

BUILD THE SANCTUARY OF THE LORD GOD

1 Chron. 22:19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

1. The temple in the Old Testament is a shadow of the temple of the New Testament. We can look at the temple of the old testament to learn about the temple of the new.
 - a. Here in this scripture we are told to set our heart and soul to seek the Lord your God. How often do we hear there words and we give them consent, but when it comes to doing it we don't know how.
 - i. Jesus taught us, **Luke 12:29-31** And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.
 - b. Here is this scripture we are given clues as the true meaning of seeking God and His Kingdom.
 - i. **arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God,**
 - (1) If I am going to seek the Lord, I must seek Him where He will be found.
 - (2) In the Old Covenant that would be in the temple.
 - (a) Therefore, if I was a Jewish teacher and wanted my people to meet with God I would tell them we must first build the sanctuary where the Lord will meet with us [the people of Israel]
 - ii. David wanted to build the house of the Lord, but God said he could not. It would be left for his son to do.
 - iii. Solomon did build a wonderful building, every Jew was proud of it.
 - (1) **1 Kings 6:1** In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites had come out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, he began to build the temple of the LORD.
 - c. At this point we have a great building but no Lord God occupying it.
 - d. God will be found in only one place of this building, in the Holy of Holies, and He will not be there until other conditions are met.
2. The people must first do the following things.
 - a. **bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.**
 - i. The Ark of the Covenant of the Lord
 - (1) **Hebrews 9:4** the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.
 - (a) So in the Ark we find Manna, A type of Jesus the Word of God, Aaron's Staff the instrument of God's miracles, and the Law of God, His ten commandments.

ii. **The altar of incense**

(1) **Exodus 39:38** the gold altar, the anointing oil, the fragrant incense,

(a) Look into Heaven to understand this article of furniture.

(i) **Rev. 8:3** Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.

1) So we find that the altar of incense is a shadow or type of the prayers and praise of all the saints.

iii. **The golden candlestick or Lampstand**

(1) **Exodus 25:31** "Make a Lampstand of pure gold and hammer it out, base and shaft; its flower like cups, buds and blossoms shall be of one piece with it.

(a) Again we look into Heaven to see what we should learn from this item of furniture.

(i) **Rev. 1:12** I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

(ii) **Rev. 1:20** The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

1) So we find that the Lampstand is a shadow or type of the church [the spirit filled child of God]

iv. **The Table of shewbread**

(1) **Exodus 26:35** Place the table [table of shewbread] outside the curtain on the north side of the tabernacle and put the Lampstand opposite it on the south side.

(i) **Hebrews 9:2** A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the Lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place.

1) This bread was a type of Christ, THE WORD OF GOD. I am the Bread of Life.

3. Now all the furniture is in place, but no God.

a. But God tells them where He will meet with them.

i. **Exodus 25:22** There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, **I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.**

(1) This was current instructions on what Israel should be doing.

4. **At this time God came into the temple.**

i. **1 Kings 8:10** When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD.

5. So God manifested Himself to all the people in the Temple when everything was in place.
 - a. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. But between the start and the finish man has a lot to do.
 - i. **Hebrews 12:2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
6. So now let us look at ourselves and see what God would have us do this new year.
7. **1 Cor. 6:19** Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;
8. So I would have told my Hebrew friends we must build the temple, and put the things in the temple that God requires before He comes down and meets with us.
9. Today God is in us, the temple of the Holy Spirit. So we must seek God where he resides, within us.
 - a. In the Old Testament God was taking care of the children of Israel all the time, but at times depending on their attitude about Him they made little progress and at times found things quite hard.
 - i. 400 years in slavery in Egypt, the temple destroyed and slaves to the Babylonians
 - b. When God gives His man a requirement nothing happens until the man meets the requirement.
 - i. Abram. - The man of FAITH, the Friend of God.
 - (1) God told Abram Leave your family and I will make you a great nation with many offspring, and I will show you your new home.
 - (i) The instructions, leave your family -
 - (b) But the Bible tells us that it was Abram's father who took him out of the land, and they did not make it very far towards the promise land. God did not meet again with Abram until after the death of the father.
 - (2) God promised Abraham a son, no son came until his nephew Lot left the household.
 - (3) Abraham made no progress with God until He did what God instructed Him to do in fact God would not talk with him, manifest himself to Abraham until he did so.
 - ii. Moses
 - (1) God promised Moses victory over His enemies, but Israel lost when one family disobeyed the instructions of God.
 - (a) God made it clear to Moses, you are my people, but want me to do for you, obey my commands.
 - iii. Joshua
 - (1) God told Joshua that he would help him conquer the promised land as long as he kept His word before him and meditated on it day and night.
 - (a) Joshua, bound the Words of God around his arm so he could do just that, and even though he was an old man God gave him the victories in hand to hand combat.
10. AGAIN, **1 Cor. 6:19** Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

11. Why is Paul telling us we are not our own, and in another place to offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God.
 - a. Because to many think I have the Holy Spirit I need to do nothing. I have from God what He wants me to have.
12. But what about this Holy Spirit that resides in us. We see the actions of God the Father dealing with Satan, all those that opposed the plan He had for His people in the Old Testament.
13. We see Jesus, God with Man, in the Gospels dealing with the things that oppose His people.
14. What about this Holy Spirit, how does he operate, what does He do for man, if anything?
 - a. **1 Cor. 12:4-11** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, **but the same God works all of them in all men.** ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.
 - i. So the Holy Spirit has these gifts for His people to use.
 - (1) The gift of the word of wisdom
 - (2) The gift of the word of knowledge
 - (3) The gift of faith
 - (4) The gift of healing
 - (5) The gift of working miracles
 - (6) The gift of Prophecy
 - (7) The gift of discerning of spirits
 - (8) The gift of divers kinds of tongues or languages
 - (9) The gift of the interpretation of tongues or languages.
15. Paul says something about these gifts.
 - a. **1 Cor. 12:1** Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.
 - i. I believe he is going to tell the church at Corinth what they need to know to allow the Holy Spirit to operate in the church.
16. But for you and me this morning I want us to go back and see what God told the children of Israel they needed to do to see Him in His Full Glory in their presence.
17. The first thing they were to bring into their temple was the Ark of the Covenant.
 - a. Again what was in this ARK?
 - i. So in the Ark we find Manna, A type of Jesus the Word of God, Aaron's Staff the instrument of God's miracles, and the Law of God, His ten commandments
 - (1) So if God is the same yesterday, today and forever He probably wants the same

things in His temple today.

(a) So the first thing, The Word of God. The presence of Jesus in our lives. We need this in our lives every day so we can see who we really are and what God is wanting us to become.

(i) How much of the Word of God do we have in our temple today and how important is it to us?

1) Remember God told Joshua, meditate on it day and night for you to have victory over your enemies.

a) Did God want Him to have victory over his enemies, YES, HE TOLD HIM HOW.

(b) Aaron's Staff, the instrument of God's miracles.

(i) Do we believe that the Holy Spirit, the God in us, is the instrument of God's miracles today?

1) Remember the New Covenant is a covenant of Faith. We receive from God by Faith.

2) Maybe we just need to reexamine what we believe about the God that is in US.

(c) The Law of God, His ten commandments.

(i) How do we regard them today?

1) **1 John 5:3** This is love for God: to obey his commands.

2) **Hebrews 8:10** This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

a) Sounds like they are still important to God.

b) Do we think we can pick and chose the way we live our lives today and have God meet all our needs, we probably can't.

18. The next item God required in His Temple - The altar of incense

a. The Prayer and Praise of His people.

i. **Acts 16:25-26** About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

(1) Are you thankful for all God has given you; your home, your children, your spouse, your very life.

(2) Are people glad to see you coming because they know you have something good to say about things or people. Or are they expecting you to "DISH DIRT and BAD NEWS"?

(a) When the people murmured again MOSES, God said they are speaking against me and He killed thousands. Think maybe He has the same attitude today. He

says He wants PRAISE in His Temple.

19. Now the Lampstand - A type of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit that is in Us.

- a. In the New Covenant, Paul writing to his friend Timothy, **2 Tim. 1:6** For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
 - i. What is Paul wanting us to do?
 - (1) **We are told Galatians 5:25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
 - (a) How do we do this.
 - (b) I am alive today, a new creature in Christ because of the Spirit, if I am in step with Him I will be producing the Fruit that He Produces.
 - (i) And we are told **Galatians 5:22** the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
 - (ii) AND **Ephes. 5:9** (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)
 - (2) We are also instructed **Romans 8:14** that those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
 - (a) If the Holy Spirit is leading me, where will I be walking?
 - (i) **Psalms 23:3** he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 - (ii) **Psalms 25:10** All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

20. The Shewbread - a Type of Jesus Christ the Bread of Life.

- a. **John 15:5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
 - i. This indicates that just because I was in Christ at some time in my life, I may not be now. He may have been in me at some time, He may not be there now.
 - (1) And with out these two conditions being met, I should not expect the Holy Spirit to be active in my life.

21. Now everything is in Place - what takes place next?

- a. Let us look again back, what happened when all the items were in place in the Old Testament, a shadow of what we have today.
 - i. **2 Chron. 5:13** The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud,
 - (1) The Shekinah Glory of God filled the TEMPLE, the entire place.
 - (2) The people cried out, "GOD IS GOOD, HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER"
 - (3) Is God Good?

- (4) Does He want the best for us?
- (5) If all the Gifts of the God that is in us was fully operational here this morning would that not be marvelous.
 - (a) And would we not be so busy telling everyone, “God is GOOD, His Love endures forever”, we would have no room or time to have negative thoughts or words.
- ii. But what about Today
 - (1) Jesus had told his followers it was best for everyone if he went away, then He tells them **John 14:21** *Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."*
 - (a) **Want to see Jesus working through the Holy Spirit today in our lives?**
 - (i) **Jesus here tells us How!**
 - 1) Learn the commands of Jesus and obey them
 - (2) He goes on to say that it can be even better than that, **John 14:23** Jesus replied, *"If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.*
 - (a) Want the Shekinah Glory of God in your life, be like Solomon’s temple felled with the Glory of God.
 - (i) Jesus here tells us HOW.
 - 1) Not only obey His commands, but also His teachings.
 - 2) Do we Know what they are, gather with some of your friends and start studying His Word.

Yes just as in the Old Covenant, Put the furniture in place and you will see the manifested GLORY of God And He has promised to come and make His HOME with You.

Let this be the YEAR WE BUILD THE TEMPLE OF GOD.