

# Luke 24:53

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

## Analysis

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Continual temple worship: 'And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.' Luke concludes: they 'were continually in the temple' (ἦσαν διὰ παντὸς ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ, ēsan dia pantos en tō hierō, were constantly in the temple), 'praising and blessing God' (εὐλογοῦντες τὸν Θεόν, eulogountes ton Theon). This concluding image shows the church at worship, awaiting Pentecost (Acts 1-2). Their presence in the temple indicates continuity with Judaism—Christianity fulfills rather than contradicts Israel's faith. They praise God because Jesus' death and resurrection accomplished salvation. The 'Amen' (Ἀμήν, Amēn, truly, let it be so) solemnly concludes the Gospel, affirming all its testimony as true.

## Historical Context

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Luke's Gospel begins and ends in the temple. It opens with Zechariah offering incense (Luke 1:8-9) and closes with disciples praising God there. This literary inclusio emphasizes continuity between Old and New Covenants. The early church continued temple worship initially (Acts 2:46, 3:1, 5:12, 21-42) while developing distinctively Christian practices (breaking bread, apostolic teaching, Acts 2:42). Their constant praise reflects transformed understanding—what seemed like tragedy (crucifixion) was revealed as victory (resurrection). This models Christian worship: regardless of circumstances, believers gather to praise God for salvation accomplished in Christ. Luke-Acts forms a continuous narrative: Luke ends with disciples awaiting the Spirit in the temple; Acts begins with Spirit's outpouring and explosive church growth.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What is significant about Luke's Gospel both beginning and ending in the temple?
2. How does the early church's continued temple worship demonstrate Christianity's Jewish roots?
3. What does their constant praise despite recent trauma teach about worship's foundation—circumstances or theology?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἦσαν	διαπαντὸς	ἐν	τῷ	ἱερῷ	αἰνοῦντες	καὶ
<b>And</b>	<b>were</b>	<b>continually</b>	<b>in</b>	G3588	<b>the temple</b>	<b>praising</b>	<b>And</b>
G2532	G2258	G1275	G1722		G2411	G134	G2532
εὐλογοῦντες	τὸν	θεόν	Ἀμήν				
<b> blessing</b>	G3588	<b>God</b>	<b>Amen</b>				
G2127		G2316	G281				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 16:20** (Parallel theme): And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

**Matthew 28:20** (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.