

THE FATHER'S HOUSE

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The Lord has put in my heart for us to take a look at that heritage of God dwelling not only with us: but God dwelling in us. And I want to go back to the days of Noah and then go forward and see God's progression in bringing that about in type and shadow in the Old Testament, and then in reality with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an interesting thing to look at because from the beginning God's Plan and Purpose for the human race was to have a people that He would dwell in. Hallelujah! And He also planned and purposed this through His Son Jesus Christ. We will see that.

We'll look at Old Testament scripture, and I want us to focus on the fulfillment of this in Christ, but I want to lay a foundation with you. It all started after the flood with Noah. It then was with Abraham and Abraham's son building altars. It progressed to the Tabernacle that Moses built in the wilderness, to the Temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem, to the destruction of that Temple, to the rebuilding of that Temple, and then the rejection of Israel and the bringing in of a New Way, a Living Way through His Son Jesus Christ. Genesis 8, and this is after the flood, after the Ark landed on Mount Ararat, and Noah and his family came forth out of the Ark. **Genesis 8:20:** ¶*"And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21: And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. 22: While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."* What a comfort that is. You know, every time it snows I see God keeping His promise to Noah. Every time I'm out in the summer and the sweat is dripping off the tip of my nose, I see God keeping His promise to Noah. In the good days and in the bad days, (we by the flesh judge good days and bad days) this is God's promise to mankind.

That is in the story of Noah and it is the first mention in the scripture of an ALTAR. We can go through Abraham, and he built many altars. Every time that God appeared unto Abraham, he built Him an altar and made sacrifices. It also mentions that Isaac built an altar to the Lord and God came and appeared to Isaac and He repeated the promise that He made to Abraham. And in Isaac all the nations of the earth, and through his seed, all the nations of the earth would be blessed. We read also that Jacob built altars. And this will bring us up to Moses and the children of Israel in the wilderness.

We're going to see something as we go through this as to man's obedience to God, in making place for God, and in God's faithfulness in His appearing to man. And that's what it is all about: the appearing of God in us. And this is what it shows in the Old Testament in type and shadow: of what we've come to experience in Christ. **Exodus 25:1:** *"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2: Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. 3: And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, 4: And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, 5: And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, 6: Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, 7: Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. 8: And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9: According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."* God gave them a pattern of the Tabernacle which was to speak of CHRIST. **Exodus 25:40:** *"And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount."* You see God gave Moses much more than the Ten Commandments in the mount. God gave Moses the first five books of the Bible: He shared with Moses from Adam to Joseph. In Genesis He shared with Moses with happened with Him in Egypt and then Moses picked it up in his experience when he slew the Egyptian and he was banished into the wilderness for forty years. At eighty years old God called Moses back to Egypt to lead His people out from bondage into the wilderness and there for forty years until Moses was one hundred and twenty years old, God was with Moses until all the disobedient from the age of twenty and upward had perished in the wilderness. And God sent the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

I'm getting ahead, but I just want to emphasize that God on the mount gave Moses this PATTERN concerning the Tabernacle and what to write concerning Israel's history and He also gave him the Ten Commandments. **Exodus 26:30:** *"And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount."* **Exodus 27:8:** *"Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it."* **Exodus 33:7:** *"And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. 8: And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. 9: And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. 10: And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. 11: And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend..."* And in this scripture we see the Presence of the Lord filling the Tabernacle.

Now we'll go to Solomon building the Temple because we want to see the altar was nothing, the Tabernacle was nothing, the Temple was nothing and WE are nothing without the Presence of the Lord. The Tabernacle would have just been a gathering of pieces materials put together unless the Lord appeared: unless the Lord sanctified the Tabernacle – that's what made it holy. The gold didn't make it holy, the shittim wood didn't make it holy, the beaver skins didn't make it holy. What made it holy was the Presence of the Lord. Go to 2 Samuel 7, and all the history you are going past was the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle existed all this time throughout Israel's history until Solomon built the Temple. That was the place where God would meet with the priests, the place where God would meet with the people of Israel was in this Tabernacle. This is speaking of King David. **II Samuel 7:1:** *"And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; 2: That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3: And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee. 4: ¶And it came to pass that night, that*

the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, **5:** Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? **6:** Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. **7:** In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? **8:** Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: **9:** And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. **10:** Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, **11:** And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. **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. **13:** He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.” This is speaking of Solomon, but let us see JESUS, for HE shall build this House. **14:** I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: **15:** But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. **16:** And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. **17:** According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.”

This was spoken to David, and Israel had this Word until the time of Christ. Israel read about God’s Kingdom, and this is where they got the idea that when the Messiah came, He would restore again the Kingdom to Israel. They expected the Messiah to come and to defeat in Jesus’ time, Rome. It is written in **Acts 1:6:** “When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?” Let’s go on to 1 Kings 6. By this time King David had died and King Solomon was in power. **1 Kings 6:1:** “And it

came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD." Now we read that from the time Joseph went down into Egypt until Moses was 430 years. Now we read 480 years after Moses led the children of Israel out from Egypt until Solomon built the Temple. That's over 900 years from the time of God's Promise to Abraham to the time of the fulfillment of the Temple with Solomon. So God all this time had one Plan: He had one Purpose, and we'll see throughout scripture God sticks to this One Plan and One Purpose – it's all looking to CHRIST. **I Kings 6:7:** *"And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building."* In other words, the stones were made outside of Jerusalem and were brought in. Every block, every stone, everything that they had made prior to building it in making this Temple was prefabricated, and everything fit perfectly so that they didn't have to use a single tool to build the Temple! It was all prepared before hand. And we have to see CHRIST in this: we have to see "lively stones": everything that we are in what God was doing here.

See, God had a Plan! And that's what I want to share now. And it thrills me so much that we can go through this. **I Kings 8:1:** *"Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. 2: And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 3: And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4: And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up. 5: And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. 6: And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims. 7: For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 8: And they drew*

*out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. 9: There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10: And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11: **So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.***

I tell you what: when the Glory fills His House – WE DON'T STAND! We give HIM place! Now that was the Dedication of Solomon's Temple. I don't know how long that Temple stayed until it was destroyed by the Babylonians. And then Ezra and Nehemiah and all of those men rebuilt the Temple. There was a destruction of the Temple when the children of Israel were taken captive into Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed that Temple and then Nehemiah and Zerubbabel and Jeremiah rebuilt that Temple, and that is where I want to go. **Zechariah 2:13:** *"Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation."* We sing a song: 'He's raising up in His House again.' There you see it. **Zechariah 3:1:** *"And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. 2: And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? 3: Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. 4: And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. 5: And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by."* That was the clothing of the Priest.

Now in **Zechariah 4:1:** *"And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, 2: And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:"* We remember what John saw in his revelation: he saw ONE in the midst of

the golden candlesticks. He saw the golden candlesticks, but there was ONE in the midst. **Zechariah 4:3:** *"And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. 4: So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5: Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 6: Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."* So that was how the Temple was to be built. Not by might nor by power, but by MY Spirit, saith the Lord.

Now Isaiah 6. Do you know that the books in the Old Testament are NOT in chronological order? They skip around, and Zechariah actually was written before Isaiah, because Isaiah 6 speaks of the Temple after it was rebuilt. **Isaiah 6:1:** *"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2: Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3: And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4: And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5: ¶Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. 6: Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. 9: ¶And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10: Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."* Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord.

Now I just want to say something here. I've taken us through where God destroyed the earth and all the people off of it except for eight who were in the Ark with Noah. And Noah came out of the Ark, and he built an

ALTAR unto God, and God made a Covenant with Noah wherein He said He would not again destroy all mankind from off the face of the earth, and He would not again curse the earth. But while the earth remained, seed time and harvest will not pass away, neither hot nor cold, nor summer nor winter. All the earth remained: they shall not cease, saith the Lord. And then we saw God's promise to Abraham even though we didn't read it. Through his SEED all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. Abraham built altars to God, Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness. That was Abraham's righteousness. It was by FAITH he accepted what God said. Not seeing the land, he left his country to where God would lead him. And then God took the children of Israel into Egypt and they were in bondage, in slavery in Egypt for 430 years. And God raised up a Prophet – Moses, to lead them out of captivity.

Now I want to talk about that captivity, because we were held captive UNTIL the Cross of Jesus Christ had its Work in our lives. We were held captive to the things of this world: the elements of this world. We were held captive to our own appetites. We were in bondage, it says in Hebrews to the fear of death: we were in bondage to him who had the power of death, that was, the devil. And they didn't know they were in bondage, and we didn't know we were in bondage! But we were. You see, your knowledge of a thing doesn't make it valid one way or the other. Whether you know it, or whether you don't know it: it is what does the Word of the Lord say? You see, the natural mind can not receive the things of the Spirit of God, either can he, for they are foolishness to him. But God by His Spirit reveals these things to those who will have a listening ear: to those who will humble themselves unto God; to those who will become as a little child, and come to God and say, "God, YOU are the portion of mine inheritance. Without you, not only can I do nothing: without You I am nothing!"

So we are up to the Temple being rebuilt. And there is a time now from the rebuilding of the Temple to the coming of Jesus Christ that we don't know a lot about of the history of Israel. But Jesus has some things to say concerning the Temple. **Matthew 23:37:** *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38: Behold,*

your house is left unto you desolate." That's the Temple. Your House is left to you desolate, uninhabited because the Glory of the Lord has left. What gave the Temple of the Lord its legitimacy was the Glory of the Lord appeared. **Verse 39:** *"For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."* The purpose in this study is that we SEE THE LORD! We have to see the Lord where He is. **Matthew 24:1:** *"And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. 2: And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."* And the power in this verse we see in 1 Kings how these stones were fashioned so perfectly that when they were put together they didn't need any tools to assemble them. And now Jesus comes along and says there shall not be left there one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

So even still, it's not the stones, it's not the Temple, it's not the Tabernacle. They are all types and shadows of HIM that was to come. This particular verse in Matthew 24 is also in **Mark 13:1:** *"And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! 2: And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."* He says the same thing in **Luke 21:5:** *"¶And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, 6: As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."* They marveled at the outward appearance. They worshipped the building, they worshipped the creature rather than the creator. They worshipped the building, rather than HE that built the building.

You know we sing a song that I purposely didn't sing this morning: Yes I am, Yes I am the Temple. I didn't sing that because in John 15 Jesus talks about He is the Vine and we are the branches. It does say in **I Corinthians 6:19:** *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"* Now if we can sing that song with that understanding, I don't have any problem. But us singing that We are the Temple: I have a problem with that. HE is The Temple. There is One Body: there are many

members, but HE is the building. We are building blocks. It says in 1 Peter that we are lively stones built up a spiritual House, and that's all true. But there is sometimes too much I – I AM – when we proclaim I AM the Temple, and not enough HE IS: not enough Christ.

Now let's go to Jeremiah 31. We've just read Jesus proclaimed three times there wasn't going to be one stone of that old Temple left upon another that wasn't going to be thrown down. **Jeremiah 31:31:** ¶*“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 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.”* AFTER THOSE DAYS. There is a day coming, the fulness of time is spoken of in Galatians, after those days saith the Lord; after the days of the Old Covenant. This is not 2000 years after the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. He's talking about after the days of the Covenant that I made with their fathers, which Covenant they broke, He would make a New Covenant and put His Law in their hearts. We are given a promise here in Jeremiah that there is coming a New Day: there is coming a New Covenant, there is coming a New Relationship between God and His people.

Let's go to John 14: we are talking about the Father's House. **John 14:1:** *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”* There's some good stuff here, but go down to **John 14:16:** *“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17: Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18: I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”* Jesus and the Spirit are One. **II Corinthians 3:17:** *“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”*

John 14:18: *"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19: Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20: At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."* This is where He is; this is where the Father is. **Verse 21:** *"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22: Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23: Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24: He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me."*

Jesus said My Father and I will come unto those that love Me and we will make our abode with him. In that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. Hallelujah! **Luke 24:49:** *"¶And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you."* And that promise is what we read in Jeremiah – I will make a New Covenant with the House of Israel. *"...but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."* **Acts 1:4:** *"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5: For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."* Baptized with the Holy Ghost: completely immersed in the Holy Ghost, completely filled with the Holy Ghost. That's a stronger Baptism than water baptism because if you were filled with the water baptism you would drown! But this doesn't drown you: you are completely filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 1:6: *"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"* This is what we read in 2 Samuel about God's promise to David about the Kingdom: that it would be an Everlasting Kingdom. And this is what they were expecting: to restore physically the Kingdom to Israel. Are you now physically going to overthrow the Romans and restore the Kingdom to Israel? **Acts 1:7:** *"And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come*

upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Now if we have eyes to see we’ll see that He did indeed answer their question. Is it this time that you will restore the Kingdom? You will be endued with power from on high. And this is the Kingdom – and ye shall be witnesses of Me in the earth, but you will be witnesses of a Spiritual Kingdom. We are built up a Spiritual House it says in 1 Peter.

Now we see the fulfillment of that in **Acts 2:1**: *“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2: And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.”* That sound from heaven is from the abode of God. It doesn’t mean a sound from above them out of the sky somewhere. It was a sound from God, from Heaven, as of a mighty rushing wind, and it FILLED the HOUSE where they were sitting. God filled the Tabernacle, God filled the Temple with the dedication of Solomon, and in the day of Isaiah, and now He is filling His House – His Own House. **Acts 2:3**: *“And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

That’s as far as I’m going to go with that, so let’s go to **Ephesians 1:3**: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6: To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”* Jesus is the Beloved and we are accepted in Him. Predestinated: all who will come to Him have been predestinated to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 1:7**: *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8: Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9: Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:”* We read about the Mystery in Colossians 1: that Mystery that is CHRIST IN YOU.

That was the Mystery that was hidden for ages. That's the Mystery that the angels wish to look into. Christ in you. He was with us, but He wanted to be IN us! And there was a time appointed for that. And when the fulness of the time was come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that He may redeem those who were under the Law. **Ephesians 1:10:** *"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."*

Now we're going to read about the Work of the Cross and what it did to Jew and Gentile in **Ephesians 2:17:** *"And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18: For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 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."* Built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. If that doesn't thrill your heart, I feel sorry for you! I hope you all saw Jesus in yourselves, because that is where He is.

AMEN