NOTA:** ¿Cómo sabemos que todo esto es cierto? Que la Biblia es realmente la Palabra de Dios? Que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios y que todo lo que dice es verdad? ¿Cómo sabemos que Cristo es el único salvador, la única manera de que los hombres a ser justos delante de Dios, el único camino a Dios? Por la resurrección de Cristo de entre los muertos.

We will plan to look at still more ways that the Gospels show us Christ was and is the new Temple. For now, we conclude with these thoughts on the resurrection of Christ from the dead –

John 20:19-27 ESV

(19) On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

(20) When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

(21) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

(22) And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

(23) If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

(24) Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

(25) So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "**Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.**"

(26) Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

(27) **Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."**

John 20:19-27 NBLH (19) Al atardecer de aquel día, el primero de la semana, y estando cerradas las puertas del lugar donde los discípulos se encontraban por miedo a los Judíos, Jesús vino y se puso en medio de ellos, y les dijo: "Paz a ustedes."

(20) Y diciendo esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Entonces los discípulos se regocijaron al ver al Señor.

(21) Jesús les dijo otra vez: "Paz a ustedes; como el Padre Me ha enviado, así también Yo los envío."

(22) Después de decir esto, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo: "Reciban el Espíritu Santo.

(23) "A quienes perdonen los pecados, éstos les son perdonados; a quienes retengan los pecados, éstos les son retenidos."

(24) Tomás, uno de los doce, llamado el Dídimo (el Gemelo), no estaba con ellos cuando Jesús vino.

(25) Entonces los otros discípulos le decían: "¡Hemos visto al Señor!" Pero él les dijo: "Si no veo en Sus manos la señal de los clavos, y meto el dedo en el lugar de los clavos, y pongo la mano en Su costado, no creeré."

(26) Ocho días después, Sus discípulos estaban otra vez dentro (en la casa), y Tomás con ellos. Estando las puertas cerradas, Jesús vino y se puso en medio de ellos, y dijo: "Paz a ustedes."

(27) Luego dijo a Tomás: "Acerca aquí tu dedo, y mira Mis manos; extiende aquí tu mano y métela en Mi costado; y no seas incrédulo, sino creyente."

I challenge all of us to think seriously about the nature of Jesus body after He rose from the dead. It was a body that was REAL. Dare we say "physical"? A body that was of such a nature that Thomas could *touch* Him. A body with hands, with a side, with marks of nails and the scar of the spear wound. A body that was radically different, and yet which permitted the disciples to recognize Jesus. A body fit for heaven, yet having continuity with His pre-resurrection body. What does this tell us about heaven – about the New Heavens and the New Earth? About our resurrection bodies? About who we are and who we will be? It tells us, the New Earth is REAL. And it is our Home.