

# THE HOUSE, PRAISE AND THE GLORY

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*During a corporate gathering, I had a strong manifestation of the Spirit and a significant word for the church was revealed to my spirit. This is an amazing time as Holy Spirit is leading the church into exciting and fresh new waters. Our understanding of why the church exists is shifting into a new paradigm. Historically, the church has too often existed to maintain the forms and traditions set over many years. Something new is emerging and it is an exciting hour. What are some of these changes?*

*The gathering of the church is radically shifting from its focus of simply having meetings or fulfilling a pre-determined plan or order.*

## A House Is Being Built

We will begin our study in a passage in Hebrews.

We read;

- 1. Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and High Priest of our confession.**
- 2. He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house.**
- 3. For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.**
- 4. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.**
- 5. Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;**
- 6. But Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.**

**Hebrews 3:1-6**

This is an exciting passage. First, notice the word “**builder**” in verse three. That word alone could give us a lot to talk about. The Father fully intends to have a “**house**” built according to His specification and for His purpose. We will touch that purpose later in this article. This is not church as we know it. This passage reflects upon Moses’ meeting with God when he was given a heavenly blueprint for the building of a “**house**” that he was to oversee. Let’s take a brief look at this plan revealed by God.

## The First House

In Exodus we read,

8. **And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.**
9. **According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.**

*Exodus 25: 8-9*



The word **“tabernacle”** in the Hebrew language, in its most basic meaning, means “residence”. The Father instructed Moses to follow in precise detail the building of this “residence”. God was the giver of the **“pattern”** or blueprint and Moses was simply to follow this plan with complete precision. A phrase I often use when referring to this Exodus story is, “First the pattern and then the Glory”.

Later in Exodus we see the completion of Moses’ work. Note what it says.

33. **.....Thus Moses finished the work.**
34. **Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.**
35. **And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.**

*Exodus 40: 33-35*

So what do we see here? First, God gives Moses the instruction that he is to oversee a building project. The **“pattern”** or blueprint of this building came from God Himself. Moses was simply the overseer of God’s design. We are told that this **“tabernacle”** was also a “residence”. For whom was this “residence” or house? At the completion of the building project, the

Glory of God Himself entered this **“tabernacle”** and came into the midst of the people. This **“tabernacle”** was a “residence” or house for the Glory (manifested presence) of God to manifest in their midst. Because Moses did precisely what was revealed to him, the house was built and the Glory of God was able to manifest within this house on the earth.

This sheds light on what was being said about Moses back in our Hebrews passage. We read, **“He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His House”** (Hebrews 3:2). Moses in the Old Testament is being contrasted with Jesus in the New Testament. Jesus was appointed by the Father in the New Testament as Moses was appointed by the Father in the Old Testament. As we read in Exodus, we also read in Hebrews. It says, **“Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant”** (Hebrews 3:5). Because Moses heard from the Father and obeyed what he heard with absolute precision, his faithfulness enabled the Glory of God to manifest in the midst of the Old Testament people of God.

At this point, we need to establish something very important. Regardless of our callings, every one of us is to be just like Moses. We are first **“servants”** of the Almighty God. Secondly, whatever our unique service, we are all called to serve the same purpose. That purpose is to see a house built where His Glory can enter into the midst of His people and do what only God can do. All of men’s agendas will fail to fulfill God’s purpose.

This is very different than doing church, performing according to our traditions, routines or weekly structures. God’s purpose to build a house that enables His Glory to manifest can change everything that we currently know about doing church.



## The Second House

When Jesus appeared in His earthly ministry, He became the replacement of the Old Testament house. Notice what we are told in the book of John. It says,

14. *And the Word became flesh, and **dwelt** among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
16. *For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.*
18. *No man has seen God (the Father) at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.*

*John 1:14, 16, 18*



The word “**dwelt**” from this passage in the Greek means “tabernacle”, “lodging” or “tent”. Similar to the Old Testament, Jesus became a human

residence or house for the Glory of the Father. The Old Testament tabernacle was replaced by Jesus **the New Testament Tabernacle**. **As Jesus became the new Tabernacle**, through the human life of Jesus, the Glory of God was able to manifest on the earth.

Jesus emptied Himself of all the rights of His Godhead and offered Himself back to the Father to be a **tabernacle** or house for His Glory to be seen within human flesh (Philippians 2:5-9; John 5:30; 14:10). As a result of His earth walk, we see this summary statement about Him in the book of Acts which says, “**You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him**” (Acts 10:38). The fullness of the Father’s Glory was revealed and manifested through the life and ministry of Jesus (John 3:34-35). Jesus became a human house that gave the Father’s Glory full access on the earth. The result was that every place that God’s Glory contacted human existence, people were healed, delivered and set free.

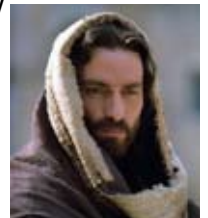
It is that simple. The Glory of God manifested on the earth will do this again and again and again. Who wouldn’t want this in our day? Do we see this in the current church or do you think that we are perhaps missing something?

As we go back to our Hebrews passage, we can now see more revelation. We read, “**for He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house**” (Hebrews 3:3). Jesus is now the overseer of the building of another house. The first house was seen in the Old Testament and Moses was credited as being faithful to build it according to the Fathers plan. The end result was that the Glory of the Father manifested on the earth. Jesus, in His human body, became the second house that housed the Glory of the Father on the earth. He manifested the fullness of the Fathers’ Glory and impacted people everywhere He went.

After the completion of His earthly ministry, Jesus ascended back to His position at the right hand of the Father (John 17:4-5; Acts 1:9-11; Ephesians 1:18-23; Revelation 5:13). He is now the overseer of a third house that is being built.

## The Third House

Now we are being told in Hebrews 3:6 that Jesus is the builder of yet another house. This house is intended to be in our midst every day. It reads, “**but Christ was faithful as a Son, over His house, whose house we are**”. In the Greek language the words, “was faithful” are not there. So this should read, “**But Christ, as a Son, over His (the Father’s) house, whose house we are**”. It is the Father’s full intention to raise up a house again where His Glory can manifest and be revealed throughout the earth. Jesus is the one who oversees this new emerging house.



Where is this third house? In first Corinthians we read,

**16. Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

**1 Corinthians 3: 16**



The word “**dwells**” in this passage in the Greek means, “to dwell in or with”. We are being told that through the Holy Spirit, the Father is both with us and in us. This word comes from another Greek word that means “to occupy a house” or “reside” and is a picture of being part of a family. Each one of us has the Holy Spirit housing Himself in us and making us all part of the same family. Regardless of denomination or church affiliation, we all have one and the same Father.

Individually, we each contain a measure of the Spirit (Romans 12:3; Ephesians 4:7). Individually, we each are a house that contains uniquely distributed aspects of God’s presence. That is a wonderful and exciting truth. But, there is more. It is imperative that we each arise to our individual part, but in every pursuit in our lives we must have a vision of something bigger than ourselves. What is bigger than the fact that we each contain God’s presence?

In Ephesians we read,

- 18. For through Him (Jesus) we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.**  
**19. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household.**  
**21. In whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;**

**22. in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.**

**Ephesians 2:18-19, 21-22**

First, notice the phrase, “**We both have our access**”. Because of Jesus, every one of God’s children has been given full access to the Father and His glorious presence. This access isn’t just for the perceived elite among us but for every child of God. Entering into this truth alone is vital as it is a key to access the Glory that God wants to reveal in our midst. I encourage you to consider obtaining my CD series “The Reality of Our Righteousness” and allow some of this essential truth to renew your mind.

We are then told that we are “**fellow citizens**” (or we could say of the same family), individually a part of the “**whole building**”, and are “**being fitted together**” into “**a holy temple**”. We have already looked at the fact that individually we are a temple or house of God’s presence, but we see something more being revealed in this passage. God intends for a new tabernacle or corporate house to emerge. This third tabernacle is the gathering of God’s people who walk with Him, seek Him and His presence, know the reality of their righteousness and give His Glory access to manifest on the earth. It is not the typical church as we know it today. This is a corporate house that is continuously filled with God’s Glory.

In the final verse, we see that we are being “**built together into a dwelling of God**”. Bam! That is it! That is our target, our mission or our purpose. We are not to gather for any other reason. Everything else will come “if” and “because” of the manifestation of the Glory of God. Bodies will be healed. Finances will be released. Lost people will be saved. Marriages will be restored. The list goes on and on and on. All of man’s broken condition, regardless of what it is, will only be restored by a true and living encounter with the Glorious Manifested Presence of God.





In this verse, the word “dwelling” in the Greek means a “dwelling place or habitation”. It comes from a Greek word that means to “house permanently”.

Do you see the picture? In the Old Testament, a house called, the “tabernacle” was raised up by Moses and when it was completed, the Glory manifested on the earth. Then we see Jesus come into our midst, empty Himself of His rights and privileges and give the Father a “tabernacle” or house to dwell in and manifest through continuously. The manifest Glory of God was now seen through one human body.

Now, the third house is being built which is made up of individual believers corporately gathered together to give the Father a place where His Glory dwells permanently in our midst. This is a glimpse into why we are called, “**The Body of Christ**” (Ephesians 1:22-23). Jesus is the head of this body and it is the only place where the fullness of the Father’s Glory will be seen (Ephesians 1:22-23).

God has designed all of us to be part of this corporate house, and He is committed to see it raised up. It is imperative that we lay down every idea and concept of what church is supposed to be and singularly focus on this incredible purpose for gathering together. It will change church as we know it. The most important purpose as we gather together is not to meet the needs of the people, but it is to seek the face of God and allow His manifested Glory to enter our corporate midst. Then, His glory will meet the needs of the people.

## What the House Will Look Like

Ephesians gives us a vision of what God intends to raise up upon the earth. We read,

**11. And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,**

- 12. For the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;**  
**13. until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.**

**Ephesians 4:11-13**

I want to look at this passage and work backwards. In verse thirteen we see this same pattern revealed again. Remember that God intends to raise up a corporate tabernacle or house for His Glory. Here we see the results of this emerging house which is a “**mature man**” who walks in the “**measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ**”.

As we reflect on what we’ve already looked at in the life of Jesus, we can understand the Father’s plan for us. Just as Jesus walked as one man full of the Glory, the Father is, corporately, raising up a mature people who will be seen as one man. That mature, one man will be Jesus Himself manifesting in the midst of the body of Christ. The same fullness that was in manifestation in Jesus’ life will be seen through the one corporate house, or “**mature man**”.

In this third house, Jesus will walk again on the earth in the fullness of the Glory that was in His earthly body but now manifested in His corporate body. This will require many individuals with the same corporate vision and unified focus who will gather to allow the Glory of God to manifest in their midst.

If we are going to see this corporate house, then we have to begin with the individual houses. Those houses are you and me. This is why, in verse twelve of this passage, we are told that the saints are to be “**equipped**” for their “**work of service**”.

The word “**equip**” in the Greek is a medical term. It is used to refer to the “*setting of a bone*”. It also means “*alignment*”, “*restoration*”, “*preparation*”, “*equipping*” and “*discipline*”.





The picture here is that every saint or child of God is meant to grow and take their unique place of service. What are we to serve? We are to serve this awesome purpose of seeing the Glory of God manifest in our midst. Then, as we saw, we can be built together to see this **“mature man”** emerge in our midst with the same fullness that was on Jesus in one physical body, manifest in us as His corporate body.

This house will only arise if the individual bricks or material of this house (people) discover their purpose and align their uniqueness to that purpose and join together with others. Equipping must take place, alignments in people must happen and healing and restoration is imperative for the emergence of this house.

## Why the Five?

In verse eleven of this passage we have reference to what is often called the Fivefold ministry which are the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. These gifts all existed in Jesus. He functioned in all of them in His work as a house on the earth. When He ascended to heaven, He dispersed these gifts into the lives of people (Ephesians 4:8). This passage does not say that **“pastors”** equip the body. This verse also does not say that **“apostles”** equip the body. No, it says that **“apostles”, “prophets”, “evangelists”, “pastors”** and **“teachers”** equip the body. All five unique functions are essential to enable the individuals of this corporate house to arise. It is a tragedy that the church is currently dominated by the pastoral gift leading the church. No singular gift can fulfill this equipping function. Each unique gift has a different deposit of Jesus, and only when they are all engaged in the equipping process will we see the individuals arise to the place of God’s intention.

If the individuals who possess the Fivefold gifts do not understand God’s intent to build a house, they will not fulfill their unique role in the equipping process. While each member of the Fivefold have a different contribution, they must be unified in their unique purpose. That is to work as an individual, and also as a member of a team who has the central mindset of seeing the corporate house built where the Glory of God can manifest.

## Our Biggest Challenge

History and tradition has edited out the “apostles” and “prophets”. Gradually, the Holy Spirit has been restoring the revelation and understanding of the need for all five gifts and their current intended function.

In our current era, very few would struggle with calling a person “pastor” or recognizing the importance of this gift. However, many would struggle to identify an apostle or a prophet or recognize the importance of their ministry. This is changing, and has to change. Why?

Going back to our Ephesians 2 passage, I left out a verse intentionally. We identified that we are all a part of God’s house and that the **“whole building is being fitted together and is growing into a holy temple in the Lord”** (Ephesians 2:21). This is the vision for the house. We went on to read that we **“are being built together into a dwelling of God”** (Ephesians 2:22). Do you remember that this “dwelling” is a “permanent house” for the manifested presence or Glory of God? This is the house that God is wanting and this is the house that our spirits are yearning for.



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So here is the challenge. In verse twenty we read,

**20. *having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself the cornerstone.***

***Ephesians 2:20***



Jesus is identified as the cornerstone (He is also the head). This means that everything has come from Him and that He holds everything together. He is central and this truth can never be lost. But

remember that not man, but Jesus Himself separated five portions of Himself and gave them to humans to function in on the earth. Two of these functions, the **“apostles”** and **“prophets”** have largely been removed from the life of the church. This was not done by God but by man. To see the cost of their removal, look again at this passage to see part of the function of these two gifts.

We read, **“having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets”**. The **“apostle”** and **“prophets”** ministries are responsible for the foundations of the house. The whole context of this passage is the house, or the building of a place where God will permanently dwell. Pastors, teachers and evangelists are equally important as apostles and prophets. However, their functions build upon the work that is done by the apostles and prophets. No wonder pastoral turnover or burnout is so huge. Often, pastors are trying to build where a foundation for the house does not currently exist. Pastors will not succeed in their God intended gift function if they are not building on what the apostles and prophets have established.

It is imperative, it is essential, and it is crucial that the apostles and prophets are free to emerge again and bring their vital ministry back into the church. Recently I was listening to Pastor Danny Silk from Bethel in California. Bethel has built its church

from this Ephesians model of ministry. All Fivefold gifts function and all five gifts lead. Danny shared that when God’s order is restored, His resources are released. He said an amazing thing: “I can’t remember stories of people being healed from cancer that is three weeks old”. Why? “Because cancers are being healed every day”. “So many stories of cancers being healed are being shared that it is impossible to remember three weeks past”.

Does that excite you? That is exactly what happened in Jesus’ personal ministry. He was a house for the Glory and every problem imaginable was met by the Glory of the Father that manifested through Jesus. This can only be seen where His corporate house has been built. We will not have corporate houses emerge as long as apostles and prophets are prevented from functioning. We will not have the Glory of God that we are hungering for manifest in our midst if the foundations of this house are not laid. We need apostles and prophets to arise who understand that they are called to help secure the foundation of an incredible emerging house.

The enemy is working hard through the traditional mindsets of man to prevent the emergence of these gifts. We all must join in with the Father’s work to restore these vital gifts to the body of Christ.

Pastors, whether they know it or not, are desperate for the emergence of the apostles and prophets. And when apostles and prophets function in their unique design, they also are desperate for the emergence of pastors to stand before the people and shepherd the flock. We need all five, and all five need each other.

## The Role of Praise in the House

If the Glory of God and His permanent dwelling is what we long to see, it will affect everything we do when we gather. I want to end with an amazing passage concerning praise and its effect on releasing the presence of God. In Second





Chronicles, the people of God were facing impending death. They were terrified by the opposing armies that were about to come against them and take their lives and they all cried out to God in desperation.

In the midst of their fear, one man named Zechariah stood before them and said,

**14. Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's'.**

**2 Chronicles 20:14**

As Zechariah stood before the people, he prophesied from the Spirit of God. The end result of his prophetic instruction was that they as a people came before God and entered into a place of praise. We read,

**19. And the Levites, from the sons of the Kohathites and of the sons of the Korahites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel, with a very loud voice.**

**2 Chronicles 20:19**

Then more amazing instruction comes forth. Jehoshaphat stood before the people and said,

**20. 'Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem put your trust in the Lord your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and you will succeed.'**

**2 Chronicles 20:20**

Did you notice that the people were to put their trust in the Lord? Part of trusting the Lord was demonstrated by their willingness to trust His prophets. They needed to hear from the ministry of the prophets. A national calamity was upon them and death was at their door. What did God do?

He released His prophets to bring forth the word of the Lord (His voice) to lead them into victory. Jehoshaphat as an apostolic leader went on and acted on the instruction that was given. Notice what he did,

**21. ...he appointed those who sang to the Lord and those who praised Him in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, 'Give thanks to the Lord, for His loving kindness is everlasting'.**

**2 Chronicles 20:21**

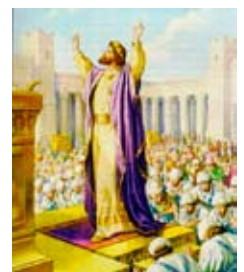
This is amazing! The nation was facing death and was full of fear. There is no way that praise is a priority for anyone when fear is prevailing. But when the prophet's voice broke in (which was really God's voice), a foundation of strength and hope was put back under their feet and praise was put out front as their warfare instruction. The Holy Spirit's anointing upon the prophet broke the hold of the enemy and advanced them into the strategy for the moment. The King took this word and apostolically directed the nation accordingly. So what happened? God's presence broke in and delivered them all.

It says,

**22. And when they began singing and praising, the Lord set ambushes....**

**2 Chronicles 20:22**

Who set ambushes? The Lord did. His presence did. His engagement in their lives did. This is the key to everything. In a moment, God's presence can change what took years to mess up. The end result for these people was that in a day they went from fearing for their lives to gathering spoil for three days. They had a complete deliverance manifested.





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This story is a prophetic picture of the ministry of the apostles and prophets restored and functioning again. What is at stake? Either seeing or missing victories and deliverances that are waiting to come forth as a direct result of the manifested presence of God.

This is where the church is heading. This corporate house will open the door for the Glory of God to manifest again and deliver people from every conceivable human calamity. These people in the Old Testament followed the prophet's voice and were apostolically led by a king into a place of praise. The presence of God did the rest.

As this corporate house rises up, praise will take a central place in its midst. You cannot structure, plan or even prepare for the manifested presence of God. When God shows up, man's agenda ends and God's agenda begins. The rest is for us to follow.

We must have the apostles and prophets restored so that His house can arise and the Glory can return. You need it, I need it, and the world desperately needs it. Join with me in praying for the emergence of this house to be seen on the earth again.

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