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**
   1. God’s presence would not inhabit the “HOUSE”
      a. 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
   2. Whenever God desires to do a work upon the earth, He never calls nor anoints a committee
      a. Rather: God **always calls and anoints an individual**
   3. **Then God gives His chosen vessel a Heavenly Vision, a Pattern found in God’s word by which to build**
      a. 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**
   1. The “HOUSE” is not meant for just attracting people to gather & worship in
      a. The **primary purpose for building the “HOUSE” is for attracting God’s presence / glory**
   2. The above verses teach us that God desires to dwell among His people: but note the requirements for attracting God’s presence:
      a. **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”
      b. **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”
      1. **They must get alone with God and seek His face:**
         a. ExEx6:30 “pattern which you were shown on the mountain”
      2. Once the Heavenly Vision / Biblical pattern is received:
         a. **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”
         1. some were anointed to work with gold & silver, another had talents for sewing, another worked with dyes, etc
         a. 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**
         1. **INSTRUCTION:** VS 42 “According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work”
            a. Moses would teach the Word of God / Preach his Vision
            b. the children of Israel caught the Pastor’s Vision & began to build the “house” / do the work of the ministry
         2. **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