

He that
OVERCOMETH

shall inherit all things; and I will be
his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:7

The Night Cometh
When NO MAN
CAN WORK



**I must work the works of him
that sent me, while it is day: **the
night cometh, when no man can
work.****

John 9:4

- There are certain **BASIC PRINCIPLES** for those who are the redeemed.
 - We have been learning about **JESUS** as **PRIEST** and **KING**.
 - **PRIEST** – He meets the **NEEDS** of man.
 - **KING** – He demands **OBEDIENCE** of man.
 - Once we are saved, we must progressively **GROW** in the Christian walk.
 - We cannot be **VICTORIOUS** and an **OVERCOMER** unless we are **GROWING** and are moving toward **MATURITY**.
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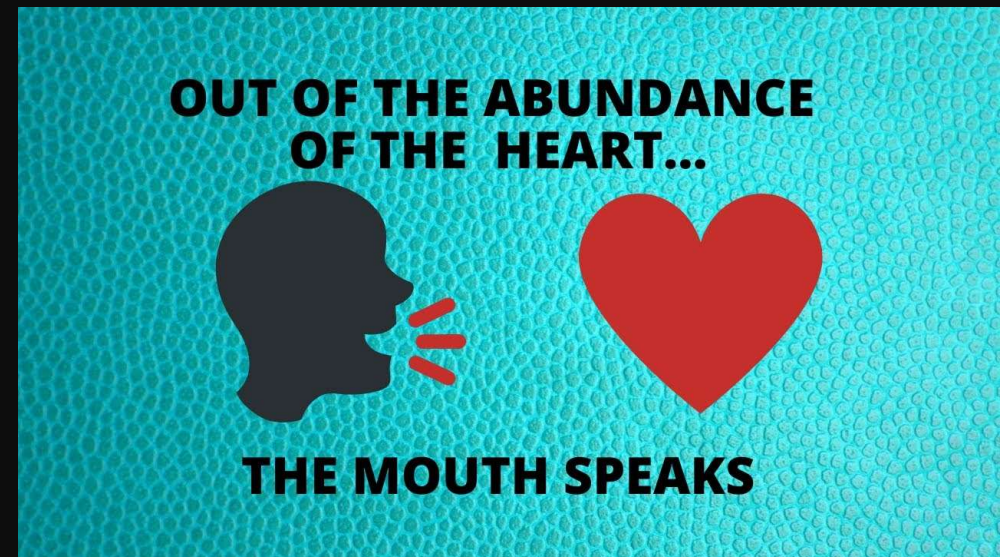


Priest



King

- The **JOY** of the Lord is our **STRENGTH**.
 - Out of the abundance (**OVERFLOW**) of the **HEART** the mouth speaketh. Matthew 12:34
- What are you **TALKING** about?
- What is coming out of your **mouth**?
- Well, our **HEART** is coming out of our mouth!
- When there is **JOY, PRAISE, THANKSGIVING, GLADNESS** in our hearts it will **SPILL OVER** into our countenance and everyday walk with the Lord.

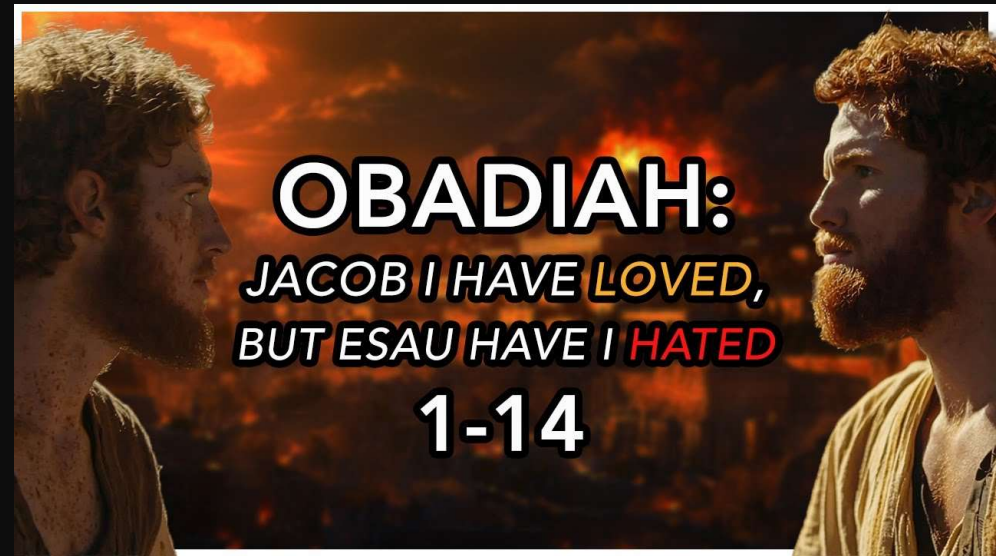




THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND

- The Kingdom of God is not for **ANOTHER TIME** or **ANOTHER PEOPLE**; the Kingdom of God is at **HAND**. It is **NOW**!
- The Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven is that dimension in which Jesus Christ is LORD. He is **RULER** and **GOVERNOR** over our lives.
- However, there are those who have **NO DESIRE** for His Lordship.
- They relate to Jesus as **Priest**, but not as **KING**.
- This is why many Christians are frustrated, nervous, apprehensive, and miserable.

- Selfish believers want the **BENEFITS**, the **GIFTS**, and the **GRACE** of God without the accompanying responsibilities.
 - For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required. Luke 12:48
- “**REQUIRED**” means “expected, demanded”.
- Do you remember Esau?
- The Bible in both the **OT** and the **NT** says that God loved Jacob but hated Esau.
 - I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,
 - And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. Malachi 1:2-3
 - As it is written, **Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.** Romans 9:13



- Why did God love Jacob and hate Esau?
 - To find the answer, we must recall the account of Genesis 25:27-34 where Esau sold his **BIRTHRIGHT**.
 - Additionally, the passage in Genesis 27:1-35 where Jacob swindled his brother out of the **BLESSING**.
 - There is a difference between the **BIRTHRIGHT** and the **BLESSING**.
 - Research in the manners and customs of the Bible say, “Great respect was paid by the household to the first-born son. He had headship over his brothers; he succeeded to the father’s official authority; he had a special claim to the father’s benediction (blessing)”
 - Under the Mosaic law, the eldest son received a **DOUBLE PORTION** of the father’s goods.
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Birthright®

- To receive the birthright, one must receive **RESPONSIBILITY**.
- Esau wanted the **BLESSING**, but he never wanted the **BIRTHRIGHT**, because with the **BIRTHRIGHT** came **RESPONSIBILITIES**.
- And so, it is with those who have been born of God's Spirit.
- The believer has his own written Bill of Rights. They are the benefits and precious promises of the blood covenant of the New Testament.
- We have privileges as a child of God, but there are underlying responsibilities.

- The main responsibility we have as God's children is to **GROW UP** and **MATURE** in Christ.
- The more we **GROW**, the more we accept the challenge of being an **OVERCOMING** Christian.
- God demands **GROWTH**.
- God hated Esau because Esau **DESPISED** his responsibilities as a son.
- “**DESPISED**” in Genesis 25:34 means to “disdain, disesteem, scorn; accord little worth to something; to neglect, make little account of”.
- **DESPISED** means it is opposed to the act of esteeming, appreciating, or caring for.
- This was the attitude of Esau toward his birthright.



MATURE IN CHRIST

- God feels the same way about those who love the benefits but continue to proudly despise the responsibility that accompanies the blessings.

- **The majority of the church is selfish.**

- The proof of that is the popular widespread “escapism” mentality that has become a sacred cow to so many.

- While many are waiting to escape, the Great Commission commanded by Jesus **is yet to be fulfilled**.

- And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- **Go ye therefore, and TEACH ALL NATIONS**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- **TEACHING** them to observe [FOLLOW, OBEY] ALL THINGS whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20

COMMAND TO ALL CHRISTIANS

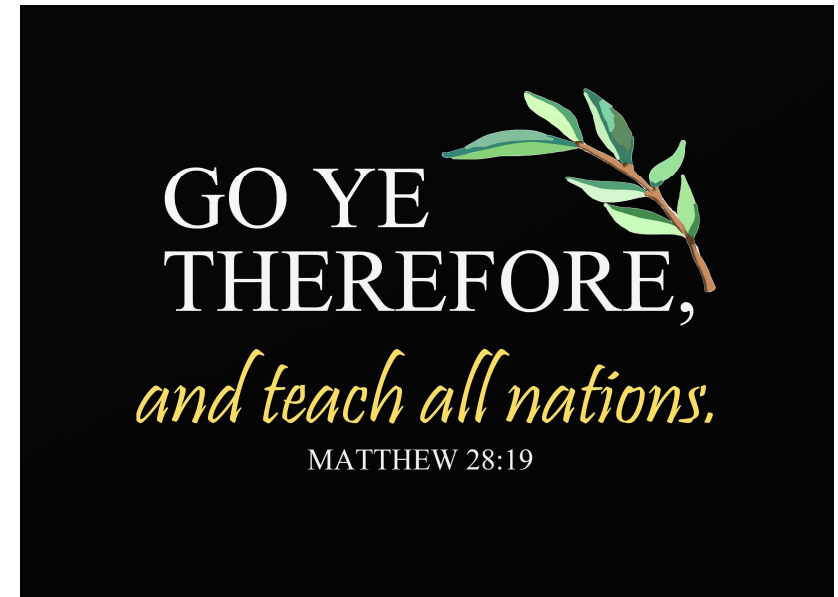
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THE GREAT COMMISSION

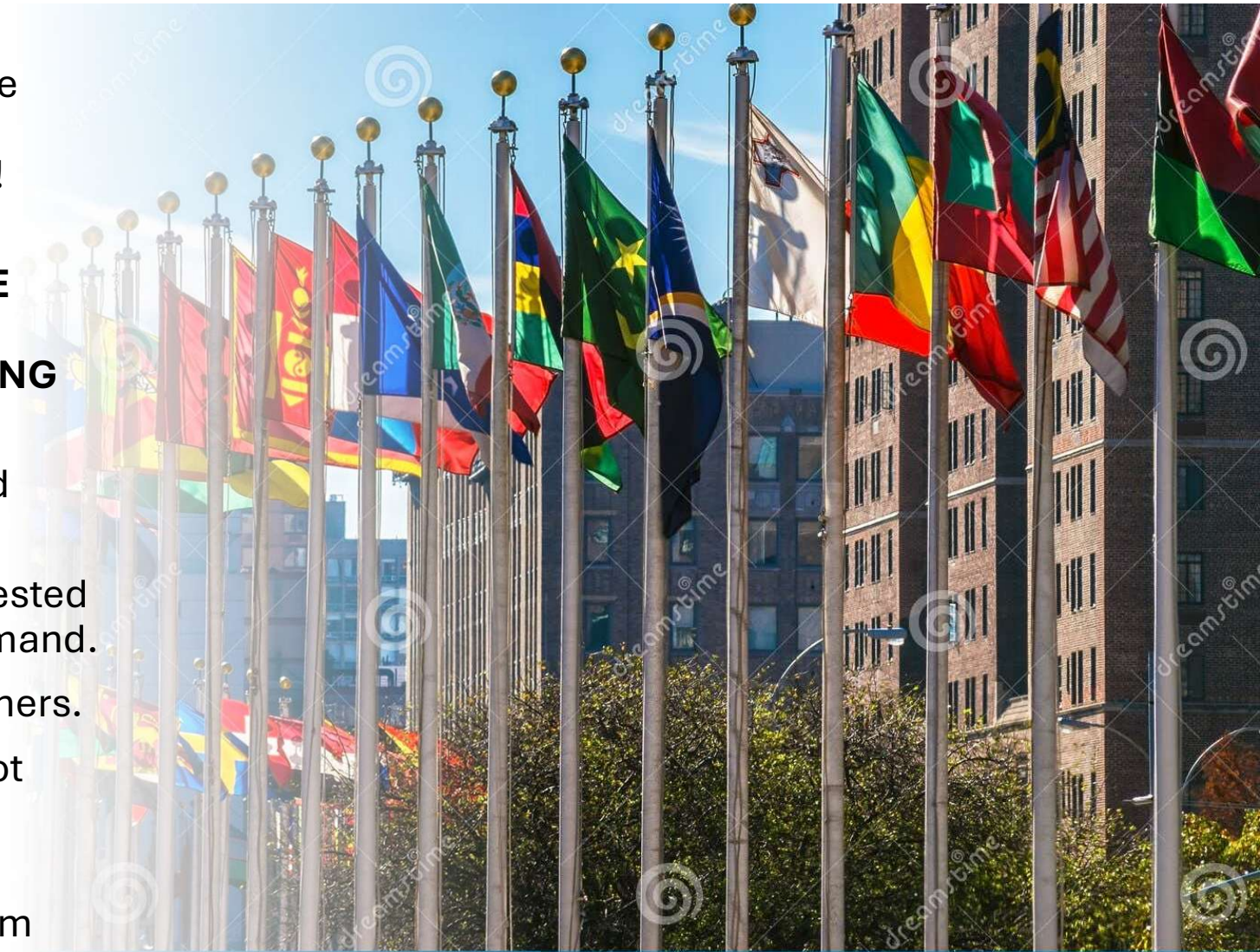
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- The word “**TEACH** all nations” means “to become a pupil, to disciple, to enroll as a scholar.”
- The word, “**TEACHING** them” means “to teach; to give instruction.”
- These are two great principles: to become a disciple, and to give instruction.
- How big is your vision?
- How many people are you or have you taught?
- The wind blows over the world and those who have been born from above have a **WORLD-WIDE** vision.
 - The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.** John 3:8



- The Lord told us to enroll the nations and teach them everything He commanded!
- To do that demands **EVANGELISM** and then **THE INSTRUCTION OF GOD** concerning the **OVERCOMING** life.
- We are to reach the lost and teach them all things.
- Some people are only interested in the first part of that command.
- They don't want to teach others.
- Most of God's people are not being fed.
- They are not hearing the message that will make them mature and grow up.



- The basic truth of the born-again experience is preached every Sunday to many born-again people.
- The result is there are many large churches full of babies and starving believers.
- On the other hand, some people are only interested in the second part of the Lord's marching orders.
- They want a "deeper life", but they are not wise, having no evangelistic vision.
 - **The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.** Proverbs 11:30



- This kind of believers want a constant diet of **exotic spiritual food**, but nothing staple or basic.
- “FEED us the Word” is their cry.
“What is your latest revelation?”
“Give us something rich.”
- They are not in the least bit interested in seeing somebody saved.
- There hasn’t been anyone baptized in water or filled with the Holy Ghost in some of the churches in years, and if it does happen, they talk about it for another year.
- These are churches and believers who are out of balance.



- If we are to be healthy in the Lord, we must have a vision and a diet that is balanced.
- We must fulfill **BOTH** aspects of the Great Commission!
- We must see **NEW** lives born into the Kingdom, for any church or believer that does not reproduce itself will die.
- We must be able to **INSTRUCT** these new believers from the realm of conception to the realm of perfection (maturity).
- This is not an option! It is a **MANDATE** of the King Himself.



- Jesus was interested in sinners. He took time with the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, blind Bartimaeus, Nicodemus, not to mention you and me!
- Yet Jesus was also the Pattern and the Example and the greatest Teacher that man every heard.
- We need **BOTH** principles.
- This truth is beautifully revealed in the book of Ruth where Boaz, the Kinsman-Redeemer and a type of our Lord Jesus,, said to the woman, who is a type of the Church.
 - *Let thine **EYES** be on the **FIELD** that they do **REAP**, and **go thou after them**: ... AND when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and **DRINK** of *that* which the young men have drawn. Ruth 2:9*



Open your eyes and
look at the fields! They
are ripe for harvest.

John 4:35

- Let your eyes be on the field!
- The field is the world. Matthew 13:38
- Maintain a **VISION** for the lost!
- Be evangelistic. Reach out!
- Get a burden for the lost and the young people in your area.
- Don't be satisfied until you see sinners kneeling, repenting, and weeping their way through to an experience with God.
- Follow the **REAPERS**. Go after them!
- But also **DRINK** and **FEED** yourself when you are thirsty and hungry.



- It is not enough for you to be evangelistic.
- You must know what it is to **FEED** upon the **WORD** of God and the Holy Ghost within.
- Learn what it is as a believer to **MATURE** and **DEVELOP**.
- Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.



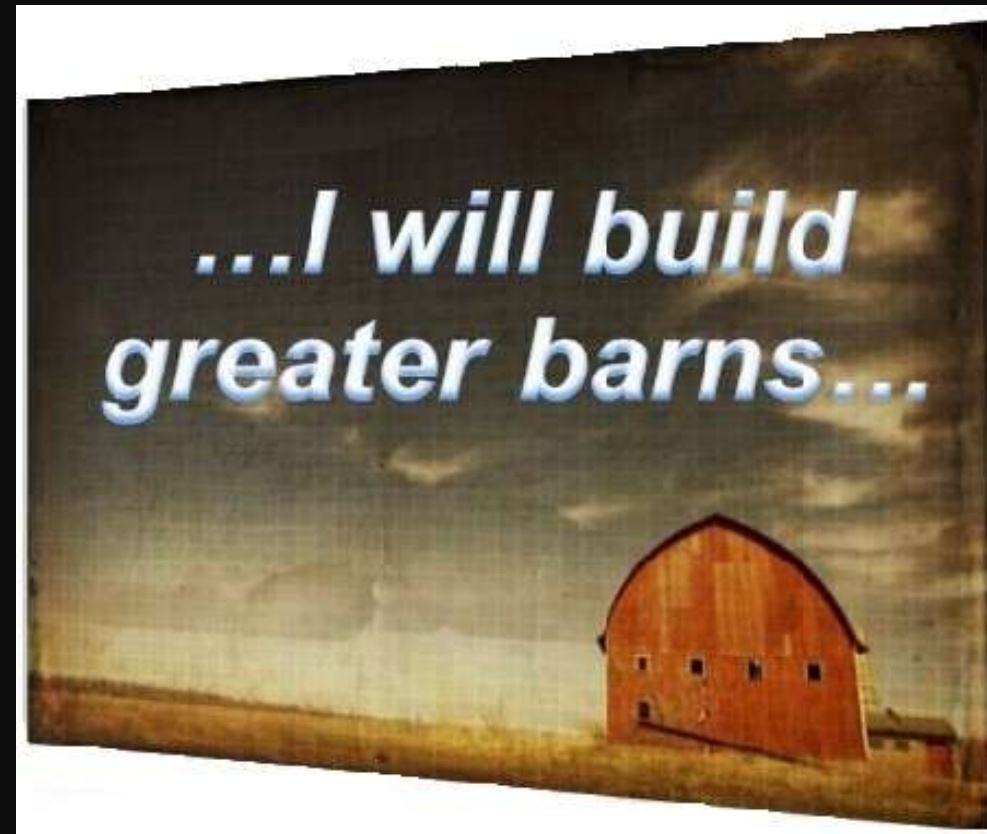
- Jesus commanded His followers to do **TWO** things:
 - Make disciples of **ALL nations**. That is **EVANGELISM**.
- But after you make disciples, and those who have received Jesus as their Saviour, do something for them – **TEACH** them.
- Teach them, not “some” of the things, not “a few” of the things, we are to teach them **ALL things** that Jesus taught.
- So, **WHAT DID JESUS TEACH?**



Written to Christians

- What did Jesus teach?
- Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.
- For when for the time **ye ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as have need of **milk**, and not of strong meat.
- For **every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.**
- But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**
- Therefore **leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ**, let us go on unto **perfection (maturity)**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
- Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
- And this will we do, if God permit. Hebrews 5:11-14; 6:1-3

- It's time for Christians to get out their spiritual diapers and start giving out what we should have already learned a long time ago!
 - Some have spent all their lives in church. It's time to grow up!
 - If the new birth is being preached Sunday after Sunday to a room full of Christians, the church will stagnate in the Spirit and die.
 - These types of churches are "big barns."
 - And he said, This will I do: **I will pull down my barns, and build greater**; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. Luke 12:18
 - There is more to the Christian walk than being born again.
 - That is the **BEGINNING** of your experience with God.
 - And we had better preach and practice that blessed truth!
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- But these are the **FIRST PRINCIPLES**. These are the basics, the truths you learn in God's elementary school.
- The **MILK** of the Word.
- Desire it, that you may **GROW** thereby.
 - As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, **that ye may grow thereby.** 1 Peter 2:2
- If we are to be perfected (matured) in Him, we must **LEAVE** these basics.
- That does **NOT** mean we **STOP** teaching or practicing these blessed truths, but we must lay this solid **FOUNDATION** and then build God a house upon that base.



- **Lay the foundation, and lay it well!**

- Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
- And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
- And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. Matthew 7:24-27
- God will not issue you a heavenly “building permit” until you lay the foundation.
 - And this will we do, if God permit. (Speaking of **LEAVING the doctrine of Christ and moving into maturity.**) Hebrews 6:3



- The early Church built on the solid rock of the foundational teaching ministry of Jesus Christ.
- **1. REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS.**
 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38
- **2. FAITH TOWARDS GOD.**
 - And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. Acts 3:16
- **3. DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS**
 - For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Acts 1:5

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- **4. LAYING ON OF HANDS.**

- By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. Acts 4:30

- **5. RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**

- Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. Acts 1:22

- **6. ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

- And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place. Acts 7:7

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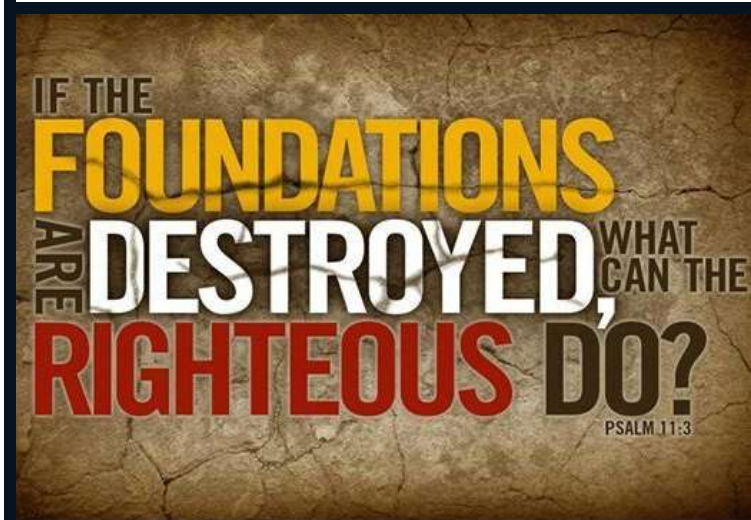
- These are the ministries today that **do not** and **will not** teach these principles that Jesus taught and upon which the apostles built the Church.
 - And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.** Ephesians 2:20
- Certain ministries say that these truths are no longer applicable to the Christian experience.
- Some do not believe that we to fulfill the Great Commission and teach what the Lord Jesus taught, and that is **WHY** we do **NOT** see the **RESULTS** that Jesus had.



- **God is building a mansion for Himself!**
 - Furthermore, David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet young and tender, and the work is great: **for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.*** 1 Chronicles 29:1
- **He is creating a people who shall be the city and the habitation of God through the Spirit.**
 - **Ye are the light of the world. A city** that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Matthew 5:14
 - And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
 - And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and **shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God. Revelation 21:9-10
 - Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
 - And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**
 - In **whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:**
 - In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.** Ephesians 2:19-22

Do you have spiritual perception to see the truth of this verse?

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Psalms 11:3



- My heart is broken for the ignorance that enslaves the children of God.
- **How can we become God's house without a solid foundation?**
- Yet the scribes and the lawyers clamor for His coming.
- Why is it that those who have taken **His Name** will not even believe **His Word** concerning the **BASICs** of **His Kingdom**?
 - **Repent ye therefore**, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, **when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord**;
 - And **he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you**:
 - **Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution** of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:19-21



- The uncertain sound of the mixture of **His truth** and **our tradition** has **leavened the whole lump**, and He still has no **certain** dwelling place.
 - **For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound**, who shall **prepare himself to the battle?** 1 Corinthians 14:8
- The Lord Jesus is looking for a **place to lay his Headship**.
 - And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but **the Son of man hath not where to lay his head**. Matthew 8:20
- We do not want **His MIND**, **His WILL** and **His PURPOSE** to spoil **OUR eschatology**.



- There is **NO ROOM** for him!
 - And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because **there was no room for them in the inn.** Luke 2:7
- **God is not going to rock the boat of man's theology; He is going to let it sink!**
- In this day when every wind of doctrine is so prevalent, we must lay a **SOLID** foundation by removing everything that separates us from Jesus.
- We must dig deep.
- After our foundation is tried,
 - Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, **Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone**, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Isaiah 28:16
- God will give us His building permit, for He will only honor His own building code!
 - **Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it:** except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain. Psalms 127:1

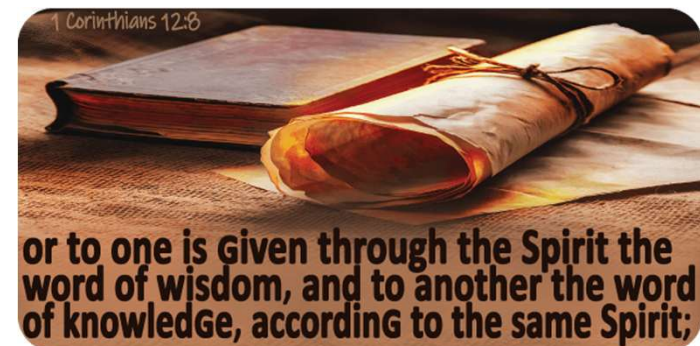


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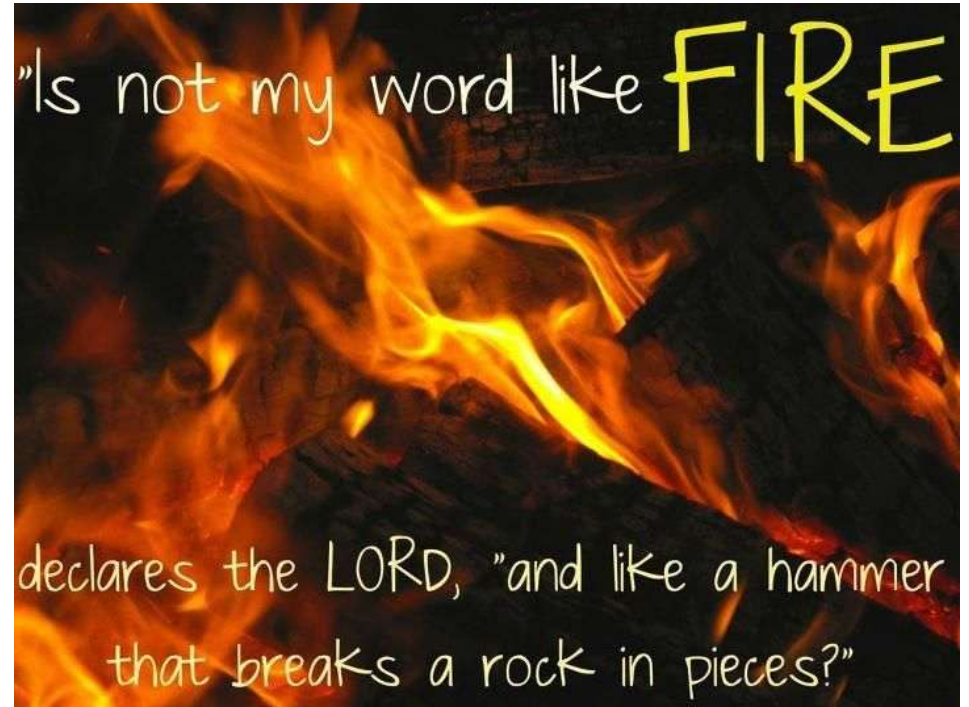
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- God is building a house, and He has commissioned **a team of architects** to see to it that this house of the king is brought to completion.
 - And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. Ephesians 4:11
- **These have the authority of the King to carry out His Commission.**
- The King has given nine different **POWER TOOLS** to these architects.
 - For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit;
 - To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit;
 - To another the **working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another the **interpretation of tongues** 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

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- How sad that so many who claim to be the King's subjects will tell us that these tools are outdated.
- Let it be declared throughout the land!
- Hear the proclamation of the King!
- Any house built in the name of the King that is not constructed according to His plan shall be burned with fire!
 - **Is not my word like as a fire?** saith the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces? Jeremiah 23:29
 - Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
 - And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
 - Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
 - **For our God is a consuming fire.** Hebrews 12:26-29



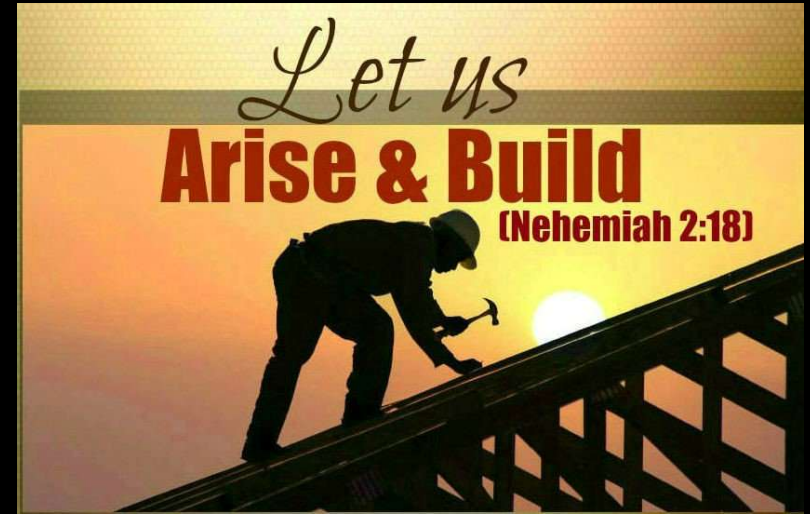
You are an Architect of the Kingdom

- Are you building?
- What are you building?
- Who are you teaching?
- What are you teaching?
- Will what you are building be burnt up with fire?
- We all have WORK to do!
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