

# Show the House to the House

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My desire is to continue to be a source of encouragement and strengthening to you as we all continue to search the Scriptures to see and experience the Unsearchable Riches of Christ. And I truly pray that as the Lord continues to open our eyes to behold Him, He may also give us clear utterance to declare the Reality of The Salvation that is now ours by The Finished Work of The Cross; and to live in that Reality every day.

The Lord has been dealing with me recently concerning HIS HOUSE: and I want to share some of that with you. It is a glorious revelation to understand this House from God's viewpoint: not a building made by the arms of flesh, but a Spiritual House; the very dwelling place of The Most High God that now functions in the earth as The Church. But this is not "a church" according to man's religious definition, but The Church as defined by God Himself in **Ephesians 1:23**, "... *his body, the fulness of **HIM** that filleth all in all.*" This Son – The Resurrected Christ Himself defines this House. Hebrews declares this to be the TRUE Tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man. This is not the sanctuary of the Old Covenant, but the greater House that has come forth by Christ's Resurrection with a greater Glory: the House that we are now in Christ. **Hebrews 3:5**: "And *Moses (representing the Old Covenant Law) verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things*

*which were to be spoken after; 6: But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."*

And what we need to see and stress is that this is not "our house" or a house where "we can live forever in Gloryland." This is **The Father's House**, His Household where He dwells: it is The House of His Glory, it is The House of His Name, where He is glorified. This is what God prepared and predestinated, and this is The House that we now are in and by Christ. But by and large we are ignorant of God's View of His House, and in our religious zeal WE have built buildings for God and invited Him to come visit when we have services; and we have put OUR names on the buildings, calling them "My Church" and have invented doctrines and traditions according to what "we believe in our church". And all this has done is divide the Christian community, and exalt man, and deceive many well-meaning Christians. What is needed is not another "church" or another doctrine, but a clear view of God's understanding of His House, and those who will not only declare The Truth of God's House, but live daily in the Reality of that House.

In Revelation 21 we read about the City of God and the gates and precious stones of the foundation. This is not describing natural jewels: this is symbolic of The Glory of The Lord; of His brilliance and His radiance emanating from His House, His City because HE is the Glory and substance of it. It is His Light and Truth that fills this City (not man), and this is seen in the earth as The Church. This is important for us to understand. What is our purpose for being Born Again and having our Salvation now while we are here on the Earth? It is not so that things will get easier for us: it is that God would make Himself known in the Earth as He dwells in His House, in the midst of His people. This was Israel's purpose in the Old Testament, and that is the

purpose of the Church today. **Ephesians 3:10:** *“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.”* And if we as “The Church”; as those who have received Salvation are not doing that, then we are falling short of God’s Plan for us.

But remember The Salvation that we NOW have **in Christ** is not a type or shadow: we now have the **Reality** of The House that Christ raised in His Resurrection. We often quote **Haggai 2:9:** *“The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.”* But this is speaking far beyond just another physical building that was being constructed. It is speaking prophetically of The House that we now are as The Church – with a **greater Glory**. In this House there is an Abiding Glory because now there is a continual Presence of The Lord in our midst, in His House, and He is filling His House with **HIMSELF**. HE is that greater Glory, and everything in this House is for His Glory – not ours. It is not that the structure is greater, but the Glory is greater: that Glory that Christ is.

There is a wonderful thing written at the end of the book of Ezekiel. This is a summation of the restoration of the Temple and the City that God is promising through the prophet. Remember Ezekiel received these promises while Israel was in captivity, and the purpose was to show them why they were in captivity and to predict a full restoration. Speaking of this restored Temple and City it is said in **Ezekiel 48:35:** *“It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, **The LORD is there.**”* The Lord defines the City: it is His Name that is exalted and made known when everything is restored according to God’s View. And this is a permanent Place of His dwelling, of His rule and reign: it is

the place of His Glory where He will be manifested and glorified, and no one else. And I just want us to think about the Christian community today: in our works – whose name is exalted? When you go among the Christian community can you truly say “The Lord is there”? I think all too often we have to admit that is not the case. Man and the works of the flesh are there: things are done according to man’s view of God and what pleases man; and man’s name is raised up and made known instead of the Lord. But this is NOT God’s View of His House. In God’s View MAN (the flesh) has always POLLUTED His House, and has no place there!

It is important for us to understand that God does not do things primarily for us. He does them for Himself: for His Name’s sake, for His Glory. God spoke to Ezekiel of doing a work in Israel: of giving them a new heart and a new spirit (because He couldn’t “fix” their old ones), but it was for His Purpose. **Ezekiel 36:17:** *“Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by **their own way and by their doings**: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. 18: Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: 19: And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. 20: And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, **they profaned my holy name**, when they said to them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land. 21: But I had pity **for mine holy name**, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. 22: Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but **for mine holy name’s sake**, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. 23: And I will sanctify my great name, which was*

*profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall **be sanctified in you before their eyes.***”

God’s people did “their own thing” and that polluted HIS Holy Name! This is so important for us to consider because God’s people are to make HIM known. And living our own lives, especially regarding “our” religious activities profanes His Name. And anything to God that is not according to His Name (with His Nature) is sin – it falls short of God’s intention. It is not just that God wants a people to “be religious”: it is worshiping God in The Truth of His Name, in The Truth of WHO HE IS: and for us that is in The Truth of Christ and The Cross. But He had to do something with natural Israel because they had not been glorifying His Name by what they were doing. And what I want us to see is He didn’t do this for them, but for His Holy Name’s sake. And His Work in their midst would be to be **sanctified in them** before the world. He would make Himself known AS HE IS – in them, changing them and then this will be seen in the earth. This is the inward Work that God is doing in us by His Spirit as we allow Him to make Himself known in His House. But again, this is not for our glory, but for His. And as He makes Himself known in us – in the Truth of who He is, His Glory, His Presence fills His House. This happens individually in you and I as believers, and also corporately in The Body, but it is all for His Name’s sake. God is always jealous for His Name! And we need to be concerned for this also because in His Household we have taken on His Name.

But I want to emphasize that this is all to be according to the pattern that is in the heavens: the pattern by which everything of God’s House must be built and measured. This was first set forth with Moses and the Tabernacle in the wilderness in the

book of Exodus. **Exodus 25:40:** *“And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.”* Everything had to be done according to the heavenly pattern. It was the same with Solomon and the Temple that he built. **I Chronicles 28:11:** *“Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasures thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, 12: And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the dedicated things:”* Only then – when things were done all according to this pattern did the Glory come and filled the House with God’s Presence: with His Holiness and Life, making it a House of His Glory. And I know that when we read of all these specifics in the Old Testament they seem very tedious and repetitious, and we have a tendency to skip over these dimensions in our reading. But these are all very significant: they are all speaking of CHRIST; of all the many facets and fulness and perfection of all that Christ is and would do to bring forth this House of God’s Glory. And everything in this House has to be measured by that measurement. May we never forget that the measurement in God’s House is not us: but **Christ!**

So in the book of Ezekiel we read of a man with a measuring line and he sets about to measure every part of the Temple. There is a line of flax and a measuring reed that is used, but I want us to understand that everything in this Temple is measured by the measure of “**this man**”. Now at the time of this prophecy Israel was in Babylon in captivity because they profaned God’s Name and the Temple at Jerusalem had been destroyed. But God was speaking through the prophet of The Greater Temple: The Temple that Christ would raise by The

Work of The Cross and the Glory of that House, because this Greater House would not be disobedient and pollute God's Name as Old Covenant Israel was doing. And the Prophet was telling Israel why God was displeased with them: because this was HIS House – not theirs! And even though they had “kept the House” they did not honor God's Name and HIS View of His House by doing things HIS way, and He would not tolerate that.

**Ezekiel 43:7:** *“And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places. 8: In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. 9: Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.”* The abominations of Israel caused the destruction of that Temple. They set up **their own** dimensions in the House: they constructed walls and posts in ways that pleased THEM. This was NOT to be done in God's House! And little by little it was becoming “their House” and not God's. Now it may have still looked religious and holy, but it was not how God desired it, and it was their works that defiled His Name, His House. May we learn some hard lessons from this. What are “we” building in God's House? What are the “walls”, the “structures” we are building up in our own strength and for our own purposes? They may look “Christian”, but if they are not according to The Truth of Christ they are polluting God's House and His Name and He will NOT accept this! And I really pray that the Lord by His Spirit will help us to see the seriousness of this.

Ezekiel was raised up at that time to speak to Israel of God's Heart for His House. **Ezekiel 43:10:** *"Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern."* **Shew The House to The House:** show the Reality of God's View of His House to those who are His House. But this is not so that we can get excited over all the great things that are in the House, as we very often misquote this Scripture to mean. It is so that they may be ashamed of their iniquities! Once The Truth of The House from God's View was declared and made known to them, they were to see how far short they had come in being The House of God as God desired and planned it to be! But this can only be done when everything is measured by The Truth of Christ, that the ALLNESS of Christ is what The Father desires for His House: that HE is to be the measure and the fulness of The House. **Ezekiel 43:11:** *"And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. 12: This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house."*

This is what I want to stir up in our hearts. There must be a declaring of God's House from God's viewpoint – not from man: with Christ as the measure, substance and allness of The House. This declaring should cause those who are of The House to see where they are not functioning as God desires. **Verse 11** says, *"If they be ashamed of all that they have done..."* There first must be an acceptance that "our actions" and what "we have done" in God's House are not acceptable to God. Then there

must be a learning of ALL that HE is: that the “form” of The House is Christ Himself. And then as we are learning Him there is an inward Work in us as we become conformed to the form of The House – which is Christ. We first have to have this revealed to us, and then it is the working of the Spirit of God in us to conform us to His image: the image of Christ. But remember The House is not measured by us: it is measured by **HIM**. The Law of The House is that it is Most Holy (The nature of Him), and that does not permit anything of man to rule or have its place in this House. The perfection of Christ must prevail here because it is The House for His Name: The House of His Glory.

And although we do not like it, this Work is necessary in God’s House, in God’s People, in the Church; as it is only the Spirit of Truth: that Spirit that knows Christ that is able to infiltrate those areas of the House that we think we have hidden from God! But make no mistake about it: God sees those hidden things that we can keep hidden one from another, and He desires to expose them and get rid of them! God took Ezekiel by the Spirit to the Temple of his day and showed him what was hidden, and he needs to do the same thing in us today. And friends, the things that are hidden (most especially religious things) are not nice! **Ezekiel 8:5:** *“Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. 6: He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. 7: And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. 8: Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.”*

**Ezekiel 8:9:** *“And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. 10: So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. 11: And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. 12: Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth. 13: He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. 14: Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. 15: Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. 16: And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. 17: Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. 18: Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.”*

And I want us just to consider the rightness and necessity of

what God was doing. This was all because it was “HIS House”, and He had a right to be concerned about what man (especially His People) were bringing into His House. This is the Place of His Presence, and He was zealous of this Place and was fully committed to this Place, but ONLY if everything was according to His Measure. Only when that happened could His Spirit TOTALLY fill that Temple! We see this is type with Moses in the wilderness. **Exodus 40:16:** *“Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he... 34: Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35: And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”*

And for me this has answered some questions concerning us as believers today. We know we “have Salvation”: we “have Christ”. But how many of us are FILLED with Him: with HIS Presence, with HIS Glory being manifested in us? God doesn’t have “a Greater Temple” someplace else: WE are Temple of God today: where He dwells, and He desires that we experience His fulness and make Him known in the earth. So I want to encourage us today to come to a greater comprehension of God’s House. May we ask The Spirit to truly show us the Reality of This House, even as He did in type with the Old Covenant Prophets. But now if we have come to the knowledge of the Reality of This House – **SHEW THE HOUSE TO THE HOUSE** - we are to declare to God’s House The Truth of God’s View of His House. And may there be a declaring of everything by the measure of the fulness of **Christ**. But let this not just be with words – even Biblical, Spiritual words that we preach from pulpits on Sunday. Let it be by the inward working of The Indwelling Christ measuring everything in us first: in our hearts and minds. And then the removing of everything that is not Christ so that His fulness may be seen in us.

As we sadly read our Old Testament we have to admit that just as Israel of old, we also have brought strangers and uncircumcised flesh into God's House, and as we have tolerated that and as it continues in our hearts, The Glory of God can not fill that part of The House. So may you be bold in this declaration: not just with words that you preach and teach, but living daily in the Reality of God's House that we now are. May the Lord show us this House – His House, and we know that He does this by revealing His Son in us, in His House as the fulness of all things, and as The only One that pleases The Father. And in the light of a true revealing of Him may we be ashamed of our iniquities – of those areas where we still fall short of His fulness, and then may we allow The Lord to remove what is not of Him, and measure us in Christ, and then fill us with His Glory – with Himself! This is what God desires for His House.

Amen