



SERMONS



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Title: Building what God is building.

- Psalm 11 vs 3 If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do ?
- Psm 127 Accept the Lord build the house
- Psm 24 vs4 Through wisdom is a house build through understanding it is established
- **Amos 9 vs. 11, Acts 15 vs. 13-17 Read it**

Much of what we are busy with is not the things of God . or it is out o the timing of God. 1 Cor 13 vs 11

1. says when I was a child a thought like a child , I spoke like a child
 2. I understood as a child , I thought as a child
 3. But now that I am a man ,
 4. I have put away childish things “ My thinking and my understanding is now mature , I can **speak** like a man , I can **understand** like a mind , I can **think** , **reason** , **conceptualize** and press into mature things.
1. So it is with the things of God , we must move from **babyhood** , to **beard hood**
 2. From **rituals to righteousness** , from **a child to a man**.

The season we are presently in is nothing less than an apostolic kingdom fathering season.

There are few things we should know

1. Know the time
2. Know God’s agenda
3. Know what God is building
4. Know **how** God is building

God is building His house with living stones. You and I are His living stones

A. KNOW THE TIME

From **Adam to Abraham** were about 2000 years (2 days)

The days of **Abraham to Jesus Christ** were about 2000 years (2 days)

The days from **Jesus Christ to this present** (21st Century) have been about 2000 years (2 days).

The above accounts for **about 6000 years (6 days)**. This means that we are standing

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on the threshold of the end of the sixth day and the beginning of the seventh day. In other words, we are living in the last day, a defining moment in God's Kingdom. This is a **kairos moment** and incredible things will happen through greater release and performance of the purpose of God on the earth. A deeper level of revelation, understanding and relationship will see the Church fully matured.

The world recognizes this timing and has adjusted the dates to what is known as AD, the Greek word **anon domino**, meaning The Present Day of the Lord.

We are about to step into the seventh day of eternal rest that is also referred to as the Third Day. Jesus spoke about this in **Luke 13:31-33, a discussion that occurred**

The Lord Jesus, from the fourth day in His time spoke about reaching His goal, coming to perfection, completing, and finishing the work by the Third Day.

Four thousand years (4 days) had elapsed and 3000 years (3 days) remained to complete the 7000 years (7 days) which is the period in which God intends to **accomplish His** purpose in the earth.

Because we are in the last of the last days, we must know what is on God's agenda

B. KNOW WHAT IS ON GOD'S AGENDA

What is the goal of God that He seeks to reach?

- 1. God's goal is that the gospel of the Kingdom is declared to all nations of the World (Matthew 25:14, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 4:43).**
- 2. God's goal is to reach the outcast in society and to bring them into His Kingdom (John 4:25-37). Prostitutes, rich people, the lost etc**
- 3. God's goal is to finish the building of His house, so that His glory can dwell and abide. (He is seeking to dwell among His people). (Isaiah 66:1, Thus sayeth the Lord, The heaven's is my throne, and the earth is my footstool, where is the house that you build unto me and where is the place of my rest? revelation 21:3).**
- 4. God's goal is that the saints should take over every kingdom of the earth and manifest the Kingdom of God (Revelation 11:15, "The kingdoms of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ and He shall reign Daniel 2:44, Daniel 7:13-18).**
- 5. God's goal is to undo all the works of the devil through a restored man standing in the earth. (I John 3:8, "READ IT Isaiah 26:12-13;17-18).**
- 6. God desires that there should be a revealing of His glory upon the earth through an operational ministry of revelation and glory. (Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters covers the sea"/Numbers 14:21).**
- 7. God seeks a generation that will finish His purpose and plan in the earth (Psalm 22:30-31). A seed shall serve Him and it shall be accounted to the Lord as a generation, They shall come and shall declare the righteousness unto a people that is yet to be born, that he has done this. {They are alive, must just move over to the kingdom, muslims, drug addicts, Satanist !**

Authentic apostolic ministry has a primary focus on the goal of the Kingdom of God and the BUILDING OR THE RESTORATION OF HIS HOUSE,

C. Know what God is building

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Building the House of God

Acts 15 vs. 13-17

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? **And** where is the place of my rest? (Isaiah 66:1).

As we continually press into the heart of the Father to know His true purpose, it is imperative to know that one of the desires of God is to have a dwelling place – a **house here on the earth**. This dwelling place is the **ecclesia** of God (the Church) and the Lord is building His house. There is an ongoing building process and we need a building mentality to see a completion of God house.

....upon this rock I will **build** my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18).

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye are builded together for an **habitation** of God through the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Heaven is not the house of God. Scripture refers to heaven as the **throne of God**. There is a big difference between a **house** and a **throne**.

. The Greek word for **Church is ekklesia**. It is made up of two words **ek**, meaning **out of** and **kaleo**, meaning to call. This means that church is an assembly of the called out ones, a congregation or a group of people. We are the Church of Jesus Christ and the house of God (Hebrews 3:6).

, **behave in the house the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Timothy 3:15).**

The Children of Israel in the Old Testament were the ekklesia that represented the Church in that order (Acts 7:38). One of the goals of God is that the Church would be the instrument to establish His Kingdom on the earth. *The churches are not the Kingdom of God, but they represent the Kingdom as ambassadors upon the earth, and aim to establish a heavenly colony of the Kingdom of God.*

As called out ones from Egypt, the desire of God was to separate them as unique ones to represent His Kingdom and demonstrate His life and character to distinguish them from all other nations and kingdoms.

In their true and obedient walk with God, the Children of Israel defined and reflected the nature of Kingdom people under God's government. Their culture, principles and laws were completely different from others (Esther 3:8). In this present day the Church is a nation **ethnos a race, a tribe** of people who are scattered abroad, but are bound by the same Kingdom and governmental laws, principles and culture under the Lordship and leadership of Jesus Christ.

So we see, out of Egypt, out of the law, out of the church into the Kingdom of God

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Start the sermon here Let's look at some building guidelines for the church out of Nehemiah

D. KNOW HOW HE IS BUILDING

The Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah prophetically speak of the restoration of **worship through laying the foundation of God's temple** (house).

Careful study of **Nehemiah 4:6-18 will reveal** some important truths about the building process and restoration of God's house.

To see the house of God built, our mindsets (philosophy, mentality, traditions) must shift to a purposeful building mentality, in **gathering** of the *living stones* to raise up the wall and building. *(We are the living stones that are scattered abroad that are to be put together, polished and positioned in our rightful place to function as the house of God).*

Much today does not **indicate order** in the house of God. There is displacement and dislocation as **everyone is seeking his own way**.

Few are seeking the Lord for a clear word. As a result, frustrated leaders and churches are running to and fro, attending conferences for new church growth techniques. All that is received is another man's vision, methods and principles that does not work for them. I am not saying that the principles are not of God. They are the revelation of God's word given to His Church in a particular geographical location for that time and purpose. These principles and methods were given by God to men for their church, city and nation. We are not obligated to carry this to our own church, city or nation. It is not a mandatory pattern and method for all churches and leaders in other nations. The personal word of revelation from the Lord for each church, city and nation is the key to successful Church growth

It is easy to lose focus on God and become busy with religious activities and programs thinking that God is in it, and He is not.

Pharisees are agents who promote traditions **(Mark 7:3)**. *In the Church today, the manifestation of a **Pharisee spirit** is visible when God begins to move the Church into a new dimension of spiritual truth and to change the order and structure of existing revelation in the Body of Christ.*

Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition. (Matthew 15:1-3).

The Pharisee and Sadducee spirit exists in the Church today and seeks to **oppose** God's plan and purpose in the Church and in the earth.

The Pharisee spirit in a passive and flaccid traditional church holds to the voice of the past moves and rejects the present voice and truth. A spirit of rebellion manifests as stubbornness and unwillingness to yield to the present move of God in the earth. Leaders, board members, elders, deacons and decision makers are at risk of deception through lack of understanding and revelation of the Holy Spirit regarding the actions of God. **This gives place for the spirit of Jezebel to enter and begin to rule and oversee the activities of the Church.**

Here are some thoughts gleaned from Nehemiah 4:6-18:

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1. The mindset of the people to build (Verse 6). Evidence of a purposeful building mentality, gathering the *living stones* to raise the wall. There must be a corporate and active response to the purpose and plan of God if we are to finish His work on the earth. We must have the right blueprint to build accurately. We are not to build according to the old pattern; there must be accurate prophetic insight regarding the apostolic patterns to build the Church in this season.

To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:4-5).

2. The walls of Jerusalem were made up (verse 7). Another translation says **the walls of Jerusalem ascended**. The verse speaks of the ascension gifts, the five-fold ministry whose primary purpose is to build the Church into a perfect man and measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (**Ephesians 4:8-16**). The ministry of the apostles and prophets has a specific assignment, to lay foundations from which the house (Church) is fitly joined together. **These ministries** alone are the only delegated ministries that is able to lay the foundations of the Church (**Ephesians 2:20**). Restoration of the apostolic and prophetic ministry **will commence this work and the Church** will grow into a holy temple of God through the Holy Spirit. The Lord will have His habitation and rest therein. The Church of Jesus Christ must be built in accordance with the pattern revealed in scripture.

3. Building with a warfare mentality (verses 15-18). In accordance with **Ephesians 4:11**, as the ascension gifts are released to build, the activities of the enemy must be recognized. Be prepared for spiritual warfare. Build with a warfare mentality to see the house of God finished and His glory dwelling therein. *In our warfare, we know that it is finished, accomplished by Christ Jesus who spoiled all principalities and powers.*

We wrestle not against flesh and blood (**Ephesians 6:12**) but our declaration as a company of Kingdom people is to stand in the victory of Christ and proclaim the word of God. Shout from the housetops that *the warfare is accomplished!* (**Colossians 2:15, Isaiah 40:1-2**). We need to know our stand and our authority in Christ Jesus.

4. Being alert to the call of the trumpet (verses 19-20). The trumpet of God is sounding in these last day. Many are deaf to the sound of the trumpet of God and are not alert to the call of the Spirit of God. Some are not aware of the revelations that the Holy Spirit is releasing in these day. The seal is being broken and the revelation of the mysteries of God's plan and purpose is being revealed. Access into the Holiest of Holies is being granted for us to hear and know the will and purpose of God. We live in a new day of revelation (**Revelation 10:7**). God is raising up a new ministry of revelation that is trumpeting the mind of the Father in the earth by the Holy Spirit and His word. The Church must tune into and heed what the Lord is saying.

5. To hinder it (verse 8). Another translation says **to make an error to it**. The enemy conspires against the purposes of God. The enemy seeks to make an error to the plan so that we will not complete the house of God. The intent of the enemy is to scatter and hinder the process of building God's house and His work upon the earth. Ignorance and unbelief war against the purposes of God in this present move and are key factors that hinder us from entering into the purpose and ways of God (**Hebrews 3:1-19**). **As we advance, be on guard for false and twisted revelations, human explanations, philosophy and errors in the present truth of God.**

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Tradition and religious programs results from the lack of a clear voice from heaven and focus on the principles of God s Kingdom. In this present reformation of the apostolic ministry to establish God s Kingdom, every human tradition and **Babylonian system of governmental authority taught as doctrine that stands against the word and Spirit will be rooted out and destroyed**. Those with a Pharisaical spirit will become offended with the effect of reformation and the hard sayings of revealed present truth. Reformation will bring a transformation of relationship with God.

But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men .Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. (Matthew 15:9-13)

Church is a dwelling place for God. When the building of the house of God is finished, **the glory will come.**

And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (Exodus 40:33-35).

Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God .. It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God. (2 Chronicles 5:1, 13-14).

Apostolic Kingdom builders should not be satisfied with what has been built thus far, but should seek a more **accurate strategic pattern to bring the Church to** ultimate completion and to a place of finishing the unfinished works of our fathers.

Let us build according to God s requirements and pattern. When we build accurately in the exact pattern that the Lord has given, a transition into a new and higher realm becomes possible.

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