

Monday 11/6*Related Verses***2 Sam. 7:12-14**

12 When your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, which will come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 It is he who will build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 I will be his Father, and he will be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will strike him with the rod of men and with the stripes of the sons of men;

Matt. 16:18

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

John 6:51, 57

51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; And the bread which I will give is My flesh, given for the life of the world.

57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

John 7:37-39

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 20:22

22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

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David wanted to build God's house, but...God wanted David to realize that he needed God to build Christ into him. Thus, 2 Samuel 7 is the unveiling of a prophecy through typology showing us there is no need for us to

build something for God. We simply are not able to do this. We cannot build something for God with ourselves or with our knowledge of the Bible and theology. We need God to build up Christ into our intrinsic constitution so that our entire being will be reconstituted with Christ. As a result, we are not only changed, but we are transformed from one kind of person into another.

Chapter 7 simply indicates that God does not need us to build anything for Him. We are nothing, we have nothing, and we can do nothing. Therefore, we need Christ to be wrought into our being.

At this point we need to consider once again what God's economy is. God's economy is to work Himself into us in Christ as His embodiment. Through death and resurrection Christ has become the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b). Now we need to let God work Christ as the Spirit into every part of our being. The more God does this, the more we will be able to declare, "To me, to live is Christ," and "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20). (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 160-161)

Transformation is a metabolic process that changes us by adding some new element into our being and discharging the old element. This is illustrated by one's having a healthy complexion through the proper, daily eating, digesting, and assimilating of food...This nourishment causes a metabolic process in which a new element is brought in and the old element is discharged. In like manner, we need to receive spiritual nourishment day by day. This nourishment will supply a new element and then cause the old things to be carried away. Gradually, we will grow, change, and mature. This is transformation. God's economy is just to work Himself into us that we may experience such a metabolic process of spiritual digestion and assimilation that produces a gradual, intrinsic change in life.

God's building Himself into our being is altogether an organic matter. In order for such a building to take place, we need to receive, digest, and assimilate an organic element. Our spiritual food and drink is the organic, pneumatic Christ (John 6:51, 57; 7:37-39), the

Christ who is the life-giving Spirit...Today as the Spirit He is real, genuine, living, and present.

When we enjoy...Christ by eating, drinking, and breathing Him, a metabolic process, a spiritual digestion and metabolism, takes place within us. Through this metabolic process Christ is constituted into our being. This constitution is the building. Christ, therefore, is building Himself into us as our inner constitution. The issue of such a building is that we become a very particular class of people—the members of the Body of Christ.

This organic building up of the church as the Body of Christ through the process of spiritual metabolism is actually what Jehovah prophesied to David in the way of typology in 2 Samuel 7:12-14a. It is only through this process that human beings can be transformed into sons of God. It is only through this process that something human—the human seed—can become divine—the sons of God. In typology God prophesied to David regarding this when He told David that his seed would be God's son. This indicates that a human seed would become a divine son. This is what we are experiencing today. Therefore, we, the believers in Christ, are a very particular and peculiar people. We are a precious treasure in the eyes of God. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 172-174)

Further Reading: Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, msgs. 24-27

Tuesday 11/7*Related Verses***1 Cor. 3:9-15**

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

10 According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he builds upon it.

11 For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,

13 The work of each will become manifest; for the day will declare it, because it is revealed by fire, and the fire itself will prove each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built upon the foundation remains, he will receive a reward;

15 If anyone's work is consumed, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Matt. 13:19-23

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the evil one comes and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown beside the way.

20 And the one sown on the rocky places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

21 Yet he does not have root in himself but lasts only for a time, and when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately he is stumbled.

22 And the one sown in the thorns, this is he who hears the word, and the anxiety of the age and the deceitfulness of riches utterly choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 But the one sown on the good earth, this is he who hears the word and understands, who by all means bears fruit and produces, one a hundredfold, and one sixtyfold, and one thirtyfold.

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We all must exercise our spirit, look to the Lord, and pray, "O Lord, have mercy on me that I would not build Your church with my natural makeup, with my natural being, or with anything of jealousy, strife, or envy. Lord, I want to build Your church with the gold of the Father's nature, with the silver of the cross which redeems, terminates, and replaces me, and with the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. I want to build the church in the mingled spirit where I experience the Father's nature and the Son's redemption, and eventually have the Spirit's transformation. Lord, I desire to build the church in this way."

In 1 Corinthians 3 Paul was actually telling the Corinthian believers, "You are plants on God's farm. Now you need to grow Christ. The more you grow, the more you will become gold, silver, and precious stones for God's building...Do not exalt anything, anyone, or any doctrine or practice. Simply build upon the all-

inclusive Christ as the unique foundation already laid. But take heed not to build upon this Christ with anything Greek; rather build with the Father's nature and the Son's redemption, which will result in the Spirit's transformation. Then the church will be golden and full of silver and precious stones." (Life-study of 1 Corinthians, p. 245)

In order to build a home in us, Christ must have the material. On the one hand, this material is Christ Himself as the element; on the other hand, this material includes something from us with our humanity.

[In John 14:23] the Lord Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me,...My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him." The words make an abode in this verse equal make His home in Ephesians 3:17. The Triune God has come into us to do a building work with Himself as the element and also with something from us as the material. The word concerning building in these verses implies that God's building Himself in Christ into us has very much to do with what we are.

This is illustrated by the parable of the sower in Matthew 13. The seed is sown into the soil to grow with the nutrients in the soil. This seed, therefore, does not grow just with itself; it grows with itself and the nutrients in the soil. As a result, the produce is a composition of elements from both the seed and the soil. Here we see an important spiritual principle. In order to grow, the seed must be sown into good soil. If the seed were sown into sand or among stones, it would not grow, because neither sand nor stone can supply the necessary nutrients.

In Matthew 13 the seed is divinity, and the soil with its nutrients is humanity. We have within us certain nutrients created by God as a preparation for His coming into us to grow in us. God has created the human spirit with the human nutrients. For this reason, human beings can believe in the Lord and receive Him.

The seed that has been sown into us is Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God...The more nutrients we supply, the faster the seed will grow and the more it will flourish.

According to the Bible, growth equals building. The Lord Jesus declared, "I will build My church" (16:18). This building takes place by the growth of the divine seed within us.

The Triune God, the source of life, has sown Himself in Christ as a seed into our being. Once this seed comes into us, it meets something within us—our spiritual nutrients—and it begins to grow. The degree of growth depends not on the divine seed but on how many nutrients we afford this seed...Only the good soil (13:8, 23) affords the adequate nutrients for the growth of the divine seed. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 196-197)

Further Reading: Life-study of 1 Corinthians, msgs. 26-27, 31-32

Wednesday 11/8

Related Verses

Eph. 3:11, 14-21

11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,

15 Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named,

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,

21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

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We are rooted in Christ so that He may make His home in our hearts (Eph. 3:16-19). In Ephesians 3 the

apostle prays that God the Father would grant the believers to be strengthened through God the Spirit into their inner man, that Christ, God the Son, may make His home in their hearts, that is, to occupy their entire being, that they might be filled unto all the fullness of God (vv. 14-19). The phrase make His home is only one word in the Greek, katoikeo. This Greek word basically means to settle down in a dwelling, to make a dwelling place. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 3, "God's New Testament Economy," p. 475)

[Our God is the Triune God]. God the Father is exercising His authority through God the Spirit to strengthen us into the inner man, that God the Son may make His home deep down in our hearts...The Bible teaches that Christ is not only in us (Col. 1:27) but that He is also making His home downward in our heart. He is housing Himself in our heart.

Our abiding in [the Triune God] affords Him a way to abide in us triunely. The Triune God is now abiding in us, so we have been rooted into Him. While we are rooted into Him, the Father works to strengthen us through God the Spirit so that God the Son, Christ, may make His home deep down in our heart, which is composed of our mind (Heb. 4:12), will (Acts 11:23), emotion (John 16:6, 22), and conscience (Heb. 10:22). Before He began to make His home in our heart, our mind, emotion, will, and conscience were devoid of Him. However, since we began to pray that God the Father would strengthen us into the inner man, Christ gradually began to occupy our mind, take over our emotion and will, and possess our entire conscience.

Our heart is like a house that has four rooms, and these rooms are the mind, the emotion, the will, and the conscience. Christ has the desire to occupy every room of our heart and every corner of every room. As He makes His home downward in our heart, we become strong to apprehend with all the saints the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ (Eph. 3:18)...All these dimensions describe the immeasurable Christ, whose dimensions are the dimensions of the universe...We can only apprehend His universal dimensions with all the saints. Eventually, we know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that we may be filled unto all the fullness

of God (v. 19). When we are filled unto all the fullness of God, this is the complete entering into this wonderful, marvelous, all-inclusive Triune God. When we enter into the Triune God completely, we have entered into the entire constitution of the New Jerusalem.

In Matthew 16:18 the Lord Jesus promised that He would build His church. In order for this to be realized, the church has to enter into a state where so many saints will have Christ making His home deep down in their heart so that their entire being would be saturated within with Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God, possessing and occupying every corner and every avenue of their entire being. This is the subjective experience of the Triune God and is the very mingling of the Triune God with His chosen and redeemed people. This is divinity mingled with humanity, the composition of the divine God with His redeemed people, which is termed the New Jerusalem...We have entered into the Triune God, and we are still entering...The more we enter, the more He deepens. Eventually, He gets into our inward being to such an extent that He has housed Himself in every corner and avenue of our entire being. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 3, "God's New Testament Economy," pp. 476-477)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1984, vol. 3, "God's New Testament Economy," ch. 39

Thursday 11/9

Related Verses

Eph. 3:17

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

1 Cor. 3:12

12 But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,

Gal. 4:19

19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

Col. 1:28-29

28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

2 Cor. 3:3-6

3 Since you are being manifested that you are a letter of Christ ministered by us, inscribed not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone but in tablets of hearts of flesh.

4 And such confidence we have through Christ toward God,

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God,

6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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One may be according to God's heart but still be empty, not having God wrought into his heart. In 2 Samuel 7 God seemed to be saying, "David, you are a man according to My heart, but you need Me to be wrought into your heart. You need Me to be built into your being to make you Me in life and in nature. It is not adequate for you to be according to My heart. You must be able to say, 'To me to live is God.'"

The fall of David illustrates the fact that even if we are a person according to God, if we do not have God wrought into us, we are no better than others...If we realize that God desires to work Himself into His chosen people and if we realize that this is what we all need, then the goal of our work will be to minister Christ to others so that the Triune God may build Himself into their being. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, p. 200)

Our work in the recovery today is to minister God to people. Yes, we need to save sinners and to feed the saints and perfect them. The crucial matter, however, is that we minister God to others. The God whom we minister is not just the building God—He is also the builded God. If we fail to minister God in this way, our work will be wood, grass, and stubble (1 Cor. 3:12).

I would ask you to reconsider the work you are doing for the Lord. Perhaps you have opened up a region or

have brought many people to God. But I ask you this question: How much of Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God has been wrought into those whom you have brought to God? If we are sincere and genuine, we will humble ourselves and confess that not very much of the Triune God has been wrought into the ones we have brought to God. Therefore, we need to practice one thing—to minister the processed Triune God into others so that He may build Himself into their inner man. In every aspect of our work—preaching the gospel, feeding the believers, perfecting the saints—the intrinsic element must be that we minister the building and build God to others. I would urge you to pray that the Lord would teach you to work in this way.

The processed Triune God is embodied in Christ and realized as the consummated Spirit. This is the God whom we worship, preach, and minister to others. Today He is building Himself into His redeemed people in order to produce a house with Himself as the element and also with something from their redeemed and uplifted humanity. This house is the church, the Body of Christ. This house is the enlargement, the expansion, of Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God realized as the Spirit. As we carry out the God-ordained way in the four steps of begetting, nourishing, perfecting, and building, our work must be based upon the processed Triune God, who is building Himself into His chosen people.

In 1 Corinthians 3:12 Paul says that there are two categories of building material—wood, grass, and stubble, which are human and worldly, and gold, silver, and precious stones, which are precious treasures and transformed materials. If we build the church with wood, grass, and stubble—with the attainments that come from our natural background or with the natural way of living—we will mar the church (v. 17). We should build the church with gold, silver, and precious stones, signifying respectively God, Christ, and the Spirit. To build the church with these materials is to build the church with the processed and consummated Triune God. When we build the church with the processed and consummated Triune God, it is not actually we who are building. Rather, God is building through us, using us as a means to dispense and transmit Himself into people. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 200-201, 162)

Further Reading: Life-study of Ephesians, msg. 33; Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, msg. 30

Friday 11/10

Related Verses

2 Sam. 7:1-5, 11-14

- 1 And as the king dwelt in his house and Jehovah gave him rest all around from all his enemies,
- 2 The king said to Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the Ark of God dwells within curtains.
- 3 And Nathan said to the king, All that is in your heart go and do, for Jehovah is with you.
- 4 And in that night the word of Jehovah came to Nathan, saying,
- 5 Go and say to My servant David, Thus says Jehovah, Is it you who will build Me a house for Me to dwell in?
- 11 Even since the time when I commanded that there be judges over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover Jehovah declares to you that Jehovah will make you a house.
- 12 When your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, which will come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 13 It is he who will build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
- 14 I will be his Father, and he will be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will strike him with the rod of men and with the stripes of the sons of men;

Rom. 1:3-4

- 3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,
- 4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;

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In 2 Samuel 7:12 God spoke of David's seed, and in verse 14a He said, "I will be his Father, and he will be My son."...These verses clearly unveil that a seed of man, that is, a son of a man, can become the Son of God. This implies that God's intention is to make Himself man in order to make man God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. Such an implication is exceedingly

great...The New Jerusalem, the ultimate consummation of the Bible, involves God becoming man and man becoming God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead, and God and man being mingled together to be one entity. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, p. 203)

The Bible reveals a wonderful, marvelous person—Jesus Christ, the God-man. This One is both the Son of God and the Son of Man. On one occasion when the Pharisees were gathered together, the Lord Jesus questioned them, saying, "What do you think concerning the Christ? Whose son is He?" (Matt. 22:41-42a). When they said to him "David's," He went on to say to them, "How then does David in spirit call Him Lord...? If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?" (vv. 43, 45). The Pharisees could not understand this, and they were not able to answer Him. Here the Lord Jesus was indicating that He, the son of David, was the Son of God—the very matter revealed in 2 Samuel 7:12-14a.

What is revealed in 2 Samuel 7 is expounded by Paul in Romans 1:3-4, where he tells us that Christ, a descendant of David, has been designated the Son of God...This is the mystery of God becoming man to make man God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead...In Christ God has been constituted into man, man has been constituted into God, and God and man have been mingled together to be one entity, which is called the God-man.

God in Christ is constituting Himself into man, making Himself the element of man. Thus, we human beings are constituted with a divine element. This means that a divine element is built into our human element, and the two elements are mingled with each other. Not only is God's divine element constituted into us—the human element is constituted into God. As the divine element is constituted into our humanity, we become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. As the human element is constituted into God, God becomes man. This is the building revealed in the New Testament.

Such a revelation should become a principle that governs our understanding of God and of God's building. When we talk about the building up of the church or

about the building up of the Body, we need to realize that this building is a constitution of the divine element into the human element and of the human element into the divine element. This building, therefore, is a constitution of the divine element and of the human element into each other. Such a constitution makes the divine element and the human element one entity. This is the building of the church, the building of the Body of Christ.

As we work for God today, we should participate in this building. This means that our work must be part of this mutual constitution. If our work is not related to this mutual constitution, then in the eyes of God our work is like wood, grass, and stubble (1 Cor. 3:12). But if our work is a part of this mutual constitution, God will regard our work as gold, silver, and precious stones, which will consummate in the New Jerusalem built with gold, pearl, and precious stones (Rev. 21:2, 11, 18-21). (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 204-206)

Further Reading: Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, msg. 28-31

Saturday 11/11

Related Verses

Rev. 21:2, 18-27

2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoptase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

24 And the nations will walk by its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.

25 And its gates shall by no means be shut by day, for there will be no night there.

26 And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

27 And anything common and he who makes an abomination and a lie shall by no means enter into it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Related Reading

The conclusion of the divine revelation in the Bible is a building, the New Jerusalem. This building is a blending and mingling of divinity with humanity. This is proved by the description of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21. Verse 3 refers to the New Jerusalem as “the tabernacle of God,” and verse 22 says, “I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.” The New Jerusalem as the tabernacle of God is for God to dwell in, and God and the Lamb as the temple are for the redeemed saints to dwell in. This indicates that the New Jerusalem will be a mutual dwelling place for God and man. Furthermore, this building is a composition of human beings. The gates are pearls inscribed with the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel (v. 12), and on the twelve foundations are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (v. 14). This indicates clearly that the New Jerusalem is a composition of the Triune God, who is the essence, center, and universality, and God's redeemed people. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 198-199)

The New Jerusalem is a composition of divinity and humanity blended and mingled together as one entity. All the components have the same life, nature, and constitution and thus are a corporate person...These two, God and man, man and God, are built up together by being blended and mingled together. This is the completion, the consummation, of God's building. We all need to see this vision. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, p. 199)

The New Jerusalem is [an] aspect of the divine building. We need to adorn and consummate the New Jerusalem with God the Father as its golden base, God

the Son as its pearl gates, and God the Spirit for its wall of precious stones by drinking the Spirit, the flowing Triune God, as the river of water of life and eating Christ, the overcoming Lion- Lamb, as the tree of life with His rich and fresh supply...Revelation 21:2 says that the New Jerusalem was “prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”...It is adorned with pure gold, pearls, and precious stones, that is, with the Triune God as the elements.

Paul says, “You are God's cultivated land, God's building.” (1 Cor. 3:9). Then in verse 10 he goes on to say, “According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he builds upon it.” What Paul meant was: “I have already laid a foundation; no one else needs to lay another foundation. All you have to do is to build upon that which has been laid. But you have to be careful. If you build upon the foundation with wood, grass, and stubble, you are marring God's building. You need to build with gold, silver, and precious stones.”

Today we are here not to destroy the Body of Christ; rather, we are adorning it. I dare not bring my flesh with me to build the New Jerusalem; that is to destroy the New Jerusalem. I dare not bring my opinions, my old “I,” my preferences, and my views to build the New Jerusalem. I simply want to be in fear and trembling to adorn the divine building with God the Father as the pure gold, God the Son as the pearl, and God the Spirit for the wall of precious stones. All of us must have this kind of attitude in our living. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 5, “How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations,” pp. 293-294)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 5, “How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations,” ch. 6

Lord's Day 11/12

Related Verses**Exo. 24:18**

18 And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up on the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exo. 25:1-9

1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Tell the children of Israel to take for Me a heave offering. From every man whose heart makes him willing you shall take My heave offering.

3 And this is the heave offering which you shall take from them: gold and silver and bronze,

4 And blue and purple and scarlet strands, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

5 And rams' skins dyed red, and porpoise skins, and acacia wood,

6 Oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense,

7 Onyx stones and stones to be set for the ephod and for the breastplate.

8 And let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst.

9 According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its utensils, even so you shall make it.

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *CWWL, 1984*, vol. 3, "God's New Testament Economy," ch. 39

Hymns, #972

1 Lo, the central thought of God
Is that He be one with man;
He to man is everything
That He might fulfill His plan.

2 Earthen vessel man was made—
Body, soul, and spirit too,
God as life that he may take
And with Him have oneness true.

3 By the flow of life divine,
Man becomes a precious stone
Fit for building God's abode,
That His glory might be known.

4 'Tis the city God hath built,
'Tis the dwelling God requires,
'Tis the new Jerusalem
Which fulfills His heart's desires.

5 'Tis the building of the saints,
'Tis the blend of God and man,
Purposed by the Father's will
Long before the world began.

6 In its center, as its pow'r,
Is the throne of Christ and God,
Whence doth flow the stream of life
As the Spirit's living flood.

7 Christ, the tree of life, is there
In the flowing of the stream,
Yielding fruit of life divine
As the food of life supreme.

8 God in Christ, the glorious light,
Thru the city brightly shines,
Scattering all the deathly night
With its light of life divine.

9 God in man and man in God
Mutual dwelling thus possess;
God the content is to man,
And the man doth God express.

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

Scripture: Rom. 12:1-21

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 56-57

Level 2—Romans Topical Study

Crucial Point: Knowing the Time and Today's Warfare

Scripture: Rom. 13:11-14

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 29

Supplemental Reading: None

Hymn: 887

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