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David longed to build a temple for the LORD, as he told Solomon, “My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God: But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.” The LORD made David to be man of war and David slew thousands of the enemies of GOD’s people on various battlefields during HIS life, at the direct command of the LORD. Yet it pleased the LORD to deny him the privilege of building this temple; essentially for doing what the LORD told him to do and directed him in. Quite often men balk at the notion that GOD chooses one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor yet the LORD has made it clear that HE has the sovereign right to do as HE wills with that which belongs to HIM. “Who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”

While David was an instrument in the hand of GOD to display judgment upon the enemies of GOD, the LORD would manifest that the building of HIS “house” and the establishment of HIS kingdom would be done by a MAN of peace, which is what the name of Solomon means. So the LORD JESUS CHRIST has come not to “condemn” but to “redeem”. The government is upon the shoulders of the one who is called “Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

The builder of the LORD’s house was “young and tender”. Nothing about the coming of the SON of David made HIM appear to be the ONE who would be the KING and CONSOLATION of Israel. HE came clothed in, what appeared to men to be, weakness. “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:-- he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” The earthly Temple which Solomon constructed was indeed the most opulent and magnificent edifice of its time. Yet that “true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.” is far more magnificent than any edifice ever raised by mortal men since the ONE who occupies its throne is, “such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.” Solomon was magnified by the glory of the temple which he constructed but that ONE who is greater than Solomon is the glory of that house of which HE is the CHIEF CORNERSTONE.

Time and words would fail us to describe the wonders and beauty of this “exceeding magnificent” house which the Great and Wise MASTERBUILDER has seen fit to establish. Its glory exceeds that of the sun, moon, and stars and its breadth covers the earth, sea, and sky. For the ANCIENT of DAYS, has come down from the Glories of Heaven to construct a house which is “an house of prayer for all people.” It is indeed “of fame and of glory throughout all countries”. Even as John saw in his vision, “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.” This is that House against which the gates of hell cannot prevail, because it is washed in the blood of HIM who is the GREAT HIGH PRIEST over the house of GOD, having obtained eternal redemption for all who are privileged to enter therein according to HIS everlasting covenant. “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

Before the foundation of the world was ever laid the LORD had prepared a House (or kingdom) for HIS people, which HE loved in CHRIST and elected as the people of HIS choice. “Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.” The LORD prepared a people to enter this house with great desire. HE has “prepared them” first of all by ordaining them to eternal life before the foundation of the world. But then secondly HE, prepares them by sending HIS SPIRIT to awaken them from the deadness of sin giving them life. No man can or shall desire a dwelling place in the presence of the LORD except those HE has “prepared” for it by this “new birth”. Have you been born again? *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at fortheepoor@windstream.net**