

EPILOGUE

“For we are laborers together with God: You are God's husbandry, you are God's building. According to the grace of God, which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abides which he has built hereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Don't you know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

~Apostle Paul

There is a parable of a God seeking man – whom many considered to be very wise – who built a great house upon a solid foundation. He loved God and taught others to do the same. There were many of God's magnificent truths which this builder found and brought in to decorate this house. It was beautiful in so many ways. While much of its foundation was based upon the Rock, not all of it was, and its roof and wall framework was structurally flawed, as they were not based on all of the principle truths of how to “build a house” as revealed by the Master Builder. When great storms came and tested the structure, its weaknesses were revealed and it began to partially disintegrate – even in the days of its builder.

Shortly after the death of the builder, the house came tumbling down, injuring those it fell upon – and killing some. Though the builder had found many of God's precious truths to adorn his building, yet he did not see clearly how to build a lasting structure to protect those precious truths, or the inhabitants of the house. Before he died, the builder had struggled with different building techniques and ideas for many years, and finally he settled upon a false self-promoting building system that was suggested by some of his apprentices. This structural governing system was their attempt to hold their house together, but these builders had somehow lost sight of the only lasting system of building revealed by the Master Builder.

If only the builder would have more carefully followed the examples from God's master builders and foreseen what the construction of his structure would eventually bring – then many people could have been spared. Yet, they are not lost (1 Cor.3:15).

The main thing is that, as children of the Master Builder, we learn how to build from our Father – not repeating the same mistakes over again. As we learn from our errors, and

return to our Father's instructions, we grow in our abilities. This is how we will learn to help our Father and His First-born Son, the greatest Master Builders, build a lasting Temple.

Now back to our story. When the building fell, the people scattered. Even though much of the foundation was a good one, and even though the structure of the house contained many good truths furnishing it, its overriding governing structure was not according to God's proven specific construction materials and techniques for a lasting structure (1 Cor.3:10-17). Only houses built by the Lord, using His pattern for a structure, shall long endure (Ps.127:1).

Yet, some of those who had lived in the first house, loved not only its truths, but its governing structure so much, that they rebuilt exact or very similar copies of this structure around the world, using the same building techniques, materials and blue-prints as before.

Naturally, these structures later fell down upon their inhabitants as well, and more people were crushed, and had to flee for their lives. But the people had not known or felt comfortable with any other house design, so many of the survivors rebuilt the same or similar competing governing structures **again, and again, and again...**! With each fall, more people were hurt and scattered. Many of the beautiful truths that furnished these houses remained unharmed through each fall, since they were from God. But through each fall, they had to be picked up and put into place again.

May we return soon to the design given by our Master Builder, and may our Great God, the Master Builder, come soon and finish His Temple, of which we are all to be a part (Eph.2:19-22)!

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