

PREPARING GOD A HABITATION

Ex. 15:2

I. WE'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT GOD PREPARING US A DWELLING PLACE

- A. What about Him a dwelling place?
- B. What house will you build me? What can house my glory?
- C. Should seek habitation, not visitation.
 - 1. Deut. 12:5 - *"But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name thee, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come..."*
- D. I stand at the door and knock.

II. YE AS LIVELY STONES ARE BUILT UP A SPIRITUAL HOUSE

- A. A holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices.
- B. Ye are a chosen generation
 - 1. A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people.
 - 2. To shew forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness.

III. BUILDING FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER

- A. Foundation of apostles and prophets.
- B. Jesus Christ chief cornerstone.
- C. Building fitly framed grows into temple of God.
 - 1. Buildded together as holy habitation of God through the Spirit.
 - 2. Temple a place of sacrifice and worship.

IV. THE LORD IS BUILDING UP ZION

- A. Zion - the habitation of God, who we are.
- B. Written for generation to come, who shall praise the Lord.
- C. God inhabits the praises of His people.
- D. The change in order of praise and worship.
 - 1. With the high praises of God in our mouth and a two-edged sword in our hand.
 - 2. Worshipping God for who He is.

V. RESTORATION

- A. Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they
shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away (Is.
51:11).

- B. Jer. 33:10-11 - *"Thus saith the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom,*

and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord."

"We bring the sacrifice of praise---into the house of the Lord."

"Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary"

"Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return"