

“Building God’s House”
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→ **God’s royal son Solomon built his Heavenly Father’s first earthly house.**

- ◆ The first temple was God’s dwelling place.
- ◆ It was a *magnificent* house.

→ **God’s royal, divine Son Jesus is building His Father’s eternal House.**

- ◆ The Father’s eternal dwelling place is the church.

1 Corinthians 3:16 - Do you not know that you [you altogether] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you [you altogether]?

1 Timothy 3:15 - but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

- ◆ King Jesus is the builder of God’s House.

Matthew 16:18 - And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

- ◆ King Jesus is also the central support of this ongoing project.

Ephesians 2:19-22 - ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- ◆ Christ’s house-building project also involves us as individuals.

John 14:23 - Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

- ◆ This project will be completed upon Christ’s triumphant return to our world.

1 Corinthians 15:28 - When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

- We (individually and corporately) will be God’s eternal home.
- That is the ultimate reversal of the Fall in the Garden of Eden.

→ **What should this mean for us?**

- ◆ It should increase our awareness of the value God has bestowed on us.

1 Peter 2:4-5a – ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house...

- We are living stones in God's eternal House!
- We are *far* more valuable than the precision cut stones of Solomon's temple.
- King Jesus has shaped, and will continue to shape, every believer into someone who benefits and supports His Father's House.

◆ It should adjust our priorities.

Haggai 1:9 - *You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.*

- King Jesus' house-building project is the most important thing going on in the world right now.
- Our personal endeavors should all be aimed at benefiting our Father's House (i.e. blessing the work and people of the church).

◆ It should fill us with great hope.

- King Jesus will not ruin God's House the way Solomon eventually did (see 1 Kings 6:11-13).
- The enemies of God's House will not overtake us because Jesus rules all things for the purpose of strengthening His church.

Ephesians 1:22 - *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.*