

Ezekiel 8:16

So he brought me to the inner courtyard of the house of Yehowah, and, look! At the entrance of the temple of Yehowah, between the porch and the altar, there were about twenty-five men¹ with their backs to the temple² of Yehowah and their faces to the east, and they were bowing down to the east, to the sun.

Footnote: Men Hebrew, *'ish*

Footnote: See (Ezekiel 41:1) Footnote Temple

[20] - References:

- That statement is faithful. If any man is reaching out for an office of overseer, he is desirous of a fine work. (**1 Timothy 3:1**)
- The overseer should therefore be irreprehensible, a husband of one wife, moderate in habits, sound in mind, orderly, hospitable, qualified to teach. (**1 Timothy 3:2**)
- Not a drunken brawler, not a smiter, but reasonable, not belligerent, not a lover of money. (**1 Timothy 3:3**)
- A man presiding over his own household in a fine manner, having children in subjection with all seriousness. (**1 Timothy 3:4**)
- If indeed any man does not know how to preside over his own household, how will he take care of God's congregation? (**1 Timothy 3:5**)
- Not a newly converted man, for fear that he might get puffed up with pride and fall into the judgment passed upon the Devil. (**1 Timothy 3:6**)
- Moreover, he should also have a fine testimony from people on the outside, in order that he might not fall into reproach and a snare of the Devil. (**1 Timothy 3:7**)
- Ministerial servants should likewise be serious, not double-tongued, not giving themselves to a lot of wine, not greedy of dishonest gain. (**1 Timothy 3:8**)
- Holding the sacred secret of the faith with a clean conscience. (**1 Timothy 3:9**)
- Also, let these be tested as to fitness first, then let them serve as ministers, as they are free from accusation. (**1 Timothy 3:10**)

- **Women should likewise be serious, not slanderous, moderate in habits, faithful in all things. (1 Timothy 3:11)**
- **Let ministerial servants be husbands of one wife, presiding in a fine manner over children and their own households. (1 Timothy 3:12)**
- **For the men who minister in a fine manner are acquiring for themselves a fine standing and great freeness of speech in the faith in connection with Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 3:13)**
- **For this reason I left you in Crete, that you might correct the things that were defective and might make appointments of older men in city after city, as I gave you orders. (Titus 1:5)**
- **If there is any man free from accusation, a husband of one wife, having believing children that were not under a charge of debauchery nor unruly. (Titus 1:6)**
- **For an overseer must be free from accusation as God's steward, not self-willed, not prone to wrath, not a drunken brawler, not a smiter, not greedy of dishonest gain. (Titus 1:7)**
- **But hospitable, a lover of goodness, sound in mind, righteous, loyal, self-controlled. (Titus 1:8)**
- **Holding firmly to the faithful word as respects his art of teaching, that he may be able both to exhort by the teaching that is healthful and to reprove those who contradict. (Titus 1:9)**
- **Likewise keep on exhorting the younger men to be sound in mind. (Titus 2:6)**
- **In all things showing yourself an example of fine works, showing uncorruptness in your teaching, seriousness. (Titus 2:7)**
- **Wholesome speech which cannot be condemned, so that the man on the opposing side may get ashamed, having nothing vile to say about us. (Titus 2:8)**
- **Let slaves be in subjection to their owners in all things, and please them well, not talking back. (Titus 2:9)**
- **Not committing theft, but exhibiting good fidelity to the full, so that they may adorn the teaching of our Savior, God, in all things. (Titus 2:10)**

- Then he made the **courtyard** of the priests and the great enclosure and the doors belonging to the enclosure, and their doors he overlaid with copper. (**2 Chronicles 4:9**)
- Between the **porch** and the **altar** let the priests, the ministers of Yehowah, weep and say; Do feel sorry, O Yehowah, for your people, and do not make your inheritance a reproach, for nations to rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples; Where is their God? (**Joel 2:17**)
- And a spirit proceeded to lift me up and bring me to the eastern gate of the **house** of Yehowah that is facing eastward, and, **look!** In the **entrance** of the gate there were **twenty-five men**, and I got to see in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. (**Ezekiel 11:1**)
- That your eyes may prove to be opened toward this **house** night and day, toward the place of which you said; My name will prove to be there, to listen to the prayer with which your servant prays toward this place. (**1 Kings 8:29**)
- They are saying to a tree; You are my father, and to a stone; You yourself brought me to birth. But to me they have turned the back of the neck and not the face. And in the time of their calamity they will say, Do rise up and save us! (**Jeremiah 2:27**)
- And they kept turning to me the back and not the face, though there was a teaching of them, a rising up early and teaching, but there were none of them listening to receive discipline. (**Jeremiah 32:33**)
- And that you may not raise your eyes to the heavens and indeed see the **sun** and the moon and the stars, all the army of the heavens, and actually get seduced and bow **down** to them and serve them, which Yehowah your God has apportioned to all the peoples under the whole heavens. (**Deuteronomy 4:19**)
- And he should go and worship other gods and bow **down** to them or to the **sun** or the moon or all the army of the heavens, a thing that I have not commanded. (**Deuteronomy 17:3**)
- And they kept leaving all the commandments of Yehowah their God and proceeded to make for themselves molten statues, two calves, and to make a sacred pole, and they began to bow **down** to all the army of the heavens and to serve Baal. (**2 Kings 17:16**)

- **And he put out of business the foreign-god priests, whom the kings of Judah had put in that they might make sacrificial smoke on the high places in the cities of Judah and the surroundings of Jerusalem, and also those making sacrificial smoke to Baal, to the **sun** and to the moon and to the constellations of the zodiac and to all the army of the heavens. (2 Kings 23:5)**
- **If I used to see the light when it would flash forth, or the precious moon walking along. (Job 31:26)**
- **And they will actually spread them out to the **sun** and to the moon and to all the army of the heavens that they have loved and that they have served and that they have walked after and that they have sought and that they have bowed **down** to. They will not be gathered, nor will they be buried. As manure upon the face of the ground they will become. (Jeremiah 8:2)**
- **But we shall positively do every word that has gone forth from our mouth, in order to make sacrificial smoke to the queen of the heavens and to pour out to her drink offerings, just as we ourselves and our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, when we used to be satisfied with bread and to be well off, and we did not see any calamity at all. (Jeremiah 44:17)**
- **And he went on to build **altars** to all the army of the heavens in two **courtyards** of the **house** of Yehowah. (2 Kings 21:5)**
- **Further, he caused the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the **sun** to cease from entering the **house** of Yehowah by the dining room of Nathan-melech the court official, which was in the porticoes, and the chariots of the **sun** he burned in the fire. (2 Kings 23:11)**
- **It was then that Solomon offered up burnt sacrifices to Yehowah upon the **altar** of Yehowah that he had built before the **porch**. (2 Chronicles 8:12)**
- **For our fathers have acted unfaithfully and have done what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah our God, so that they left him and turned around their face away from the tabernacle of Yehowah and offered the back of the neck. (2 Chronicles 29:6)**