

## Hebrews 3.3

# The Glory of the Builder

## I. CHRIST IS THE BUILDER.

Christ built the house of God - Moses is but part of the house. He did the work in the OT to pattern for us what God was doing in all of church history from the OT to the New... at every point that Moses did something in the design and implementation of the place of worship and the manner of worship - he was merely acting according to God's instructions. Laying out the pattern, giving us a picture of all that Christ would do and was doing. Every step mirrors what is eternal in the heavens, and what God in Christ is doing in and with us.

### a. Design

i. Moses used the pattern that God gave him.

Exodus 25.8-9, 40

ii. So also did Solomon

## 1Chronicles 28.19

- iii. It was an express pattern of that which existed in eternity.

## Hebrews 8.5

- iv. But Christ was a part of creating the plans which are laid in the eternal counsels of God

## Ephesians 3.9-11

### b. Implementation

#### i. Gathering

1. Moses gathered the materials from the people, which were freely given

## Exodus 36.2-7

2. Jesus gathered and prepared the pieces and fit them all together

Matthew 16:18

1 Peter 2:5.

## ii. Fitness

1. The offerings gathered were of the plunder taken from Egypt... gold that had been used to worship false gods... it was not holy, it was not special, it was not righteous in ANY way... but God sanctified them
2. We were all enemies to God and unfit for the use determined. But God changed us and made us fit before He uses us.
  - a. Opposed to God, we are made willing by His power

Psalm 110.3

2Corinthians 8:5

Romans 12:1

- b. Filled with wicked evil deeds, we are now made holy

1Corinthians 6.9-11

iii. Craftsmanship -

- 1. Moses (and Solomon ) both had the finest craftsmen make everything God commanded to the most exacting standards.

See Exodus 35 – 39 & 1 Kings 5-6

- 2. Jesus fit those called to be His church together to make the house, compacting and putting them each in their proper place

Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4.15-16

Colossians 2.19

- a. This means our being made living by the Spirit of God –

**Ephesians 2.1-5**

**Colossians 2.13**

- b. It then means being placed in the individual families, locations, churches etc that God has ordained for us to form

iv. An atonement had to be made for the house before God would enter

- 1. Moses made an atonement for the tabernacle,

**Heb 9.19-21.**

- 2. Christ made atonement for the church –

**Heb 9.23-28**

v. The articles of worship had to be anointed with holy oil for sanctification in worship

1. Moses did for the tabernacle

Exodus 40.9-10

2. Jesus gave the Holy Spirit for the church

John 16.7

1 John 2.27

vi. Sanctification for God

1. God then entered and took possession of it making it His own.

Exodus 40.34

1Kings 8.10-11

2. So also does God do in us, and for us in Christ

Matthew 28:20

1Corinthians 3:16

2Corinthians 6:16  
Ephesians 2:19-22.

## II. THE BUILDER HAS MORE HONOR -

We will confine our consideration to the glory that is His because of the work done. NOT focusing on the essential glory of His nature as God...

- a. The fitness and display of the glory
  - i. It was a glory fitted to Him as the task was designed FOR Him, and He in His role as Messiah was designed for it...

Peter 1.20-21

- ii. His Glory was declared by His resurrection

Romans 1.4

- iii. It was manifested in His being received up into Glory

1Timothy 3.16

iv. It is proclaimed in Heaven and earth by the worship of all creation

Hebrews 1.6

v. It is honored at the throne of judgement

John 5.22-23

b. The manner of the glory is that He is the object of all worship and faith in all the house He built.

i. Described

1. We believe and trust in Him

John 14.1

2. We obey Him

Romans 14.9-11

Matthew 28.20

ii. Defended

1. God will not share His glory, thus for Christ to receive worship righteously means that He is God (as the scripture affirms)

Isaiah 42.8

2. He is God over all

Romans 9.5

iii. He is the ONLY Mediator between us and God

1. He also aims us to God

1 Peter 1.21

NOTE: that this is the function of a true mediator, one who seeks to draw attention to himself is not mediating...

2. We have access to God through Him

Ephesians 2.18

### 3. We ask of God through Him

John 16.23-26

- iv. Motivated by the work of redemption through which He made us His house

Revelation 5.18-13

- 1. Lamb who took away the sins of the world
- 2. Worship from whole of creation is right and proper
- 3. Same worship is given to God and the Lamb
- 4. He is absolutely worthy of this worship
- v. Motivated by the inherent greatness of the work accomplished
  - 1. Great works make great authors famous
  - 2. The work is absolutely beautiful and glorious
    - a. In its foundation

2 Corinthians 3.10

- b. In its building up - being formed of living stones

### 1Peter 2.4

each of these stones is glorious and beautiful being formed for the worship of Christ as the redeemed of God

- c. In its purpose - it is built to the glory of God and to the glory of God alone.