

BUILDERS

Matthew 16:17-18 KJV

[17] And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. [18] And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

I. "I (JESUS) WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

A. **DEF BUILD:**

1. Construct, be a house builder, edifying

a. The Church / House of God

(1) referring to the Born Again assembly of believers of the Body of Christ:

(A) Both universally throughout the world

(A) and the Local Church

(B) as well as the individual Born Again Believer:

(1) 1 Cor 3:16 "Know ye not that ye are the temple / House of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

B. The **nature of Satan** is revealed in Jn. 10:10: steals, kills & destroys

1. But the **nature of Jesus** is also revealed in Jn 10:10 & Jesus is a BUILDER ... He Gives us Abundant Life:

A. The Abundant Life is experienced as Jesus builds His church

a. Jesus desires to build the universal & local church

b. Jesus desires to build your life

(1) You cannot build Your life and experience Abundant Life without participating in the building both:

(A) the building of the local church & the building of your life

C. The nature of Jesus is to be developed in every Born Again, Spirit Filled Believer:

1. 2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature,**"

a. Through the power of the New Birth:

Power of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Power of the Word of God

(1) operating in our life we become "partakers of the divine nature"

(2) We go from a sin nature to a godly nature

(3) We are to become like Jesus ... **We are to become Builders**

(A) **We are to build our life:**

(1) our walk with God, home, family, career, finances, health,

(B) **We build to the church:**

(1) By our involvement in The ministry we are graced for, that In turn ministers to the lives of people ... causing us to become **people builders**

D. This building process for partaking of Abundant Life is a joint effort Between God & the believer:

1. 1 Corinthians 3:9-10

[9] **For we are labourers together with God:** ye are God's husbandry, **ye are God's building.**

[10] According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. [11] For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

a. **"For ye are laborourers with God"**

(1) it is not just up to God ... We each have a vital part in

building The House of God: ... Our life & local church

2. Proverbs 9:1 'Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

a. Do you know how to build your house / Build your life / Build the church / Build the lives of other people?

3. Have you like the Apostle Paul become a "wise mater builder" By **studying God's Blue print for building .. The Bible**

a. A wise master builder, builds according to the blue print of God's Word

b. A wise Mater builder meditates Upon & speaks, declares & confesses The Word of God

c. A wise Master Builder is a Doer of the Word of God / Builds according to the Word of God

(1) the fallen nature of man due to sin, along with the devil Will anoint you destroy your house

(2) But being a partakers of the Divine nature through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, will anoint you to build your house

D. Example: Proverbs 14:[1] "Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."

1. **Def Buildeth:** to set up, repair

2. **Def Plucketh:** destroy, pull down, overthrow

1. Ladies are you building our house / life / home / marriage / family / Finances / the church

2. Men are you Also building your house / life / home / marriage / family / finances / church

a. Or do we leave all the spiritual things up to our wife

(1) do not know the word of God ... Rarely read it

(2) do not have a prayer life

(3) have no heart for the House of God ... Let alone be

involved with Building the Church

- b. The answer to if we are building or destroying our house
Depends upon how much of the word of God we are
Living by in every day life

III. Let's take a look and see **how God builds:**

Hebrews 11:3 "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

A. **"The worlds were framed by the word of God"**

1. **Def Framed:** to complete / build, repair restore

- a. In the Book of Genesis God spoke ... He framed the world
By the power of the Word He spoke

2. That is how we are to build: that is how we frame our world:
by speaking the word of God

a. And like God we must speak the Word **"Through faith"**

(1) Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

(A) When God began to frame the world, it did not even exist, it could not be seen in the physical realm

(1) But as "God said" ... As God spoke His word the world
Came into existence ... What God spoke came to pass

b. In your heart you have a dream from God for your house:

(1) That dream is built ... That world is framed That House
Is built ... That Life is Built ... That church is built when
We become builder with God through

(A) studying, meditating, doing, & speaking the Word of God

B. In becoming a Wise Master Builder we have to lay the proper foundation:

Matthew 7:24-27

[24] Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

[25] And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

[26] And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

[27] And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

(A) Storms are going to come in life

(B) But laying the proper foundation for the House we are Building enables us to overcome the storms of life:

1. that **Foundation we are to lay is Jesus & the Word of God**

a. **The person of Jesus** / building every area of our life around Jesus & building / developing our personal relationship with The Lord

b. **Laying the Foundation of The Word of God** in every area of our life

(1) building our life, building the church upon the Biblical Principles of the Word of God

2. Look what Jesus said would happen would take place in the life ... The church that fails to build upon the foundation of Jesus Christ and The Word of God:

a. Matt 7:27 "**great was the fall of it.**"

(1) People are running around asking:

(A) Why is my life in ruin

(B) How did my marriage fail

(C) Why are my finances a disaster

(1) "Great was the fall of it" because of failing to center
It all around Jesus and becoming a doer of the Word
of God

3. At the same time we see see that House, that life, that
church which the storms of life could not destroy in:

a. Matt 7:25 "**it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock**"

(1) is every area of your life built upon the rock ... Built
Upon the foundation of Jesus Christ & the word of
God:

(A) do you know why 51% of marriages in America end
Up in Divorce Cause of no foundation / not built
Upon the rock & great is the fall

(B) every area of our House / Life / church not built upon
The rock will experience defeat instead of victory

(2) let our testimony be "it fell not: for it was founded upon
A rock"

4. Building upon the rock / laying the foundation of Jesus
Christ & the word of God does not take place just because:

a. You got Born Again

b. show up for church:

(1) No You must work the Word & the Word will work for
You / **Dwell**

IV. Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV

[19] Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but
fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

[20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone ;

[21] In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an
holy temple in the Lord:

[22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God

through the Spirit.

A. Once again we discover the foundation the Apostles & prophets
Built their life and church upon:

1. **"Jesus Christ Himself the chief corner stone"**

- a. The Apostles and believers of the early church aligned their life and the church with the corner stone: Jesus Christ
- b. Are we making the conscience to align every area of our life with Jesus Christ?

B. "In Whom (in Jesus) all the **building fitly framed together**".

1. **"All The Building"** ... House of God ... The local church & life of the believer is fitly framed

- a. In other words ... No pieces of the house missing None of the Pieces of the house were out of joint / in the wrong place
- b. Each part of the house is fulfilling it's function
 - (1) how would you like to live in a house with no plumbing ...
Or no kitchen

2. This is a spiritual comparison of the members of the Body of Christ
"Filly joined together" vs 21

- a. Each member Present, fulfilling their purpose & functioning in it's anointing & ministry ... Helping to build the church ... Helping to build the lives of people
- b. Even refers to the home you are building: "All the building fitly Framed:
 - (1) The dad is present instead of absent
 - (2) both the man & the woman ... The husband & the wife ... The mother & the father ... Working together by Framing their world with the Word of God

C. Look at the fruit that comes into our midst as we lay the proper foundation and become filly framed:

1. Vs 21 "**groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord**"

a. The church and the believer grows into a "**HOLY Temple**"

(1) The holiness of God takes root in the life of the believer & in the midst of the local church

(1) lives are touched by the power & love of God

(2) lives are changed & become holy

(3) lives, homes, families, marriages, people's finances, our health, our dreams & vision are restored

2. Then look at takes place next in the life of the Born Again believer And local church That is fitly framed ... Built according to the Word of God:

a.vs 22 "In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God through the Spirit.**"

(1) **Def Habitation:** a dwelling place

(A) That life ... That church becomes a habitation where the Holy Spirit is not grieved nor quenched:

(B) That life ... That church becomes a habitation of:

the presence of God,

the glory of God,

the anointing of God

The love of God

The peace of God

The Joy of The Lord

(2) in reality we are building a habitation for either:

(a) the devil & the power of darkness to inhabit so they can Steal, kill & destroy

(b) or for God to inhabit with the presence of the Holy Spirit who will release the Abundant Life Jesus came to give us

V. Altar Call:

1. Take a look at your life and ask yourself:

A. Am I a builder?

1. Or, Are you in destruction mode

a. Is sin And the devil destroying your house

2. If a believer ... Of you are Born Again:

a. Am I doing what the word of God teaches, &'I am building my House my life & I am actively involved in Building the church?