

The Lord Must Build His House...But With Your Help
Psalm 127:1; Heb. 3:4

Introduction

1. The Lord's house has existed from the foundations of the world. It existed in heaven before the world was, and in many places God has made a dwelling place for Himself throughout time on earth (Garden of Eden, Tabernacle, Temple, even in His Son Jesus Christ)
2. What house is God building to dwell within today? How is He building that house? Where do we fit in to His plans for the work? Let us not only determine what house belongs to the Lord, but also discover what it means for God to build a house for Himself and have us involved in the work of building that house.
3. Often times the church is pictured as a building project that can either be successful by the labor of many faithful followers of God or can be hindered and destroyed by the work of the devil and those who live unfaithfully before God (I Cor. 3:4-17).
4. As this congregation is being established, we need to prepare those of our number who will continue in this work to be strong and determined to see the project of building the Lord's house unto its completion
5. Who will take part in the building up of the church here? Who will put forth a helping hand to do their share of the continued work of building this congregation to become what God wants this church to be?

I. The Lord Is Building The Church As His House (Read I Tim. 3:14-15)

A. We are the house of God, we are God's building

1. We are the establishment in which God seeks to dwell. How are we doing in preparing a dwelling place for the Lord? (Read I Cor. 3:9)
2. Even though the Lord is the builder, we all help him build on the foundation of His Son and the apostles and prophets. (Eph. 2:19-22)
3. Ever since the church has been established, it has been called the household of God or of faith (Read Gal. 6:8-10; Heb. 3:1-6)

B. We need to be careful how we build God's house.

1. Paul warned brethren to be careful how they would build on the foundation that was already laid (I Cor. 3:10-16)
2. Since the Lord is the builder of the house, He is the one who has issued the Divine blueprint that we must use to assure a solid strong structure (See Luke 6:46-49)
3. The above principles for building apply when helping to establish the local church of the Lord.
4. Paul often referred to the building up of the church (Rom. 14:19)
5. We build ourselves on the principles of the most holy faith (Jude vs.17-21)

II. The Lord needs our help in building the church as His house (Eph 4:11-16)

A. The Lord's house is being built by those who labor in the body of Christ today.
(Rev. 3:11-13)

1. Although we are not rebuilding a physical city after it has been destroyed, we need to learn from the story of Nehemiah and help the Lord build the new Jerusalem.

- We need men and women of prayer (Neh. 1)
- We need men and women of vision (Neh. 2:4-5)
- We need men and women of dedicated service (Neh. 2:16-20)
- We need men and women of unity (Neh. 3; see esp. vs.12)
- We need men and women of endurance (Neh. 4:1-6; 11-17)
- We need men and women of faithfulness (Neh. 4:18-23)
- We need men and women of repentance (Neh. 5:1-2, 6, 9-13, 16)
- We need men and women of priority (Neh. 6:1-4, 8-9, 15-16)

2. It is only after we commit ourselves to these things that we will see the desired results of growth in the church and all glory going to God (Neh. 8:1-8). The obedience and faithfulness of the multitudes are the natural results of dedication to serving the Lord (See Neh. 8:13-17; 13:1-3).

3. We need to learn to avoid evil and work together to build up the body of Christ.
(I Peter 4:15-19)

Conclusion

1. Are you actively working to help build up the church of our Lord Jesus Christ?
2. Can you be of service to others and help them to make the church what the Lord intended for it to be?
3. If you are not a part of the Lord's church today, we would like to assist you in becoming a Christian today.
4. Remember that Jesus is calling His people (spiritual Israel) home one day (to New Jerusalem). Will you be found a faithful worker for the Lord?