

BUILDING GOD A HOUSE

(A Multi-generational Vision)

Ps. 18:24-26; II Samuel 7:1-3

1. A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

1. Vision represents hope.
2. Without vision, we perish.
3. What is your vision? What are our goals? What is purpose in life?
4. If success and lose your children, not really a success.
5. God is a multi-generational God.
 1. God identified Himself as the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.
 2. Abraham did not see vision in his lifetime--could count all his kids while still alive.
 3. "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."
6. How we respond to God is how He will respond to us (Ps. 18:24-26)

"Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; with the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward."

2. DAVID'S DESIRE TO BUILD THE LORD A HOUSE.

1. How do we build God a house?
2. Building God a spiritual habitation.
 1. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God...In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit"(Eph. 2:19,22).
 2. "And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant...But Christ as a

son over his own house; whose house are we..."

3. Solomon built a natural house, which at that time housed the glory of God.

3. "I WILL BUILD YOU A HOUSE."

1. God's promise to build a house was to establish a blessed or favored generation.

1. (II Sam. 8:12) - *"And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom."*

2. Ps. 112:1-4

1. *"Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord that delighteth greatly in his commandment.*

2. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3. Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth forever."

2. God's desire to establish a righteous generation.

1. Replenishing the earth with a righteous seed.

2. To establish godly lineages.

3. Jesus's plight (Is. 53:8)

1. *"Who shall declare his generation?"*

2. "He was cut off from the land of the living."

3. "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin...he shall see his seed...he shall prolong his days."

4. Prolonging our days through our children.

1. Our children building upon what we have established; not having to start all over again."

2. Our children inheriting a godly heritage; not carrying reproach of past generations.

4. SEED BLESSED FOR DAVID'S SAKE.
 1. I Kings 11:9-13 - Solomon.
 1. Lord angry with Solomon for going after other gods.
 2. Will rend kingdom.
 3. For David's sake:
 1. Not in Solomon's lifetime.
 2. Then only partially.
 2. I Kings 15:4 - Abijah.
 1. Walked in all the sins of his father...heart not perfect...as the heart of David his father.
 2. Nevertheless for David's sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him...
 3. "I should have been killed." "I don't know why I was spared."
 1. America favored because of forefathers.
 2. Great Britain in World War II should have been annihilated.
 3. II Kings 8 - Jehoram.
 1. Did evil
 2. "Yet the Lord would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light, and to his children."
 4. I Kings 19 - Hezekiah.
 1. Faced with possible attack from Assyrian army.
 2. V. 34 - *"For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake (185,000 slain by angel of God).*
 3. 20:6 - And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake."

5. THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN.
 1. Built God a house (by building a room for prophet Elijah).
 2. What can I do for you?
 1. Build me a house.
 2. I have no son.
 3. God will build us a house if he has to raise it from the dead!
 1. Abraham and Isaac.
 2. Children may for all purposes be dead--away from God; rebellious; on drugs; in jail.

6. HAPPY IS THE PEOPLE WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD (Ps. 144:12-15).
 1. Children blessed.
 1. "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth.
 2. That our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.
 2. Prosperity.
 1. That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store.
 2. That our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets.
 3. That our oxen may be strong to labour.
 3. Safety and tranquility.
 1. That there be no breaking in, nor going out.
 2. That there be no complaining in our streets.
 4. Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.