

THE PREPARED PLACE (Corporate Temple)

There are many places of significance in the scriptures that represent our pilgrimage with God. Many represent spiritual positions for us. They speak of our growth process in Christ. David went through three specific locations before he came to the fullness of his Kingship.

Cave of Adullam

1 Sam 22:1-5

David therefore departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam . So when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.

2 And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.

3 Then David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me."

4 So he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

5 Now the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go to the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

NKJV

- Place of small beginnings and independence. People of distress, discontent and debt gather
- Place of testing your grace capacity
- Place of leaving sentimental relationships

Hebron

2 Sam 5:3

3 Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron , and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

NKJV

1 Chron 11:1

Then all Israel came together to David at Hebron , saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh.

NKJV

- Place of covenant
- Place of accurate joining

Zion

2 Sam 5:7

7 Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David).

NKJV

2 Sam 5:10

10 So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

NKJV

- Place of dominion and rulership
- It is in this place that David was built a house for himself

2 Sam 5:11

11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house.

NKJV

This was David's personal house. It was his local house. But there was a house, temple, tabernacle that needed to be built for the nation to worship God.

God has a prepared place for His people. We are the tabernacles and the temples of God but together we are the House/Temple/Tabernacle of God.

Ex 23:20

"Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

NKJV

The Angel is the messenger of God. Jesus is the Angel that led and brought the people to the Promised Land. He is the pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day that brought the nation of Israel into the prepared place.

mal'ak

OT:4397 mal'ak (mal-awk'); from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher):

KJV - ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

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The Angel of the Lord (Pre Existent Christ)

David saw the Angel of the Lord when he wanted to stop the plague

1 Chron 21:16

16 Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

NKJV

Abraham heard the voice of the Angel of the Lord

Gen 22:11

11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, **"Here I am."**

NKJV

Jacob had a dream about the Angel of the Lord

Gen 31:11

11 Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, **'Here I am.'**

NKJV

Moses met the Angel of the Lord in the desert

Ex 3:2-4

2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

*4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "**Here I am.**"*

NKJV

Jesus is the Angel and the Messenger of the Covenant

Mal 3:1

*"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the **way** before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His **temple**, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.*

NKJV

Jesus prepared the way for us because He is the way. He came to His temple. Jesus did not come to a physical temple but He came to a corporate temple called His Body which is the church. The coming of the Lord is through His corporate temple.

Jesus **prepared a place** for us

John 14:1-6

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

*2 In My Father's **house** are many **mansions**; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.***

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

NKJV

In the Fathers **oikos** (family, household, home, temple) are many **mone** (abode, dwelling places, abide, stay, be present). We are the temple of God. We as the many temples make up the corporate temple in a prepared place called the cross. Jesus was going to the cross.

Jesus spoke of Himself as the temple

John 2:18-21

18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

NKJV

It is a third day people that will establish the corporate temple.

It was on the third day that Abraham found the place where he had to sacrifice Isaac and when the Angel of the Lord appeared to him.

Abraham had to find the prepared place to offer his son to the Lord.

Gen 22:2

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

NKJV

Moriah means "Seen of Jehovah"

It was foundation of the temple of Solomon. David bought the threshing floor of Ornan to erect the temple.

2 Chron 3:1

*Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on **Mount Moriah**, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the **threshing floor of Ornan** the Jebusite.*

NKJV

1 Chron 21:18-24

18 Therefore, the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 So David went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD.

20 Now Ornan turned and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat.

21 So David came to Ornan, and Ornan looked and saw David. And he went out from the threshing floor, and bowed before David with his face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, "Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the LORD. You shall grant it to me at the full price, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people."

23 But Ornan said to David, "Take it to yourself, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. Look, I also give you the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing implements for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering; I give it all."

24 Then King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing."

NKJV

Ornan – "strong". Foundation for the prepared place is strong. Jesus said:

Matt 7:24

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock :

NKJV

Matt 16:18

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

NKJV

1 Cor 10:4

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

NKJV

In order for Abraham to find the prepared place where the Lord would become His provider he did the following things:

1. HE WAS AVAILABLE

Gen 22:1

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "**Here I am.**"

NKJV

Many are unavailable for kingdom advancement and therefore have not located the Prepared Place.

Joseph was available

Gen 37:13

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am ."

NKJV

Joseph was willing to carry food to the brothers that hated him. When we say we are available we must be able to even go to the ones that hate us.

Moses was available

Ex 3:4

4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am ."

NKJV

Samuel was available

1 Sam 3:4-5

4 that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am !"

5 So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am , for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.

NKJV

Samuel was available to listen to an order that was fading and blind. His availability caused him to hear the true voice.

What makes us unavailable?

Luke 9:59-62

59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."

62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

NKJV

What makes us unavailable?

- Sickness
- Work
- Family commitments
- Studying
- Stress
- Domestic issues
- Functions
- Funerals
- Old Age

2 Sam 19:32-36

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old . And he had provided the king with supplies while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man.

33 And the king said to Barzillai, "Come across with me, and I will provide for you while you are with me in Jerusalem."

34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"

35 I am today eighty years old . Can I discern between the good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any longer the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be a further burden to my lord the king?

36 Your servant will go a little way across the Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me with such a reward?

NKJV

If we are unavailable we will not find the Prepared Place

2. FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS

Gen 22:2

2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

NKJV

In order to find the Prepared Place, we must follow instructions. Instructions may not make sense but when you obey as an intelligent hearer you will find the place where God will provide.

- Noah followed instructions and was saved from the storm
- Gideon followed instructions and overcame the Midianites
- Peter followed instructions and took a big catch

- Moses followed instructions to construct the tabernacle
- Timothy took instructions from Paul and became the beloved son
- Jesus took instructions from the Father

To follow instructions you must know who the instructor is and how God speaks.

Rev 2:7

7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

NKJV

What instructions must I follow?

- Obey your parents
- Give honour to whom honour is due
- Humble yourself
- Give and it shall be given to you
- It is more blessed to give than to receive
- Love one another as I have loved you
- Untie the donkey and the colt
- Pay to Ceasar what is Ceasar's
- Feed my sheep and lambs
- Follow me and I will make you fishes of men
- Eat my flesh and drink my blood
- Leave your father and mother

3. DON'T DELAY

Gen 22:3

*3 So Abraham **rose early** in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son;*

NKJV

When God speaks we must act immediately. Delay has consequences

Shechem did not delay to circumcise himself for Dinah

Gen 34:19

19 So the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob's daughter. He was more honorable than all the household of his father.

NKJV

Don't delay to pay vows

Deut 23:21

21 "When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you.

NKJV

Do not delay in the first fruit

Ex 22:29

29 "You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe produce and your juices. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.

NKJV

Do not delay to give God what is first.

What delays us?

- Lack of obedience
- Laziness
- Forgetfulness
- Lack of priority
- Wrong associations
- Getting late all the time

4. BE PREPARED

Gen 22:3

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

NKJV

Abraham had the wood ready for the burnt offering before he could go. Our unpreparedness will cause us not to find the prepared place. Wood is what is needed for the fire to burn. We must be prepared at all times so that the fire keeps burning.

God prepared a table for us

Ps 23:5

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

NKJV

God sent messengers to prepare the way

Mal 3:1

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NKJV

Jesus went to prepare a place for us

John 14:2

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

NKJV

Have a prepared offering

2 Cor 9:5

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

NKJV

What do we need to prepare for?

- Medical Emergencies
- Theft (Car & Household insurance)
- Overseas travel (Passports)
- Death (Funeral Cover)
- Retirement (Retirement Annuity)
- Education of our children (Education Policy)
- To service your car
- Marriage

Gen 22:4

*4 Then on the **third day** Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.*

NKJV

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WILL BUILD THE TEMPLE?

1.) PEOPLE WHO CAN DISCERN THE COMMAND OF THE LORD

1 Chron 22:6

6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

NKJV

This is a people who can discern the command of the Lord.

Charge - tsavah

OT:6680 tsavah (tsaw-vaw'); a primitive root; (intensively) to constitute, enjoin:

KJV - appoint, (for-) bid, (give a) charge, (give a, give in, send with) command (-er, -ment), send a messenger, put, (set) in order.

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Adam received a charge

Gen 2:16-17

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

KJV

Moses received the charge of the Lord

Deut 12:32

*32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.
KJV*

2.) PEOPLE OF REST

1 Chron 22:7-10

7 And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God;

8 but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.

9 Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

10 He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

NKJV

Rest is when you can leave your paneled house, synagogue, quarry to build the corporate temple.

Heb 4:9-10

9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

NKJV

Gen 2:2-3

2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (NKJ)

The rest of God is a 7th day position.

- RULE OF GOD
- ESTABLISHED IN GOD
- SEPARATED TO GOD
- TRIUMPHANT THROUGH GOD

3.) PEOPLE OF PEACE

1 Chron 22:9

9 Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

NKJV

Solomon means "peaceful"

Jesus came to guide us into peace

Luke 1:79

79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace ."

NKJV

Jesus disciples were instructed to find the Son of Peace

Luke 10:5-6

5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

NKJV

Luke 10:8

8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

NKJV

The city must be entered through a Son of Peace

Son - huios

NT:5207 huios (hwee-os'); apparently a primary word; a "son" (sometimes of animals), used very widely of immediate, remote or figuratively, kinship:

KJV - child, foal, son.

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It will take Sons (huios) to establish or build the Temple

Temple – Naos

NT:3485 naos (nah-os'); from a primary naio (to dwell); a fane, shrine, temple KJV - shrine, temple.

Comp NT:2411.

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Individual Believer

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

NKJV

Local Church

1 Cor 3:16-17

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

NKJV

Body of Christ

Eph 2:19-22

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

NKJV

New Jerusalem

Rev 21:22

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

NKJV

Perfect Man – Teleios

NT:5046 *teleios* (tel'-i-os); from NT:5056; complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with NT:3588) completeness:

KJV - of full age, man, perfect.

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Eph 4:13

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect** man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

KJV

Heb 9:11

11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, **by a greater and more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

KJV

The Son of Peace must build the temple of God in a city.

4.) PEOPLE WHO FUNCTION IN A FATHER/SON PRINCIPLE

1 Chron 22:10

10 He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

NKJV

Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem and came to the temple on the Donkey and the Colt

Matt 21:7-10

7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.

8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

NKJV

When we shift into the building of a corporate temple there is only one Heavenly Father over us all and we are His sons and daughters. We come into the understanding of the Family of God.

Leaders will be able to leave paneled houses to build the corporate temple because they have sons and not members. Sonship delivers a leader from local church red tape. He can be free to build the church in the city which is a facet of the corporate temple.

5.) PROSPERITY IS NEEDED TO BUILD THE TEMPLE

1 Chron 22:11

11 Now, my son, may the LORD be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the LORD your God, as He has said to you.

NKJV

In order for leaders to build the corporate temple, wealth is essential. The temple that David wanted to build was one of excellence.

1 Chron 22:5

5 Now David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death.

NKJV

A people who can give themselves to the building process of the corporate temple is a sign of prosperity.

6.) PEOPLE OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

1 Chron 22:12

12 Only may the LORD give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

NKJV

Wisdom builds the house

Prov 24:3-5

3 Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established;

4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;

NKJV

Wise woman saves the city (Abel of Beth Maachah)

2 Sam 20:16-19

16 Then a wise woman cried out from the city, "Hear, hear! Please say to Joab, 'Come nearby, that I may speak with you.'"

17 When he had come near to her, the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Hear the words of your maidservant." And he answered, "I am listening."

18 So she spoke, saying, "They used to talk in former times, saying, 'They shall surely seek guidance at Abel,' and so they would end disputes.

19 I am among the peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why would you swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?"

NKJV

2 Sam 20:22

22 Then the woman in her wisdom went to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. Then he blew a trumpet, and they withdrew from the city, every man to his tent. So Joab returned to the king at Jerusalem.

NKJV

Bezalel received wisdom and understanding to build the tabernacle

Ex 31:1-5

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,

5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

NKJV

Wisdom is a person (Jesus Christ)

Prov 8:12

12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion.

NKJV

7.) PEOPLE OF STRENGTH AND COURAGE

1 Chron 22:13

13 Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the LORD charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed.

NKJV

Joshua before he could lead the people to the prepared place was told to be strong

Josh 1:6

6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

NKJV

Ezra encouraged the people to be strong

Ezra 9:12

12 Now therefore, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever.'

NKJV

Zerubbabel encouraged to be strong

Hag 2:4

4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

NKJV

8.) PEOPLE WITH COMBINED SKILL

1 Chron 22:15-16

15 Moreover there are *workmen* with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of *skillful* men for every kind of work.

16 Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and the LORD be with you."

NKJV

Skillful people are needed for the establishment of the corporate temple. Theologians are needed to document the process. People of skill from the workplace to develop systems that would bring benefit to communities. Jesus had skillful people under His leadership to help promote the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Workmen - mela'kah

OT:4399 mela'kah (mel-aw-kaw'); from the same as OT:4397; properly, deputyship, i.e. ministry; generally, employment (never servile) or work (abstractly or concretely); also property (as the result of labor):

KJV - business, cattle, industrious, occupation, (+-pied), officer, thing (made), use, (manner of) work ([-man], -manship).

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The skillful messengers that God needs to build the corporate temple in any city are a people who have entered into His rest. These are a people who ended their works and entered the works of God.

Skillful (Cunning) - chakam

OT:2449 chakam (khaw-kam'); a primitive root, to be wise (in mind, word or act):

KJV - exceeding, teach wisdom, be (makeself, shewself) wise, deal (never so) wisely, make wiser.

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People who are wise in mind (thought), word (in speech) and in act (what they do).

9.) PEOPLE WHO HAVE A HIGH WORK ETHIC

1 Chron 22:14-16

14 *Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the LORD one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them.*

15 *Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work.*

16 *Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and the LORD be with you.*"

NKJV

God is looking for labourers

Matt 9:37-38

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

NKJV

Few - oligos

NT:3641 oligos (ol-ee'-gos); of uncertain affinity; puny (in extent, degree, number, duration or value); especially neuter (adverbial) somewhat:

KJV - almost, brief [-ly], few, (a) little, long, a season, short, small, a while.

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We need labors of stature to build the corporate temple. People who are not neutered. People who have seed.

We are one as laborers in the kingdom.

1 Cor 3:8-9

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor .

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

NKJV

10.) PEOPLE WHO ARE HELPERS

1 Chron 22:17

*17 David also commanded all the **leaders of Israel to help** Solomon his son, saying,*

NKJV

Leaders (princes) - sar

OT:8269 sar (sar); from OT:8323; a head person (of any rank or class):

KJV - captain (that had rule), chief (captain), general, governor, keeper, lord, ([-taskmaster, prince (-ipal), ruler, steward.

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Help - azar

OT:5826 `azar (aw-zar'); a primitive root; to surround, i.e. protect or aid:

KJV - help, succour.

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David had helpers in the war. We need helpers in the peace process.

1 Chron 12:1

12:1 Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

KJV

God needs a people who can leave their rank and come and give help to the building process of the corporate temple. David left his rank as king when the ark was coming into Jerusalem. He became undignified when the ark came to the Tabernacle of David.

11.) PEOPLE WHO KNOW, SERVE AND SEEK THE LORD

1 Chron 22:19

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God.

NKJV

1 Chron 28:9

9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

NKJV

To establish a corporate temple we need a people that know their God

Know - yada

OT:3045 yada` (yaw-dah'); a primitive root; to know (properly, to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively, instruction, designation, punishment, etc.) [as follow]:

KJV - acknowledge, acquaintance (-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, [un-] awares, can [-not], certainly, comprehend, consider, could they, **cunning**, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, familiar friend, famous, feel, can have, be [ig-] norant, instruct, kinsfolk, kinsman, (cause to let, make) know, (come to give, have, take) knowledge, have [knowledge], (be, make, make to be, makeself) known, be learned, lie by man, mark, perceive, privy to, prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, shew, can (man of) skill, be sure, of a surety, teach, (can) tell, understand, have [understanding], will be, wist, wit, wot.

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Intimacy

Gen 4:1

4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

KJV

Knowing God is about conceiving in the spirit the things He is saying

Joseph made himself known to his brothers

Gen 45:1

45:1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

KJV

Gen 45:10-11

10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.

11 There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine."

NKJV

The brothers never sought for Joseph they sought grain. They did not want to know if he was alive or dead. They wanted their felt needs met. They received that and much more without even knowing who he really was. When he made himself known to them they entered into the land of Goshen. They had great favour and protection.

Serve - `abad

OT:5647 `abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.:

KJV - be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man, bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ingself,), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper, (*Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.*)

Be a bondservant of the Lord. Till the ground like Adam. We must be in bondage to the Lord

Gen 2:15

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

KJV

Seek - darash

OT:1875 darash (daw-rash'); a primitive root; properly, to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically to worship:

KJV - ask, at all, care for, diligently, inquire, make inquisition, [necro-] mancer, question, require, search, seek [for, out], surely.

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We need to require and inquire of the Lord. David always inquired of the Lord.

We as individual temples must know, serve and seek the Lord for the corporate temple to be established.

12.) PEOPLE WHO ARE BUILDERS

1 Chron 22:19

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD."

NKJV

Sons - Ben

OT:1121 ben (bane); from OT:1129; a son (as a builder of the family name), in the widest sense (of literal and figurative relationship, including grandson, subject, nation, quality or condition, etc., [like OT:1, OT:251, etc.]):

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We need Holy Nation Builders, temple builders, corporate son builders. There is only one name that we can build upon. There is a only one foundation that we can build upon.

Christ is the builder of the church

Matt 16:18

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

NKJV

We can build tombs and not shape stones for the temple

Matt 23:29

29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

NKJV

Jesus is building the temple

John 2:19-21

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

KJV

We are the living stones being built up

1 Peter 2:5

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

KJV

Ps 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

NKJV

Keep or watchman - shamar

OT:8104 shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

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Song 5:7

7 The watchmen who went about the city found me. They struck me, they wounded me; The keepers of the walls Took my veil away from me.

NKJV

WHAT DOES THIS PREPARED PLACE (TEMPLE) PRODUCE?

1.) A UNIQUE SOUND IS EMITTED

2 Chron 9:1

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard questions, having a very great retinue, camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

NKJV

Fame - shama

OT:8085 shama` (shaw-mah'); a primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.):

KJV - attentively, call (gather) together, carefully, certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness

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The corporate temple releases a distinctive sound that attracts. The sound that Paul and Silas released in the prison was a distinctive sound that all the other prisoners listened to. Judah released a distinctive sound because all his brothers listened to him.

When there was a Feast celebrated at the Temple everyone would hear the sound and come to the temple. The sound of the trumpet would declare the year of jubilee. When Jesus who is the prepared

place shouted from the cross as the trumpet He became our jubilee. He became the "acceptable year of the Lord"

Sound from heaven

Acts 2:1-2

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

NKJV

Sound of many waters

Rev 1:15

15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

NKJV

Corporate sound of many waters

Rev 19:5-7

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

NKJV

2.) DABAR OF GOD

2 Chron 9:1

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard questions, having a very great retinue, camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

NKJV

2 Chron 9:1-2

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

KJV

Commune/Nothing hid - dabar

OT:1696 dabar (daw-bar'); a primitive root; perhaps properly, to arrange; but used figuratively (of words), to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue:

KJV - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties], utter, well, work. (*Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.*)

Solomon through his words was re-arranging the life of the Queen of Sheba. We as the corporate temple must re-arrange the lives of governments with a single word. Our pronouncements and commandments must bring great change. This will happen when the corporate temple is established.

Acts 5:19-21

19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

*20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the **words** of this life."*

21 And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught.

NKJV

The apostles released the "rhema" in the temple

3.) WISDOM IS SEEN

1 Kings 10:4

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,

NKJV

Matt 12:42

42 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

NKJV

Jesus is the wisdom in us that must be seen. This is when the word becomes flesh. When revelation becomes implementation. When the talk becomes the walk. When the messenger and the message become one. When heaven and earth meet in one place.

Jesus became wisdom as a 12 year old boy in the temple.

Luke 2:46-47

46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple , sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

NKJV

4.) MEAT OF GOD'S WORD

2 Chron 9:4

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

KJV

Diet within the temple is strong meat. It is for those that have discerned the sound and need to hear the command of the Lord

Heb 5:14

4 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

KJV

Full of age – teleios – perfect man, grown man

Meat is for those that have grown in God. Sons that have discerned what the spirit is saying and are willing to eat the meat of God's word.

5.) PLACE OF COVENANT

2 Chron 9:4

4 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers and their apparel, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

NKJV

Seating – yadab – dwelling, settle, marry

People who are in covenant with the Lord will enter this place. They abide in His word and His word abides in them. They will seek this place of daily gatherings. Our abiding relationship with the Lord causes us to settle and marry each other.

God's Word is His abiding place

John 8:31-32

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

NKJV

God abides with us through His spirit

John 14:16

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever

NKJV

Abide in the doctrine of Christ

2 John 9

9 *Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.*

NKJV

6.) UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL RANKING

2 Chron 9:4

4 *And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.*

KJV

When the corporate temple is established spiritually ranking will also be understood

1 Cor 12:28

28 *And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.*

NKJV

There is one father over us all which is our heavenly Father. In His Kingdom there is ranking because of grace allotment. Each one of us is given a measure of grace.

Cherubim's that guard the garden. They cover the mercy seat in Solomon's temple. Seraphims are angelic beings that minister to the Lord.

There is also ranking within the church. We are all sons of the kingdom but there is a ranking to keep order within the church.

7.) CLOTHE WITH HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Chron 9:4

4 *And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.*

KJV

The temple must produce a righteous people. They are clothe with righteousness. They have been through the 4 garments of Joseph. Their linen clothed with purple robes. Your righteousness is your pathway to kingship.

Solomon was peaceful

Zadok order was his priesthood meaning righteousness

They were after the order of Mechizedek. We need to see a corporate temple arise after the order of Melchizedek who is Jesus Christ Himself.

Heb 7:1-2

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

NKJV

8.) POURED OUT CUP/CUP OF SUFFERING

2 Chron 9:4

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

KJV

This is the butler that has been restored and now brings Joseph into power. This is Nehemiah who recognizes the need to build the walls of Jerusalem. This is Joseph's silver cup found in Benjamin's sack that will bring restoration to the family of Israel. This is the cup that Jesus partook of as the cup of suffering. This is the poured out drink offering that Paul became because he labored till Christ was formed in the gentiles. The corporate temple must produce a cupbearer who only carries the one who is the cup Jesus Christ.

9.) PLACE OF ASCENT

2 Chron 9:4

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

KJV

Produces a people who descending and ascending on the ladder of God to decode things from above. People who understand the secret of the ascended life. Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

Gen 28:12

12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

NKJV

John 1:51

51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

NKJV

The local church must have an entry way to the corporate temple. The church must be involved in the Body of Christ which is the corporate temple

10.) PLACE OF JOY

2 Chron 9:7

7 Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

KJV

Produces a people that are blessed. Joy is found in them. This a place where the kingdom of God manifests.

Rom 14:17

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

NKJV