

THE HOUSE OF GOD

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TEXT: **Isaiah 2:2-5**
2 Chronicles 7:12-15

THESIS: To make the members know that they are the house of God and not the building, that God expects them to walk on His path.

INTRODUCTION

1. Some years back a certain man desired to build a house for God. This man was so desirous that he couldn't sleep. However, God said No! this man is King David (2 Sam 7:1-5).
2. God told him your seed will build my house after you have died (2 Sam 7:12-16).
3. David accumulated things for the building of the temple by his son Solomon (1 Chron 22:1-5).
 - a. Solomon was chosen to build the house after David was rejected (1 Chron 22:6-10).
4. Solomon became king and built a magnificent Temple for Jehovah God (2 Chron 5:1).
 - a. Solomon dedicated the temple to God (2 Chron 7:5).
 - b. God accepted the place;
 - i. Non-verbally, by the presence of the cloud (2 Chron 5:13-14).
 - ii. By the fire that descended after Solomon's prayer (2 Chron 7:1-3).
 - iii. Verbally, God accepted the place as a house of sacrifice (2 Chron 7:12).
5. However, after the dedication in about 977 BC, about Two hundred and thirty-five (235) years later, (742 B.C), Isaiah prophesied of God building His house (Isaiah 2:2-5):

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

6. I will share with you three main points in this lesson.
 - I. **THE HOUSE OF GOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED**
 - II. **THE HOUSE OF GOD TEACHES THE WAYS OF GOD**
 - III. **THE JUDGMENT OF GOD WILL BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD**

DISCUSSION:

I. THE HOUSE OF GOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED

- A. God promised to establish His house which is His kingdom.
 - 1. God will set up His kingdom (Dan 2:44-45, Isaiah 2:2-3).
 - 2. The Angel said Jesus was the Seed of David to build the house (Luke 1:31-33, ref. 2 Sam 7:12-16).

- B. Jesus is the builder of the house of God
 - 1. He promised to build the house which is the church (Matt. 16:16-18).
 - 2. He did on the day of Pentecost after His resurrection (Acts 2:41-47).
 - 3. He built the House of God (Heb 3:4-6).
 - 4. He bought the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28, 1 Cor 6:20).
 - 5. He is the branch; he fulfilled the prophecy to build it (Zech. 6:12-13).
 - a. He would build the temple of the Lord (i.e., His church).
 - b. He would rule on His throne (1 Cor 15:12, Rev. 1:5; 2:27-28).
 - c. He would be a priest on His throne (Heb 8:1-2, Rev. 3:21).
 - d. He would provide the "counsel of peace" (Eph. 2:14-17).

- C. The house is the church and the kingdom of God
 - 1. The house is the church (1 Tim 3:14-15).
 - a. The church is ground and pillar of truth.
 - b. The church is God's family (Gal. 3:26-27).
 - 2. The house is the kingdom of God (Matt 16:19).
 - a. Among the house of God, we dine with the Lord (Luke 22:29-30, 1 Cor 11:23-27).
 - b. The house of God is the saints delivered from the power of darkness (Col. 1:12-13).

- D. We are the house of God (**Eph. 2:19-22**).
 - 1. Yes, we are the temple of God (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
 - 2. We are living stones being built into a spiritual house (1 Pet 2:4-5).
 - 3. Built not by hands of man but God himself.
 - 4. Stephen was right, the house of God is not the temple or any auditorium or cathedral (Acts 7:47-50).

II. THE HOUSE OF GOD TEACHES THE WAYS OF GOD

- A. The house teaches by their deeds (Isa. 2:2-3, 1 Pet. 3:1).
 - 1. Our Lives are Epistles to People (2 Cor 3:2-3).
 - 2. We are fragrance (aroma) of life and death (2 Cor 2:14-16).
 - 3. What epistle have you written for people to read about Christ?

- B. We have been Called, Set Apart and set free to be examples to others.

1. We are the called, the “ekklesia” (Rom. 8:28-30, 1 Pet.2:21-25, 2 Tim 1:8-12).
 2. We have been set apart to be examples to the world (1 Pet. 2:9-12).
 3. But though many are called yet few will be chosen (Matt 22:10-14, 1 Pet.4:17-18).
 4. If we abide in the words of Christ then we are His disciples (John 8:31 cf. Matt 28:18).
 5. We have become slaves of Righteousness and of God (Rom. 6:16-18, 22).
 6. We must then obey His commandments and that is what God is looking for (Deut. 6:16-17, John 14:15).
- C. If the people who called by His name submit to Him
1. Solomon was right; God is not living in the building (2 Chron 6:18).
 2. God lives in our hearts through His word (Rom. 8:1-7, 11).
 3. If we are then His people and are called by His name (2 Chron. 7:12-15);
 - a. We will humble ourselves (James 4:10).
 - b. We will pray (Phil. 4:6).
 - c. We will seek His face
 - d. We will turn from our wicked ways (2 Tim. 2:19).
- D. The house teaches by the word (Isa. 2:3).
1. We Preach the Word in and out of season (2 Tim. 4:2).
 2. We must speak about the power of God to save (Rom 1:16).
 - a. We must not be ashamed.
 - b. Those who believe will not perish (Mark 16:16, John 3:18).
 - c. God will save the sinner through faith (Rom. 1:17).
 - d. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17).
 3. We must give spiritual illumination to people (Eph. 3:9-10).
 - a. The world has not known him.
 - b. We must tell them about the news.
 - c. We must persuade them, knowing the terror of God (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

III. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD WILL BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD

- A. God’s judgement is coming upon all (Rom. 1:18).
1. Jesus is coming again to judge all mankind fiercely.
 2. He is coming not at the Lamb of God.
 - a. Grace period of the Lamb’s saving blood is now (John 1:29)
 - b. He is coming with His reward in His hand (Rev. 22:12)
- B. It will begin from God’s house, the church (1 Peter 4:17-18).

1. Those in the house will scarcely be saved.
 2. Like the days of Noah so will it be (Matt 24:37-39).
 3. Many are called but few will be chosen. The unrighteous in the house will be thrown out into the darkness (Matt. 22:11-14).
- C. All houses will be burned (2 Pet 3:7-11).
1. This church building will be burned too.
 2. Don't take God's slackness for granted.
 3. He is waiting for your repentance.
 4. He wants us to be in Heaven more than we wish.
- D. There is a Safe house, and we are pleading that you come in.
1. The fragrance of life and death are in the house of God (2 Cor 2:14-17).
 2. The church is the safe house of salvation (Eph 5:23).
 3. The saved are in the church; the safe house (Acts 2:47).
- E. Enter by the Narrow Gate! (Matt 7:13-14).
1. Several churches proclaiming to be God's people (Matt 15:7-9).
 2. Jesus will deny them that they (Matt 7:21-23).
 3. There will be gnashing of teeth, Beware (Matt 13:41-42).

CONCLUSION

1. God's house has been established. It is the church.
2. This house teaches God's ways and call all people from every nation unto God.
3. All that is preached by the House will be brought in Judgement (John 12:48).
4. If you will believe and submit to the obedience to God, you will pass over death to life (John 5:24).
5. What are you waiting for? Why not now? (Acts 22:16).
 - a. Believe the gospel (John 8:24).
 - b. Repent from your sins (Acts 2:38).
 - c. Confess Jesus as The Son of God (Acts 8:37).
 - d. Be Baptized for your salvation (1 Pet. 3:21).
 - e. Live faithfully in the church the safe House (Eph 5:17).
6. If you are already a part of the house of God, be careful you do not lose what we have worked for (2 John 8).