

## BUILDING ACCORDING TO PATTERN

- I. 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.
- A. As we look at the Tabernacle of Moses & Temple of Solomon we discover that unless they were built according to **God's Pattern, Heavenly Vision, the Word of God**
- God's presence would not inhabit the "HOUSE"
    - The same spiritual principles apply today to building a "Spiritual House"
      - (1) be it the life of a Believer / who is the Temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor 3:16
      - (2) or building a Corporate House / local church / Ministry
    - Whenever God desires to do a work upon the earth, He never calls nor anoints a committee
      - Rather: God **always calls and anoints an individual**
    - Then God gives His chosen vessel a Heavenly Vision, a Pattern found in God's word by which to build**
      - Only when man builds according to the Heavenly Vision, & Biblical pattern will God fill the "house" with His glory
- B. Ex 25:8-9 & Heb 8:5 READ
- The "HOUSE" is not meant for just attracting people to gather & worship in
    - The primary purpose for building the "HOUSE" is for attracting God's presence / glory**
  - The above verses teach us that God desires to dwell among His people: but note the requirements for attracting God's presence:
    - Must have a Heavenly Vision / not a made vision**
      - (1) Ex 25:9 "according to all that I (God) show you"
      - (2) Heb 8:5 "Moses was divinely instructed"
    - Must build the "house" according to Biblical Pattern:**
      - (1) Ex 25:9 "The pattern of the tabernacle"
      - (2) Heb 8:5 "according to the pattern shown you"
- C. In order for a man / woman of God to receive a Heavenly Vision & revelation of a Biblical Pattern by which they are to build the "House"
- They must get alone with God and seek His face:**
    - Ex 25:30 "pattern which you were shown on the mountain"
  - Once the Heavenly Vision / Biblical pattern is received:
    - You cannot allow any one nor any circumstances to get you to change the pattern God has instructed you to build**
      - (1) Because the Heavenly Vision for the "HOUSE" goes beyond: seasons & circumstances
      - (2) The Heavenly Vision / Pattern / The Word of God is relevant to all generations
- II. It is important to develop **Body Ministry** because no Pastor can do what God has called them to do on their own:
- A. Moses nor Solomon had all the talent, gifting, and anointing needed to build the "house"
- some were anointed to work with gold & silver, another had talents for sewing, another worked with dyes, etc
    - but their gifting and anointing did not give them the authority to change the Pattern God gave to Moses by which to build the "house"
- B. **Moses applied three Keys to keep those involved in ministry building according to the Heavenly Vision / Pattern: Ex 39:42-43 READ**
- INSTRUCTION:** VS 42 "According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work"
    - Moses would teach the Word of God / Preach his Vision
    - the children of Israel caught the Pastor's Vision & began to build the "house" / do the work of the ministry
  - INSPECTION:** VS 43 "Then Moses looked over the work"

- a. no one was doing their own thing.... They all were building according to the **"PATTERN"** God had given Moses
  - (1) The church is not to be used as a platform for people to do their own thing, not to be used as a stepping stone for personal ambitions
- b. EXAMPLE: Every Pastor must hear the "sound from heaven" that stirs the anointing & releases the Gifts of the Spirit into operation within the house
  - (1) The Pastor is to train the Praise & Worship Leader and Praise Team to hear and produce that same sound
  - (2) **2 Kings 3:15** READ .... Note the music activated the anointing in the man of God
- 3. Once Israel obeyed the Instruction and passes the Inspection, Moses **"IMPARTED A BLESSING"** VS 43
  - A. "Indeed they had done it as The Lord had commanded, just so had done it. And Moses blessed them"
- 4. **Look at the results of Building according to the Heavenly Vision & Biblical Pattern"**
  - a. Ex 40:34-35 .....**"THE GLORY OF THE Lord filled the tabernacle"**
    - (1) we can experience the glory of God today, if we are willing to Build according to the Heavenly Vision & Biblical pattern, for both The House of God: Local Church & the House of God: life of the Born Again Believer

**III. To build according to Heavenly Vision & biblical Pattern requires a strong commitment to seeking God's face in PRAYER & intense study of the SCRIPTURES:**

- A. King David made the mistake of attempting to build according to the **world's pattern:**
  - 1. 1 Chron 13:3 READ
    - a. In all the days Saul was king, he made no attempt to bring the Ark of the Covenant (type of the manifest presence of God) into their midst
    - b. Saul learned to reign as a king without the presence of God
      - (1) The Born Again believer has been made a "king" thru the Blood of Jesus (Rev 1:6 & 5:10) & is to reign in life (Rom 5:17)
      - (a) But many Christians have developed the **"Saul spirit"** by attempting to live for Jesus without God's presence in their life
      - (b) Many Churches also have the **"Saul spirit"** and attempt to do ministry without God's presence
    - c. The first thing King David did when he became king was to bring the Ark of the Covenant (manifest presence of God) into his midst
      - (1) David basically said I cannot live for God nor reign as a King without God presence in my midst
  - 2. But **King David made a mistake** many churches, leaders, and believers are making today: He attempted to bring the Ark of the Covenant (manifest presence of God) into his midst by building a **"NEW CART"** / copied a **"worldly pattern"** 1 Chron 13:7-12 READ
    - a. David copied the of the world / pattern the Philistines used when they had captured the Ark of the Covenant & then built a **"new cart"** when sending it back to Israel (1 Sam 6:7)
    - b. the results then are still the same results we see today: "The oxen stumble" and death manifests instead if God's blessing
  - 3. The Church, it's leaders and all Born Again Believers must do as King David did: **GO BACK TO THE PATTERN / WORD OF GOD**
    - a. 1 Chron 15:13 READ .....note: **"DUE ORDER"**
- B. Remember Heavenly Visions & Biblical Patterns are **GENERATIONAL: keys why Solomon was successful in building the HOUSE / TEMPLE**
  - 1. 1 Chron 28:19 READ note: **"PLANS"**
    - a. David first seen the temple in the spirit realm, had a heavenly vision / given a Pattern by which to build the "HOUSE" that the Spirit of God would inhabit
      - (1) 1 Chron 28:11 "Then David gave his **son** Solomon the plans"
        - (a) The biblical pattern is to give you pattern to your sons.... Not strangers
        - (b) Solomon then built according to the heavenly vision & Biblical pattern that just his natural father

gave to him.... But David was also his **Spiritual Father**

(2) Look at the results: 2 Chron 5:14 “the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God”

IV. Take a moment to look at: Your personal life, local church, your ministry

A. Are you building according to the Heavenly Vision & Biblical pattern

1. Or have you copied a pattern from the traditions of man

2. or worse yet, copied the pattern of the world

a. and instead of seeing the Abundant Life Jesus promises:

(1) you experience: defeat, and death

B. Time to return to The Patterns in the Word of God that teach us:

1. How a Christian is to live

2. And teaches us how to do ministry & build a House: the life of a believer or a local church

a. build a house that God’s glory will inhabit