#### "Builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" PART II

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God's elect come to believe that the greatest blessing we can receive in this life is to be able to identify with every fiery word of God, as we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in our heart (Rom\_10:9, Rom\_8:16, Rom\_8:9, Joh\_6:28-29) that God hath raised him from the dead (Luk\_17:21, Eph\_2:6), so we can be saved through His spirit which is building this habitation called the temple of God together (Joh\_16:7-8, Joh\_6:62-63).

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Without the spirit of God within us, this true confession and belief in our heart are not going to be possible. There may be a worldly repentance, an 'altar call confession', and a belief in Christ as the Jews of Jesus' day believed, but the real evidence of the Lord abiding within us is demonstrated when we are able endure through those things which God requires of us and we are not offended (Mat 24:10, Mat 11:6, Joh 6:54-61).

Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Mat 11:6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

Joh 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Joh 6:59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Joh 6:60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

Joh 6:61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

If the spirit of God is not within us, we will naturally be offended of those things that God asks of us, but if His spirit is within then these following verses will come to life and quicken us because they identify with His spirit within us that we are His children:

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will **reprove G1651** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Joh 6:62 *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

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Of uncertain affinity; to *confute*, *admonish*: - convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.

This reproving of "sin" and conviction of our need for His "righteousness" and "judgment" (*Joh 16:8 above*) upon us throughout this life is a gift given to us of God that happens as a result of the Comforter that he sends within our hearts to "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (Rom 2:4, Php 1:29, Isa 54:14, Rom 10:3, Php 3:9, Gal 2:20-21, Php 2:13).

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering;

not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

Isa 54:14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror;

Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Php 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

We no longer listen to the voices without that say "Lo here! or, lo there!", which words in (Luk\_17:21) signifies the many deceptive voices of Babylon [all the world especially the religious part the leaven of the Pharisees]. We don't listen because, and only because, God has raised us up (Eph\_2:6) through the faith of Christ to believe in the words of eternal life (Joh\_6:68), as we go from glory [obedience] to glory [obedience] in these marred vessels by the Spirit of the Lord (2Co\_3:18) which enables us to suffer and go through much tribulation (Act\_14:22) as we learn obedience by those things which we suffer (Heb\_5:8) to the end that we may inherit the kingdom (2Ti\_2:12, Rom\_8:18).

Luk 17:21 Neither shall they say, <u>Lo here! or, lo there!</u> for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Rom 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Act 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The building up together for an habitation of God through the Spirit is accomplished in God's children who are heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together as stated in (Rom\_8:17).

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; <u>if so be that we suffer with *him*</u>, that we may be also glorified together.

As God's children, as heirs <u>we are granted to believe unto righteousness</u>; and with the mouth we are granted to make confession unto salvation (Rom 10:10, Rom 2:4)

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Tonight we hope to look closely again in God's word to see how we are being built together for an habitation of God through the spirit (<u>Joh 6:63</u>, <u>Psa 127:1</u>), and what the spirit must do in tearing down the old and rebuilding the new man in Christ's body (<u>Mat 24:2</u>).

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

Psa 127:1 A Song of degrees for Solomon. Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Mat 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Whether God is tearing us down today with a severe trial that drives us to our wits' end, or whether we are on the other side of this equation seeing the increase that comes through this trial, or somewhere in-between (<u>Joh\_15:2</u>), it is all of the Lord who gives the increase or holds back the rain in our life, as we learn of His sovereignty through feast and famine (<u>Eph\_1:11</u>, <u>Php\_4:12</u>).

Joh 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Php 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Ultimately all the world will confess with their mouth and believe with their hearts that God

has raised Christ from the dead, both without in the person of Jesus Christ our saviour, (<u>Hos\_6:2</u>, <u>1Co\_15:4</u>) and within by way of the hope of glory which will first be witnessed through God's elect, who will be the means that God uses to shepherd the rest to the end or consummation of the ages when God will be all in all (<u>Oba\_1:21</u>, <u>Php\_2:10-11</u>, <u>Col\_1:27</u>, <u>1Co\_15:28</u>).

Oba 1:21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Hos 6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

Php 2:11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

1Co 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

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Psa\_5:5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Psa 5:6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

We know who God is talking about in these verses, and we rejoice that we can identify with this "bloody and deceitful man" who "the LORD will abhor" and require an accounting for all that is within him/us (<u>Luk\_11:50</u>).

Luk 11:50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

When we foolishly try to stand in God's sight through our own power, our flesh, we are as the workers of iniquity trying to take glory away from God, who alone can make us stand (Rev 6:17, Eph 6:11). We are shown very clearly through His word that we are not able to bear that light in our flesh (2Th 2:8) and see Him as we ought (Joh 9:41, Exo 3:6).

We are however accepted in the beloved (<u>Eph\_1:6</u>) and blessed today to come before Him boldly to obtain mercy, and find grace in time of need that burns away that veil and helps us believe and see Christ in every detail (<u>Heb\_4:16</u>, <u>Heb\_13:6</u>, <u>Mat\_27:51</u>, <u>Heb\_6:19</u>, *I saw* <u>Rev\_4:4</u>, *I beheld* <u>Rev\_7:9</u>, *I looked* <u>Rev\_14:14</u>).

It takes all the angels of God whose function is describe as holding "the four winds of the earth" and the progressive sealing of all the tribes of Israel within that lead up to verse 9 which says "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands"

Rev 4:4 And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats: and upon the seats <u>I</u> <u>saw</u> four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold

Rev 7:9 After this **I beheld**, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Rev 14:14 And **I looked**, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

The exercise that our flesh provides in this life is to show all of us His disdain for the workers of iniquity that abide in the corrupt vessels that we are blessed to overcome, as God gives us power little by little to seal all those nations within and purify us through a process of judgment.

He brings us to see that He is holy and will not tolerate that man of perdition on the throne of our hearts for even a second, because that is the man that speaks "leasing" and is a "bloody and deceitful man" who He is destroying by the brightness of His coming also expressed as sealing all the tribes of Israel within so that we can finally be part of the foundation described in symbolic terms as the 144,000 or the 12,000 X 12 tribes of Israel that all must be brought into subjection unto God if we are going to be amongst those who "stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Rev. 7:9).

## Psa 5:7 But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

In order to have all those tribes (<u>Jas 1:1</u>, <u>Rev 7:3</u>) sealed within us we need to "come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy" and with a broken and contrite spirit given of God (<u>Isa 66:2</u>) "worship toward thy holy temple".

Jas 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

We are going "toward thy holy temple" with a Godly fear ("thy fear" and "thy mercy" of this verse) knowing that it is the Lamb of God who is making this possible as God drags us to Him (Joh 6:44) and Christ then opens up those seals that would otherwise remain closed keeping

us in the darkness of this spiritually blind world that lies in wickedness (<u>Job\_14:17</u>, <u>Rev\_5:4-5</u>, <u>Joh\_6:27</u>, <u>1Jn\_5:19</u>).

Job 14:17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

Rev 5:4 And I wept much, because <u>no man</u> was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

1Jn 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

### Psa 5:8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

There are many different types of enemies. There can be the overt type in the flesh that hate us for various reasons, but there can also be the very subtle type of enemy who may not even realize that he or she is an enemy of the cross (<a href="Php\_3:18">Php\_3:18</a>). There is also the enemy of our own household (<a href="Mat\_10:36">Mat\_10:36</a>). The greatest enemy of "mine enemies" however that we face everyday is ourselves, and we are our own worse enemy when we don't realize this (<a href="Jas\_1:23">Jas\_1:23</a>), and this leads us to soon forget that nothing without can defile this temple, but what comes from within a man, this is what defiles us. The sin that always resides at our own door and wants to rule over us (<a href="Mat\_7:18-23">Mat\_7:18-23</a>, <a href="Luk\_11:24">Luk\_11:24</a>) is that God alone can and does "make thy way straight" and bless us to overcome in this age.

God will lead us, in his righteousness to witness to our enemies as He did with John the baptist in the wilderness (Mat\_3:3), but we also respond to those cries in our spiritual wilderness through repentance which is a gift of God given to us when He sends Nathan to us or the spirit of Elijah that convicts us of our sin in our members. Christ's body is changed even today as we hear the voice of the true Shepherd in the wilderness symbolized by John the baptist who tells us "make thy way straight before my face" (Col\_1:28).

Mat 3:3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

The straightness of our witness is very critical (*speaking to a certain lawyer who tempted Christ* Luk 10:25-27, 1Co 4:6) and shows us that we need the good Shepherd through this entire life to be our guide and deliverer who alone can "make thy way staight before my face".

Luk 10:25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

Luk 10:26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? Luk 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as

### Psa 5:9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

If we are granted to acknowledge that God is sovereign, and in control of the light and darkness which are the same to Him (<u>Isa\_45:7</u>, <u>Psa\_139:12</u>, <u>Psa\_33:14-15</u>), then we can be merciful to a world in darkness because we know that it is Him alone who allows us all to have that season where "*there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue". This old habitation is the one that must be torn down and rebuilt and (<u>Psa\_33:14-15</u>) reveals to us that God knows our form, and has made us this way so that we can be made anew in the Potter's hand (<u>Isa\_29:16</u>, <u>Jer\_18:6</u>).

Isa 29:16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

Jer 18:6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

Every bit of this is within us, and we are completely indebted to God for having put His faithful words into our mouth, with His power to overcome the wickedness in our inward part (Col\_1:27), and our throat, and our tongue; all parts of our body that needs the greatest spiritual control as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and overcome those things which defile from within (Mar\_7:20, Jas\_3:5-8).

Mar 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

Jas 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

Jas 3:6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

Jas 3:7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

Jas 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Jas 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom [Christ].

# Psa 5:10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

Our prayer is that God will deal with all those things within us that are not subject unto Christ yet, and that he will "Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels" so that we can be blessed to have His will, His counsel, being the only counsel that we listen to and obey in this life where "thy will be done".

If that is going to happen, God must bring us to acknowledge our multitude of transgressions and our fleshly condition which is naturally against the spirit of God (<u>Jas\_4:5</u>, <u>Rom\_8:7</u>, <u>Rom\_8:31</u>)

Jas 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who can be against us? Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

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Psa 5:12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Trust comes about by putting off our flesh (<u>Job\_13:15</u>, <u>1Co\_15:31</u>) which enables us to come boldly before the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (<u>Heb\_4:16</u>). The flesh has to be put out of the way through trials, otherwise we are as a wave of the sea [*flesh*] (<u>Jas\_1:6</u>) that is "driven with the wind and tossed" and not heard of the Lord yet still trying to come foolishly (*see our first verse of tonight - <u>Psa\_5:5</u>*) before Him not being a settled and mature sea of glass (<u>Rev\_15:2</u>).

Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

1Co 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Rev 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Favour will compass us about "as a shield" as we come to learn that God is our helper and that he is defending us and no one is going to lay any charge against God's elect (Rom\_8:33) who He has already determined to give His kingdom to and finish this work of faith through Christ (Luk\_12:32, Heb\_12:2).

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

Luk 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We will have joy in our hearts and the ability to "shout for joy" even when going through severe trials, if God is the one building us together for an habitation of God through the Spirit (Pro\_3:33-35, Joh\_6:27, Eph\_2:21-22).

Pro 3:33 The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: <u>but he blesseth the habitation of the just.</u>

Pro 3:34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

Pro 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: <u>for him hath God the Father sealed</u>.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are <u>builded together</u> ["sealed"] <u>for an habitation of God</u> through the Spirit.