What House Are We Building For The Lord

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Acts 7:44-49

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

Writing Of The Bible

65-1121 — What House Will You Build Me? 7 I find this one of the great

moments of my visit to Tucson.

I come here because that I was led to come here. I come here because that the Holy Spirit, through a vision, sent me here. I know that might seem strange, maybe.

But He, as far as I know, anything that I know of God, I was sent by a vision to Tucson. I've wondered how I ever was sent to this desert place. And then here where there is...

8 Spiritually speaking, over the city, I don't know of any place that's any more spiritual dead, than in the city of Tucson. There is war between the churches. There is fusses between the congregations.

There is no unity, and everyone grabbing, and holding, and squeezing, and trying to get this one, and proselyting. It is a desert, spiritually speaking, also.

9 But then I read in the Bible, that where God called Moses away from his loved ones and all that was dear to him, and sent him into the wilderness, to write the Laws of the Bible.

That was the Old Testament, the first four Books, Genesis, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy, Exodus. He...I never said them just in routine, but that's four Books. That really is the Old Testament.

Because, the rest of It was what the prophets said, in the Psalms of David, and so forth, but the Chronicles of the kings. But this was the fundamentals of the Old Testament.

Was Moses wrote them after he was called from his homeland, where he had been born and brought up among his people, and was sent into the desert, to write this Book of the Old Testament.

10 Then I find that in the Book of the New Testament, where Paul, which is the author, or not the author, but the writer of the New Testament.

He also was drove out from among his people, and, by the Spirit, into Arabia, where he was three and a half years, to find the inspiration. And Paul is the chief writer of the New Testament.

Now, there is Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, but they were scribes that just wrote what Jesus said as they followed Him along. And, but, you take the Book to Timothy, and to the Romans, and to the Hebrews,

and so forth, Paul received inspiration to write the New Testament; taking all the Old Testament as a shadow, and setting it in order. And God honored it, and made it the New Testament.

11 And now if the Old Testament had to be drove from the...the writer had to be drove from his people, into the wilderness, to get inspiration to write the Old Testament.

And in the New Testament, the writer was drove by the Author, into a desert place, to get the inspiration to write the New Testament.

And the Books are sealed with Seven Seals; it would also require the same, I believe, in these days, to open those Seven Seals.

To leave what you hold dear, to what you cherish, and a little home that was given me by the people, and amongst all my people and friends, and a church that was flourishing, and had nothing lacking;

and to—to leave that, pull right away from it, and move away, out into a desert where you knew nobody, and everything against you.

65-1121 — What House Will You

Build Me?

12 But there is something about God, that He drives a man to do things that's beyond any thinking of his own, so it can be to the glory and honor of God. And I feel that, not self honor,

but I—I feel it a privilege that it was to leave everything that was called dear to me, to get here into this wilderness and suffer like I have never suffered in my life, here in this wilderness, or this desert.

But I believe, that in doing that and obeying what God commanded to be done, God has opened to us the mysteries of this last day. And we are here with this Message.

65-1121 — What House Will You Build Me? 16 We must look to the leading of the Holy Spirit. But one thing that troubled me in coming here, and to telling people,

"Well, you should not come," or, "You should come," that I leave up to each individual, the way God leads that individual to do. I think every one of us should do that, be led by the Spirit, on what to do.

Acts 7:46-49

- Found Favour Before God

The Lord That Dwells In The House

1 Kings 8:20

²⁰ And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

Solomon's Prayer

Solomon's Explanation Of The House Of The Lord

The Design Of The House Was Given To David. Solomon Built The House — There Was A Promise

1 Kings 8:30

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

So What House Shall We Build For The Lord Such That Lives And Dwells There?

We Shall Ask And It Shall Be Given To Us

Revelation 21:3

³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Building Is A Process

<u>57-0407M — God Keeps His</u>

Word

79 That's the reason I say...if the Church does not get Herself ready. That's your duty, to get ready. "The Bride has made Herself ready."

The garments is paid for. They're ready, but you must be ready to wear those garments. "The Church hath made Herself ready."

80 Now, brethren, listen. If the Church doesn't get ready, God is able of these stones to rise children unto Abraham. If this holiness people don't straighten themselves up,

and get back into the harness again, get back to the Gospel, God will raise up out of...He can bring Catholics, the Presbyterians, or whatever He wishes to. He will do it.

81 A few weeks ago, at Lima, Ohio. Many, some of you, are sitting here now, that was present. Amongst the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist, they streamed to the altar.

They received and responded to the Gospel, much better, much better than, many times, the holiness people does. We've just got it on our mind, that we are are called by His holy Name, and let it go like that.

It means more than to be called by His Name. It means to live for Him Who died for you. It's a life, a consecrated life to God. Oh, how we need, back to the Bible!

Put On The Garment

God Is Patient With Me - Keeps On Reminding Me Of My Place – Keep Pushing Me To The Word

When The House Is Complete

63-1028 — Pardon

108 Traditions in them days, the great prophet cried out, and he said, "Your traditions are powerless. They stink before Me.

Have no faith in them." The people was offering these offerings, without even having faith in what they're doing.

109 Now let's just ask ourself the question. Isn't that something like today? As bad as we hate to say it, we've got to face facts somewhere. There is something wrong somewhere.

110 Why, this Church ought to be a million miles up the road, to where it is now. Jesus is waiting on His Church to get ready. "His Bride has made herself ready." We got the potentials.

The Holy Spirit is here. God is here, the power to heal the sick, the power to do all the things that Christ did. I've seen it demonstrated, myself, by the Holy Spirit. So, the potentials are here.

111 What God is waiting for us to get away from, is our traditions, and come back under the Blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and become the Church of the living God. Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, whatever more,

"Whosoever will may come and take of the waters of Life freely." I believe that with all that's in me. We...God has sent down the Holy Spirit to do that.

We've Got The Power In The Name Of Jesus

~Power To Speak Healing ~Power To Speak And It Happens

We Have The Potential

In Order To Complete The House

65-1121 — What House Will You Build Me? 19 But I like his next words, "Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in houses that's made with hands." In another place over in Isaiah, he said,

"A body has Thou prepared Me; see, sacrifice and offerings, and buildings, and so forth, but a body has Thou prepared Me." Well, we realize that he was speaking then of the body where God tabernacled, in Christ.

20 But I believe today, that the inspiration that's come to—to Brother Green, to move here, him and Sister Green, giving up their place back in the east, also, to...back in Texas, to come here with...to start with nothing; just simply by an inspiration, feeling that they should do it. I appreciate men that will follow the leading of Christ, regardless of the cost it costs them.

62-0908 — Present Stage Of My Ministry 120 Letter comes all the time. One come the other day, said, "Brother Branham, I had the greatest of confidence in you,

but I heard you say that a certain denomination which I belong to was backsliding." Said, "I have no more confidence in you at all now, from now on."

Said, "There was about twenty-five of the brethren of my denomination setting in one of your meetings," said, "we just got—got right up and went off when you said that."

121 Well, all men has forsaken me, but there's one thing, He stood by me!...?...I'm not, I wasn't disobedient to the Heavenly vision that happened down there on the river.

I've stayed true to it. He's been true to me. I'm trusting in Him, someday, I don't know when, for a crowning of my ministry. I've stayed just as true as I could be.

I don't know what it'll be. I don't know when it'll be. And I, just when He's ready, I am. I don't care. I hope He will crown my ministry of this, of letting me take the clothes of the Word,

and dress His Bride in the clothe of the Word, and for His righteousness. I hope He will crown me, let me stand on that day, say, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

122 There's so many hills to climb upward, the strain, sometime it gets hard; but the One that points the pathway, knows just what's best.

He knows what's best. "The toils of the road will seem nothing, when we get to the end of the way." Let's hunt for that bloody footprint.

Just remember, friends, "The sands has been washed in the footprints of that Stranger on Galilee's shore; and that voice that subdued the rough billows, will be heard in Judaea no more.

But the path of that lone Galilean, so gladly I follow today; and the toil of the road will seem nothing, when I get to the end of the way."

What God Is Interested To See In This House -Character

63-0116 — The Evening

Messenger

244 Eliezer sweated it out, until he found character. That's right. Who would he get? And he trusted God. Character for what?

Character for Isaac, the bride, which the Church is type of. You know that. That was the natural seed of Abraham; this is the royal Seed of Abraham. Well, if Eliezer, the messenger hunting the bride and trying to find character,

if that man is come, a messenger of the last day, trying to find the Bride for Christ, he will not look for a denominational membership. He will look for character that's willing.

245 Watch! Good character first, then to get her ready to meet Isaac. After he found the character, then get her stand still long enough to listen to his message of Isaac.

246 That's the messenger of the last days, the evening Light, is first find that Church (where will they believe the Message?), hunt it.

Can you read what I'm talking about? Hunt where that Church is that'll even let you come in, that won't close the door in your face.

And then when you do there, then you've found character. Now if she will stand still long enough to tell her how that Bride's got to be dressed! She's got to be clothed. Stand still! If she could get...

Eliezer Never Looked At The Hardworking Lady — No-He Looked For Character

The Spirit That Was In Rebekah And Whether That Spirit Would Agree With That Of Isaac

Results Of The Right Character — God In His Church

61-0409 — Sirs, We Would See

<u>Jesus</u>

24 See, we are finite, we, I can say, something, I have to take it back, because I'm a man. The smartest of us has to take it back year after year.

25 Three hundred years ago, a French scientist proved that by rolling a ball over the globe, and said if—if the...

a—a person would ever, could be able to obtain the terrific power of thirty miles an hour, gravitation proved that he'd go off the earth.

26 Now, I tell you, science won't look back and say what they said, 'cause they're going about two thousand miles an hour now, and on the...staying on the ground at about four or five hundred miles an hour. See?

So they wouldn't look back to what they said. But yet, it was a scientific proof that they, some way, they rolled a ball around, and at that speed, they said thirty miles an hour it'd lift him up off the earth.

Now, I would...That's ridiculous today. So we find out, that in this, we have to...Them fellows were finite, that was the best they knowed how,

I would not condemn that man for that, that was the very best that he knowed how. But you see, he has to change their ideas now, because it wasn't right to begin with, but that can't be God.

John 5:24

²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

When The House Is Ready, The Spirit Of God Dwells There And Manifests The Word Of God

John 14:12

¹² Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

The Spirit That Was In Christ

65-1121 — What House Will You Build Me? 25 But we, as this group of people, we have a Message for this day. We, we believe that God has given us a Message.

And Brother Green, is, I don't want to call him my associate, because we are...Well, it is, also, my associate, we are together in this Message. Brother Green preaches the same thing and Message that I believe in.

He has left his home, he has left his people, he has left his church. He was, I believe, he was a district superintendent or something, of one of the organizations,

and give the whole thing up when he heard This. He left everything that was dear to him, also, to come to the desert, just to support what God is giving to us now.

65-1121 — What House Will

You Build Me?

27 I know that each one of you, if you feel like I do, I am so hungry to see the Spirit of God moving, I just can't hardly stand it.

Some experiences I've just had up in the mountain, just to feel that once again, that Something that when I was first saved was so glorious to my heart!

And we can come into a place, we can sit and we see it among us, that we are drying. As we sit here in the desert, I get among my brethren, they talk with me and I talk with them;

always, in a little way of watching, feeling out there with the Spirit, as it was, to see just the condition of that brother, to see what's wrong. I begin to feel us all reclining, getting away from the Spirit.

It's become too natural a thing to us. We must worship in the Spirit, where the Spirit of God...Not only our Message should be the flame of the hour, it should be the flame in our hearts. See?

It's got to be in our hearts, or we can't—we can't rightly present It to the people. The Spirit has to pack the Message, Itself. And I'm trusting and believing in every one of you, to be a real Christian.

65-1121 — What House Will You Build Me? 33 Now, as I've said before, Brother Green told me, and he said it.

My wife come, told me what he said when I was away. That, and he said this morning, "The pulpit was open at any time." Now usually...That's, open for me to speak.

65-1121 — What House Will You Build Me?

37 And we are a Body of Christ. So as we move from one building to another building, I believe, in bringing our Messages, and we'll come down and have healing services.

And anything the Lord reveals to us to do, we'll have it right here in the church, until it swells out so big you'll have to take it somewhere else, and somewhere else, until Jesus comes. God bless you. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

61-0112 — Questions And

Answers

109. How does one know their rightful position in the Body of Christ?