God is Building His House with His People

**From II Cor. 6:14-7:1** Paul is taking many messages from the written Word of God and building them all into one message.

2Cor. 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; **as God hath said**, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1. **It is “as God hath said”**
   1. **It is the Word of God.**
   2. **It is God’s Holy Word.**
   3. **It is the infallible Word of God**
   4. **It is the unadulterated Word of God**
   5. **It is the Pure Word of God.**
   6. **It is the Tested, Tried and Proven Word of God.**

Gen. 17:8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and **I will be their God**.

Ex 6:7 And I will take you to me for a people, and **I will be to you a God**: and ye shall know that **I am the LORD your God**, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

29:45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their **God.**

46 And they shall know that **I am the LORD their God**, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: **I am the LORD their God.**

Lev. 26:12 And I will walk among you, and **will be your God**, and ye shall be my people.

Deut. 4:20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Jer. 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and **I will be your God**, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

11:4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and **I will be your God**:

24:7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that **I am the LORD**: and they shall be my people, and **I will be their God**: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

30:22 And ye shall be my people, and **I will be your God.**

31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and **will be their God**, and they shall be my people.

32:38 And they shall be my people, and **I will be their God:**

39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

2Cor. 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

1. The Call to Separation
2. Why separation is needed.
   1. We are the Temple of the living God.
   2. For fellowship with a Holy God.
3. Separation is a command.
   1. “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,
   2. “touch not the unclean thing”
4. Separation has Promises

* I will receive you
* will be a Father unto you
* ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty

1. The Conditions of Holiness
2. The Secrets of strength revealed from the promises.
   1. Residence—“I will dwell in them”
   2. Active— “I will walk in them”
   3. Sovereign— “I will be their God”
3. The Methods by which we enter into these promises are revealed.
   1. Owned—“They shall be my people”
   2. Accepted—“I will receive you”
   3. Fathered—“will be a Father unto you”
4. The Characteristics of Perfecting Holiness
   1. The areas that need Perfection
      1. The flesh
      2. The spirit
   2. The nature of Perfection
      1. It is Progressive from one stage to the next.
      2. It demands effort. “Let us cleanse ourselves”
      3. It requires responsibility
   3. The motivation to Perfection.
      1. The Promises God
      2. The Fear of God

Jerusalem Is A Type Of The Believer

Zechariah 8:8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and **I will be their God**, in truth and in righteousness.

II Cor. 6:16 "Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

1. A city of truth - vs. 3

"And Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth." No longer full of lies, deceit and infidelity.

vs. 16 "These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour: execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:"

vs. 17 "And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD”

The believer is to be truthful. Eph. 4:25; 6:14

Proverbs 12:19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

2. A city of faithfulness

Isaiah 1:26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, **the faithful city**.

The believer is to be faithful - Matt. 24:45 I Cor. 4:2 Rev. 2:10 Rev. 17:14

3. A city of holiness – Isaiah 1:26 “city of Righteousness” “**the Holy mountain**” Zech. 8:3

Zec 8:3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

"Jerusalem shall be called...the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain."

Psalm 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Isaiah 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

The believer is to be holy -

Luke 1:74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

1Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

2Peter 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2Cor. 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

A Godly Messenger with a Absolute Surrendered Heart

* Not surrendering messages to God Not surrendering God for messengers
* Not surrendering your heart just to a message

Not surrendering your heart to merely a messenger

Ezek. 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and **they shall be my people, and I will be their God.**

1. “**One Heart**” (centered in Christ) surrendered to obey all God’s Grace.
   1. One that is capable of receiving and retaining God’s gifts.
      1. “**give them**” a gift “of like precious faith”

Divinely Gifted with Salvation, Eternal life, earnest to the Fullness of the gifts of the Holy Ghost

* 1. One that is capable of understanding and declaring God’s Will.

Ezek. 11:19 And I **will** give them one heart, and I **will** put a new spirit within you; and I **will** take the stony heart out of their flesh, and **will** give them an heart of flesh:

* 1. One that surrenders to all his dealings
     1. I **will** give them one heart,
     2. I **will** put a new spirit within you
     3. I **will** take the stony heart out of their flesh
     4. **will** give them an heart of flesh:

1. “A **New** Spirit within you” A spirit renewed in righteousness and true Holiness

**“New”**—To be new, **fresh, new thing, to rebuild, repair**

**(**new,rebuilt, restored by the Lord)

* 1. Imputed Righteousness—gift by believing
  2. Imparted Righteousness—gift through faith to faith

1. **An Heart of Flesh** that stays surrendered to the Lord

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

1. The stony heart can’t surrender but a heart of flesh can and must or it will harden again.

The heart of flesh must be absolutely surrendered to the heart of God

and to His people for one heart with a new spirit.

Mixing wickedness with Righteousness, THEY DO NOT MIX

2Cor. 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2Cor. 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

1Cor. 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

2Cor. 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

Proverbs 6:26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

* This expression of “fire in his bosom” is taken from the thought that a harlot was hired,
  + The harlot was hired for “a piece of bread” but she took his “precious life”
  + She got his bread and she got his life.
  + He not only lost his bread(daily substance)—He lost his “precious life”
    - It cost him his virtue
    - It cost him his valor
    - It cost him his victory
    - It cost him everything
      * The fire of sin consumes your whole life
      * The fire of sin effects everything it touches.

Who can touch fire and not be hurt by it?

Who can touch pitch, and not be defiled by it?

Who can touch glue, Gorrilla glue, air plane glue, underlayment adhesive, liquid nail, wet paint?

Who can touch Black roofing Tar and not get it on everything you touch?

Who can touch sin and not be destroyed?

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.