

Psalm 132:1-8- *"LORD, remember David and all his afflictions; 2 How he swore to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One: 3 "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes...5 until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob"...8 Arise, O, Lord, to Your resting place."*

We were created to live for a purpose bigger than ourselves. David was pursuing this deep longing given by his Heavenly Father. David was living with an eternal perspective and for an eternal reward. This is the hour when the Lord is establishing His House for the purpose of bringing in the end of the age harvest, sons & daughters of the King of Heaven and the maturing of love by the Bride of Christ being made ready to stand before Jesus.

I. THE TABERNACLE OF GOD: THE ETERNAL TEMPLE

- A. The Father's House has existed from eternity's past and will extend into eternity's future.
- B. There are three words in the Old Testament translated "tabernacle" (or "tent"): ohel, mishkan and sookkah.
 1. **Ohel**- "God's house, God's dwelling place, God's home"; "tent covering" (2 Samuel 6:17)
 2. **Mishkan**- "the wooden structure for the tabernacle and the place for the ark of the covenant"; "inner dwelling of God" (2 Samuel 7:6)
 3. **Sukkah**- a "temporary dwelling place, a booth or tabernacle, it is used for animals, for man, and for God's dwelling place in the heavens"; "booth". (Amos 9:11)
- C. The Lord is reestablishing temporary "booths/dwelling places of rejoicing" as we await our eternal dwelling when Jesus returns to the earth FOREVER.
- D. **Amos 9:11** *On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;*
- E. **Isaiah 56:7** *Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.*
- F. The story of Creation is one of a Father longing to have a family to live with Him and to share the longings of His heart with into the ages to come.
- G. The story of **God's House coming to rest on the Earth** began in the Garden of Eden. His throne was set in place. Then when sin defiled the Garden and all of Creation, the Lord established His House on mountain tops and met with specific leaders. Then, later God speaks to Moses to build Him a dwelling place so that He could move closer to His children. Then, later we see God reveal the beauty of His throne to David and all of the worship happening around His throne. David declared, "I will set in place an expression of this in Jerusalem. Then, over 1000 years later, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit could take it no longer and then sent Jesus Christ to the Earth to open up access to throne of God to every place on the Earth. Now forever the temple will be established in the hearts of men as they say Yes to Jesus of Nazareth.
- H. "We have seen that God has dwelt with men, amongst men and, finally, in men." (Kevin Conner)
- I. He created a family and a home on the earth so that he could dwell (tabernacle) with men.
 1. **Genesis 1:2**- *"The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."*
 2. **Gen. 1:2**- ("...God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss." The Message)

- J. The longing in our hearts is God-given as we have been created in His image and likeness. He longs for a family.
- K. The Father is building His House on the earth so that He can move heaven to the earth, forever.
- L. The Father is releasing ZEAL for His House again in our generation!
 - 1. David was consumed zeal for the Father's house and rest to be established in Jerusalem.
 - 2. **Psalm 69:9**- *"Because zeal (intense love) for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me."*
 - 3. **John 2:17**- *Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."*
 - 4. **Luke 2:49**- *And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"*
 - 5. Jesus was declaring to His parents, "I am working with (about) my Heavenly Father in His business (His House)". He was doing more than establishing a spiritual country club but declaring that the Father's house was a house of worship, communion, and prayer.
- M. We can travel the world and taste and experience the finest that life has to offer and still there is an ache deep within our hearts. This life is but a shadow of the age to come. We are preparing our eternal dwelling place based on how we live in this life.
- N. **Matthew 7:24**- *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:"*
- O. "The no. 1 reason why the Father is so longing to rebuild the tabernacle of David today is because He MISSES it!" **Kirk Bennett**

II. THE INVITATION OF HEAVEN IS TO BE WITH GOD

- A. **Exodus 24:12** *Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain (HOP) and be (dwell/live/stay) there; and I will give you tablets of stone (Word of God), and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."*
- B. **2 Timothy 3:16** *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...*
- C. When the Lord calls us to be before Him, it is not just for our benefit. It is the longing of His heart for sons and daughters to spend time with Him.
- D. The greatest calling on an individual and on a generation is to know their God. The Father is inviting His children back into His house of holy affection. Just as in the "parable of the lost son" (**Lk. 15:11-32**), you are calling the prodigal children and the working sons & daughters back into your heart.
- E. **Luke 15:31** *"And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours."*
- F. It is possible to be in the family of God and not know the Father intimately. The Lord is calling His "sons" back into His house to know Him in the 1st Commandment in first place.
- G. **Isaiah 6:1-4** *In the year that King Uzziah died, I (Isaiah) saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple... 3 And one (Angel) cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*
- H. There is the eternal Temple of Heaven. This is God's eternal dwelling place, apart from humanity.
- I. When the revelation of Jesus is declared, even the Eternal Temple in Heaven is shaken.

- J. Before the “Temple of Solomon” was built and established, the Lord had His House of Prayer located in different places.
 - 1. The Garden of Eden- The first dwelling of God with Man (Gen. 2:8)
 - 2. Various Altars- (Gen. 8:20; Gen. 12:8; Gen. 22:9;...
 - 3. Tabernacle of Moses- (Ex. 25-26)
 - 4. Tabernacle of David- (1 Chron. 15)
 - 5. Tabernacle/Temple of Solomon- (2 Chron. 6-7)
- K. “Altar” is distinct from “Temple.” Whereas temple implies a building or roofed structure, altar implies an open structure. Both are an established place of meeting between God and Man.

TABERNACLE OF MOSES

Exodus 24:12-18 *Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.”¹³ So Moses arose with this assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.¹⁴ And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them.”¹⁵ Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.¹⁶ Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.¹⁷ The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.¹⁸ So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.*

I. INSTRUCTION TO MOSES ON BUILDING THE HOUSE OF GOD

- A. **Exodus 25:1-2** *“Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 “Speak to the children of Israel (Miami), that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.”*
- B. The first thing that the Father asks Moses to do is call the family of Israel to raise the funds to build the tabernacle of prayer. These are the God-ordained instructions or “blueprints” from heaven for building His house on the earth.
- C. **Prophetic Word:** When IHOP-Miami was starting, the Lord gave us a word that we were to receive the “Blue Dream, Blue Vision, & Blue Print”.
- D. **2 Corinthians 9:7** *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves (is excited about) a cheerful giver.*
- E. These offerings are for the purpose of building a place that the Lord can meet with His people.
- F. The specific layout of the tabernacle and its courtyard is significant because it illustrates God’s prescribed way for man to approach Him.
- G. Each article and furniture piece in the Tabernacle were merely foreshadows of the eternal Temple of Jesus and the Perfect sin sacrifice of Jesus.
- H. **Exodus 25:9** *According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.*

- I. Any time that Moses and the people of Israel moved they would pack up the Tabernacle furniture and curtains and articles. The instructions were carrying the Ark was that only the priests could carry it on their shoulders by the poles attached to the sides.
- J. And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. 7 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God. (**2 Samuel 6:6-7**)
- K. The tabernacle of Moses was instituted as God's idea and blueprint for the sole purpose of living among His people again. It was a glorified traveling tent build from animal skins, linen curtains, and a golden coated wooden frame that could be taken down and moved as the Lord lead the people of Israel.
- L. There were three (3) main rooms of the Tabernacle of Moses:
- M. **The Most Holy Place-** The Ark of the Covenant was set in the middle of the "most holy place". The Ark was the dedicated place for God's presence to dwell (**Ex. 25:10-22**).
 1. The Ark represents the Throne of God on the earth, the Presence of God, the Glory of God revealed by the Heavenly order and worship, and the Fullness of the Godhead revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ in bodily form.
 2. The Ark was one piece of furniture with three parts. On the left and right sides were the two Cherubim overlooking the center of the Mercy Seat. Many commentators agree that the Ark reflects the unity of the triune Godhead. Cherub= Father; Mercy Seat=Blood Sacrifice of the Son; Cherub=Holy Spirit
 3. One of the most amazing testimonies of the "**Mercy Seat**" was that it was a seat which was reserved for only One Man who was worthy to become the forever sacrifice for all of humanities sins.
 4. **Hebrews 10:12** *"But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God"*
 5. Moses was instructed to place three (3) items under this "mercy seat" as symbols and reminders of the greater to come.
 - a. **Tablets of the 10 Commandments-** We see the eternal Laws of God being watched over at the center of the Godhead, while also being fulfilled in the sacrifice of His only begotten Son (**Ex. 19-20**).
 - b. **The Golden Pot of Manna-** The Manna is a reminder of God's provision and that there is eternal food in the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ. Scholars describe manna (What is it?) as being white, round flakes tasting like oil and sweet honey. As the Israelites were responsible to collect and eat their own "daily bread", so too we approach Jesus daily to receive our own daily bread.
Interestingly, when the Ark was moved into Solomon's Temple there was no more manna. This was a picture of entering into permanent rest, as was the Sabbath, and when Israel entered into the Promised Land (Ex. 16:11-31**).
 - c. **Budding Rod of Aaron-** This rod is a picture of the eternal life of the Holy Spirit and the fruitfulness He issues as we remain in fellowship with Jesus Christ (**Num. 17:1-10**)
 6. There was no artificial or natural light in the most holy place. There was only the light of the glory of God, shining. This is the essence of the Father of glory, the glory of the Eternal God.
 7. **John 1:14** *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*
 8. **Exodus 34:30** *"So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him."*

9. **Ex. 25:22** *“And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.”*

N. The Ark of Testimony-

1. The Ark was the center-point of the rest of the tabernacle, as it was set in the “Most Holy Place”. It was the place where God would rest His manifest presence. **Without the presence of God it was nothing more than furniture, curtains, and walls.**
2. It was 3 feet, 9 inches long and 2 feet, 3 inches wide and high. God commanded Moses to put in the ark three (3) items: a golden pot of manna, Aaron’s staff that had budded, and the two stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written.
3. On top of the Ark was placed the lid or the Atonement cover or the Mercy Seat. This was to serve as a shield from the full glory and Light of God’s presence, without it all would die. The Mercy Seat was a constant reminder for the Priests that they could only approach God partially.
4. Speaking to Moses- “But He (God) said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” (**Exodus 33:20**)
5. We see in this that Jesus was being foreshadowed as the eternal sacrifice and covering to stand between perfection and sin. Jesus would become, both the eternal sacrifice and the perfect Priest having access to the Heavenly Father God and humanity forever.

O. The Holy Place- The Holy Place contained the golden altar of incense, the table of shewbread, the golden candlestick.

- P. **Golden Altar of Incense-** This was the place for offering continual offerings of incense to the Lord. It was placed in front of the curtain leading into the “most holy place”. Incense offerings are symbolic of the worship and prayers of God’s people. Incense precedes entrance into the most holy place.
1. The golden altar of incense, which is not to be confused with the mercy seat/brazen altar, sat in front of the curtain that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. This altar was smaller than the brazen altar. It was a square measuring 1.5 feet and was 3 feet high. It was made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. Four horns were on the four corners of the altar.
 2. God commanded the priests to burn incense on the golden altar every morning and evening and to be left burning continuously. The incense was a symbol of the prayers and intercession of the people going up to God as a sweet fragrance.
 3. **Psalm 141:2** *Let my prayer (King David) be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*
 4. **Isaiah 56:7** *Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of (for) prayer for all nations.”*
 5. A thick curtain separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place. This curtain or veil was made of fine linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn. There were figures of cherubim (angels) attached onto this veil.
 6. In the same way that the people of Israel and the priests offered up a couple thousand years of incense of prayer before the curtain of the Most Holy Place, so too we are offering up continuous incense of unending prayer and worship to prepare for Jesus to come again. Jesus ripped the curtain of the Temple at His death and will rip the curtain of the sky at His second coming.

7. Over time, it becomes human nature to serve the system of ministry to the Lord, over the Lord Himself. This is why we must have the grace of the Father to call us back to WHY we do WHAT we do. It is about being with Him on His terms forever.

Q. The Table of Shewbread-

1. The “shewbread” or “bread of presence” was set on this table weekly. The table measured 3 feet by 1.5 feet and was 2 feet, 3 inches high. It stood on the right side of the Holy Place across from the lampstand and held 12 loaves of bread, representing the 12 tribes of Israel. The priests baked the bread and it remained on the table before the Lord for a week.
 2. Every Sabbath day the priests would remove it and eat it in the Holy Place, then put fresh bread on the table. Only priests could eat the bread, and it could only be eaten in the Holy Place, because it was holy.
 3. This was a picture of God’s desire to share something in common with Man. It was an invitation to fellowship and feast together with God.
 4. Another thing that the showbread was symbolic of was the Body of Christ, the Bread of God’s Word. Jesus declared that He was the Bread of Life/Living Bread of Heaven (Jn. 6:35). Jesus also declared to His disciples that He was feeding off of the Bread of Heaven by following the will of His Father (Jn. 4:34).
- R. It is interesting to see how the Lord instructed Moses to place the Lampstand just beyond the Table of Showbread. This is a picture of the Holy Spirit watching over the Word of God to see it fulfilled.
- S. **Jeremiah 1:12** *“Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.” (Amplified)*
- T. **Isaiah 55:11** *“So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”*

U. The Gold Lampstand-

1. The “Lampstand” or “Menorah” or “Candlesticks” was located in the Holy Place just on the other side of the dividing curtain of the Most Holy Place. There were three (3) pieces of furniture in the Holy Place: the lampstand/menorah, the table of showbread and golden altar of incense.
2. Seven lamps holding olive oil and wicks stood on top of the branches. Each branch looked like that of an almond tree, containing buds, blossoms and flowers. The priests were instructed to keep the lamps burning continuously.
3. The picture of the almond tree that was on each candlestick was to serve as a symbol of spiritual life and awakening. The entire furniture piece weighed about 75 pounds. At the top of each branch was placed a small lamp with oil inside.
4. **Almond** in Hebrew- “**shaqed**” means “to be watchful, alert, on the lookout, sleepless. The picture of the almond being placed on the lampstand was two-fold:
 - a. God is constantly watching over His Word and His people. He is also watchful over His Word that has been deposited in His people to see that it is fulfilled and accomplished.
 - b. Both Israel and all of Christ’s followers are warned to be alert to follow and obey God’s commands.
 - c. The Almond tree normally is the first to bloom of all other flowers (February) and then is usually one of the last in Israel to bare its fruit.

5. **Jeremiah 1:11-12** *Moreover the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Look, Jeremiah! What do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch from an almond tree." 12 Then the Lord said to me, "That's right, and it means that I am watching, and I will certainly carry out all my plans."*
 6. **Job 7:20** *"...O watcher of men? Why have you set me as Your target?"*
 7. One of the most amazing testimonies in scripture concerning the almond tree is from **Numbers 17** when Moses puts 12 branches in the most holy place to ask the Lord to select the Leader for the tabernacle and priest for all the tribes of Israel. Within one day, Moses goes to retrieve and finds the branch of Aaron with sprouts, budded flowers, and ripe almonds. There is an acceleration that happens in the presence of the Lord. It's like pouring gasoline on a small fire! It's like growing small and tender plants in a greenhouse-like environment. This is why the altar of prayer must be maintained in our city as we maintain and host God's glorious presence.
 8. As the lamps were to be kept burning by the priests so there had to be a continuous supply of olive oil to maintain the continuous flame. The oil is represented of the Holy Spirit's presence and the flame is represented of the testimony of Jesus and the lampstand is represented of the church and vehicle of ministry for displaying the testimony of Jesus.
 9. **Revelation 2:5** *Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.*
 10. There will be no "testimony of Jesus" without "personal history with Jesus and Holy Spirit".
- V. **The Outer Court-** In the outer courts there was placed the brazen altar/altar of sacrifice and the brazen laver.
- W. **The Brazen Altar of Sacrifice-** This was the altar established in the tabernacle, outside the Inner Holy Places.
1. The brazen altar was positioned in the entrance of the tabernacle outer court yard. The idea was that if one desired to approach God in worship and fellowship you must approach Him through the blood sacrifice for sin. This of course is a reflection of Jesus' eternal sacrifice on the Cross.
 2. **Exodus 27:8** *"You shall make it hallow with boards; **as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it.**"*
 3. This is a reminder that God's prescribed order of worship and service are the best way. Ask Uzza when he attempted to touch God's holy arch in an unholy manner.
 4. The brazen altar had 4 horns placed on each corner of the structure. These horns were symbols of strength, anointing, and authority. The horns were also practical as they served for tying the sacrificial animals to before being used on the altar.
 5. There were also a couple of occasions in the Old Testament when Adonijah and Joab fled to the altar and held on to the horns and cried out for mercy. Adonijah received mercy from his rebellion and Joab received judgment for the sin of murder.
 6. There were also 4 rings placed in the corners of the altar which served as a practical way for the priests to carry the furniture piece when traveling. These 4 rings were symbolic expressions and foreshadows of four characteristics of Jesus Christ to come. 1) God is Light! 2) God is Love! 3) God is Consuming Fire! 4) God is Spirit!
 7. **These characteristics of God are central to His judgment of sin!**
 8. One of the most amazing testimonies of this altar was that the fire that was kindled on it was divinely kindled from the glory of God that overflowed from the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place. Afterward, God commanded the priests to insure that the fire never goes out.

9. **Leviticus 6:12-13** *“And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. 13A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.” (Isa. 4:4)*
10. Once the fire was lit by God it was man’s responsibility to take the fire and light the Candlestick and the Altar of Incense. God’s heavenly fire is the source of every other fire and source of light for us today.
- X. **The Brazen Laver**- This was the washing vessel which God instructed the priests to make for the purpose of cleaning themselves or the animal parts to be sacrificed.
 1. This reservoir of water can be seen as symbolic of the “washing of the water of the Word” which is the primary source of exposing sin in the human heart. The Holy Spirit is the One who takes the Word and breathes life on it and speaks it to the hearts of men.
- Y. The Brazen Altar speaks of the “blood” which cleanses the human heart from the death-sentence while the Brazen Laver speaks of the “water” which speaks of the separation and cleansing by the Spirit. Jesus embodied the eternal sacrifice as he was crucified on the Cross and out flowed his blood and water to forever serve as the eternal sacrificial offering for all of humanity past, present, and future.
- Z. **The Cloud of Glory**- Once the Tabernacle of Moses was completed, then the cloud of God’s glory descended and covered the Tent of the Tabernacle.
 1. As the Cloud of Glory led all of Israel, so too Holy Spirit leads us today.
 2. The Cloud (Holy Spirit) went before them, led them, gave them light, gave them warmth in the Pillar of Fire, and gave them shade from the heat of day.
 3. God’s Cloud of Glory was to serve as a visible and tangible manifestation of His nearness.
 4. When Moses would enter into the Tabernacle to meet with God, the Pillar of Fire or Cloud of Glory would descend over the tabernacle. Those Israelites who saw the cloud/pillar would exit their tents and stand at their doorway and bow down to worship God. They willingly made their first and highest priority to worship and encounter the glory of God whenever He visited them.
 5. When God moves, will we move with Him? Everything in the natural says to remain comfortable, even if it means remaining “in slavery” as many of the Israelites considered.
 6. “God moved them from a comfortable slavery in Egypt into an uncomfortable freedom.” (**Loren Sandford**- Charisma Magazine)

THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID BEING ESTABLISHED

Psalm 27:4 *“One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek; That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.”*

I. DAVID’S SACRED VOW: TO EXTRAVAGANTLY PURSUE GOD

- A. As a young man, David made a vow to dedicate his life to find a resting place or dwelling place for God; a place where God’s presence is manifest on earth. David’s life work was to establish a dwelling place for God in Jerusalem in his generation.
- B. David vowed to live in extravagant devotion to seek the Lord with all his resources (*time, talents, and treasures*). His vow included spending time in God’s House (**Ps. 27:4**), fasting (**Ps. 69:7-12**), extravagant giving of his money (**1 Chr. 22:14**) and embracing God’s order in worship.
 1. **One thing**- David was making everything secondary, while make “one thing” primary in his pursuit.
 2. **I have desired**- David had been gripped with deep desire for something bigger than his own cultural upbringing and personal history and experience. There was a desire gripping him to the point of forsaking everything only to pursue this one thing.
 3. **Of the Lord**- David recognized that this all-consuming desire was both from God and toward God.
 4. **That will I seek**- David went beyond a public declaration and invested his time, money, heart, reputation, etc. in order to obtain that which burned in his heart.
 5. **That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life**- David is declaring that the place of his rest and the home for his heart could ultimately be found in one place; in the house of the Lord. David was declaring that when God was able to rest continuously, then he too would be able to rest eternally.
 6. **To behold the beauty of the Lord**- The *first thing* David states as wanting to receive from God is the ability to be exhilarated by encountering the beauty of God. David declares, “Let me see your face and let me hear your voice.” There are many things in this life that we can label as beauty but there is the ultimate beauty; the beauty of the Bridegroom God and King who is longing for a Bride to be made ready for His eternal appearing.
 7. **And to inquire in His temple**- David was well aware of His Heavenly Father’s ability and desire to fellowship and share deep thoughts and emotions with His children on the earth
- C. This sacred vow changed his generation and continues today in those who embrace it. This is at the heart of the End-Time worship movement.
- D. David’s vow positioned his heart to receive insight into the worship that God seeks.
- E. **John 4:23**- *“True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”*
- F. David received revelation of worship in God’s heavenly sanctuary (**1 Chr. 28:11-19**).
- G. **Psalm 119:96**- *“I have seen the consummation of all perfection (God’s Eternal Throne).”*
- H. **1 Chronicles 28:11-19** ¹¹*David gave his son Solomon the plans...* ¹²*for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD...* ¹³*also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD...* ¹⁹*All this,” said David, “the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans.”*
- I. David saw Heaven. He received a glimpse into “the perfection of ALL things...”!

1. What does the perfection of all things look like? There is no sickness, sin, pain, death, hatred, exploitation of the innocent, poverty, depression, debt, disappointment, etc.
2. David knew that if he were to building a place for God to live in Jerusalem then God would come and find an excuse to express His power. Healing would be released, justice would be established, the lost would be found, and whole families and cities would be transformed.
- J. **Rev. 4-5** describes the worship order around God's Throne.
- K. Those nearest God's Throne agree with Him in 24/7 worship and intercession as the closest occupation to the Father's throne in the New Jerusalem.
 1. **Revelation 4:8,9,10**- *The 4 living creatures...do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy..."¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down...and worship Him who lives forever and ever...*
 2. **Revelation 14:2-3**- *"I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and...loud thunder. I heard the sound of harpists..."³They sang...a new song before the Throne...*
 3. **Revelation 5:13-14**- *Every creature which is in heaven and on the earth...saying: "Blessing and honor...be to Him who sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"¹⁴The twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.*
- L. The Father opened the "curtains of heaven" and said, "You want to see what I love to hear and see? Take a look at this! These are the sights and sounds I have surrounded myself with in heaven. This is how I have chosen to decorate and arrange my house. This is what I value the most; so much so, I have placed it as close to me as I can!" He invites into His secret chambers to share His most intimate thoughts and desires.
- M. The Father loves continual worship and intercession; agreement of Creator & Creation joining together.
- N. God "inhabits/enthrones/rests/lives/dwells (manifests His life) in the praise of His people. David taught that when we sing praise that God inhabits (shows His power) in that context.
 1. **Psalms 22:3**- *"You are...enthroned (manifest the power of Your Throne) in the praises of Israel."*
- O. David's revelation of heavenly worship, as seen in Psalms is foundational to David's throne which is a "political government in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David" or government based on 24/7 worship and intercession.
- P. **Psalms 149:6-9**- *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth...⁷to execute vengeance (justice) on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; ⁸to bind their kings with chains...⁹to execute on them the written judgment-- this honor have all His saints.*

II. DAVID'S FIRST ACT AS KING: ESTABLISHING 24/7 WORSHIP TO GOD

- A. After David became king, the first thing he did was to capture Jerusalem (**2 Sam. 5:3-10**). Then he began to work to fulfill his sacred vow by setting up a worship tabernacle in Jerusalem (**2 Sam. 6**). David received revelation from God about establishing God's order of worship first in Jerusalem. Jesus will also re-establish a night & day worship tabernacle in Jerusalem at His coming.
 1. **1 Chronicles 15:1,16**- *David...prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it...¹⁶David spoke to the...Levites to appoint...singers accompanied by instruments of music...*
- B. David put Levites before the Ark (which spoke of God's Throne and presence) to worship God.
 - **1 Chronicles 16:1, 4, 37**- *They brought the ark...and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David erected for it. ⁴He appointed Levites (singers) to minister before the ark...to praise the Lord...³⁷ to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required."*

- C. It is critical to understand just how holy of a calling it is to host the presence of the God of Creation. He is holy, set apart from all others. **1 Chron. 13** tells the story of Uzza (an advisor of David) being struck dead because he reached out to touch the ark of God.
- D. **1 Chronicles 15:13**- *"For because you Levites did not carry the Ark the first time, the anger of the LORD our God burst out against us. We failed to ask God how to move it properly."* (NLT)
- E. We are crying out for a generation who walks in a holy and righteous fear of the Holy God. It is in knowing His holiness that we can then recognize His endless love to us.
- F. David established **4,000 full-time paid musicians, 288 singers** and **4,000 gatekeepers**. Thus, he financed about **10,000 full-time staff to facilitate worship**. (*1 Chronicles 22- 26- "Divisions of the Temple Staff"*)
- G. David commanded God's people to honor the heavenly order of worship that he received by revelation because it was God's command (**2 Chr. 29:25; 35:4, 15; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:45**). These worship principles are timeless and valid today, such as establishing singers and musicians in God's House.
 - **2 Chronicles 29:25**- *"The commandment of David...was the commandment of the LORD..."*
- H. David provided financial support so that singers could sing as a full-time occupation.
 - **1 Chronicles 9:33**- *These are the singers...who lodged in the chambers, and were free from other duties; for they were employed in that work day and night.*
- I. God's order for supporting the singers and gatekeepers was revealed to David. The storehouse was the central place to receive tithes that was under the spiritual leadership of the Lord's House. Asaph and his brothers were included in the 288 singers; 12 singers every hour (12 x 24 = 288).
 - **1 Chronicles 16:37**- *So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required...*
- J. David gave over \$100 billion (in today's terms) to God's House from his personal finances.
 - **1 Chronicles 22:14**- *"Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the House of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold (\$85 billion) and 1,000,000 talents of silver (\$15 billion)..."*

III. COMPARING THE TABERNACLES OF MOSES & DAVID

- A. The "Tabernacle of Moses" was set up in 1450 BC in Mt. Sinai then Gibeon and animal sacrifices were being made regularly (2x daily). Even with this, the "ark of the covenant" was not in the tabernacle in the generation of David when he moved it to Jerusalem.
- B. The Ark of the Covenant was the hosting place of God's Presence!
- C. When David captured the Ark back from the Philistines, he did not return it to Gideon, but Jerusalem!
- D. David had the eternal vision of the "Tabernacle of Jesus" established in Jerusalem.
- E. Though "blood sacrifice" was still needed in David's generation until Christ's death for the cleansing of sin, the Father desired to receive a living sacrifice of love from His people. Jesus cannot give that to the Father! Only we can give our love to God as an expression of our personal encounter with the living God.
 1. The Tabernacle of David incorporated singers in the worship (**1 Chr. 15:16-27; Col. 3:16**). The Tabernacle of Moses did not except for a few singers at Mt. Gibeon.
 2. The Tabernacle of David used instruments as part of the worship (**1 Chr. 23:5; 25:1-7; Eph. 5:18-19**), while the Moses had none.
 3. The Levites ministered before the Ark (**1 Chr. 16:37; Heb. 6:19-20; 10:19-21**) with David, but only the High Priest could minister before the Ark with Moses.
 4. David had a ministry of thanksgiving (**1 Chr. 16:4, 8, 41; 1 Thess. 5:18**) and Moses had no ministry giving thanks.

5. David filled the tabernacle with praise & singing (**1 Chr. 16:4, 36; Heb. 13:15**) while Moses did not.
 6. David included "Psalm singing" (**1 Chr. 16:7; Eph. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 14:26; James 5:13**) and Moses did not most of the time.
 7. David encouraged and included "clapping" (Psalm 47:1) and Moses did not.
 - **Psalm 47:1**- "Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!"
 8. David included dancing as an expression of worship (1 Chr. 15:29; Ps. 149:3; Lk. 15:25), but Moses did not except for **Exodus 15**.
 9. David's worshippers offered spiritual sacrifices (**Ps. 27:6; 116:17; 1 Pet. 2:3-5; Heb. 13:15-16**) rather than animal sacrifices like Moses.
- F. The reason why the Lord is not restoring the "tabernacle of Moses" but is restoring the tabernacle of David" is because He has already satisfied the requirement of a sacrifice for sin. What the Father is now longing for is spiritual sacrifices of worship and prayer that is given in spirit and truth (**Jn. 4:23**).
- G. "God has brought us out of Egypt, out of slavery to sin and shame, not just so we can escape hell and go to heaven, not just so we can possess the promises of God such as prosperity, health, and success, not just so we can have thriving churches, victory over the devil, and successful outreach programs and discipleship programs, not just so we can take walled cities and see our cities won to Christ. No! He has brought us out of Egypt primarily to bring us unto and into Himself! If we were to enter into the blessings of God without finding God, we would have missed the very purpose for which God brought us out of Egypt." (www.buildinghishouse.org)
- H. **Tabernacle of Moses**= *God going after man* **Tabernacle of David**= *Man going after God*

THE LORD'S INHERITANCE: A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

Exodus 19:5,6 *Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."*

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

Every generation has the heavenly invitation to draw near to their God and to know Him, not from a distance, but up close as friend. Mostly, we want a safe religion but not God. David and his generation said yes to drawing near to God rather than sending a human representative. David had insight into God's calling all of Israel into priesthood, not just a select few. We don't like the reality of coming near God because He exposes our sin and darkness. We would rather send Moses to the mountain to come back with a list of guidelines for serving God at a distance. WE WON'T BE SATISFIED, AND NEITHER WILL GOD!

I. EMBRACING DAVID'S REVELATION OF WORSHIP IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. **Solomon** re-established the singers in the Temple according to the direction that God gave his father David.
- B. **2 Chronicles 8:14**- *According to the order of David his father, he (Solomon) appointed...Levites for their duties to praise...as the duty of each day required...for so David...commanded.*
- C. Amos (about 750 BC) prophesied of the restoration of David's Tabernacle and thus to reverse the damage of Israel's apostasy and hardened hearts. The fullness of the Tabernacle of David speaks of Jesus' Millennial government over all nations that is based on 24/7 Davidic worship and intercession.
- D. **Amos 9:11**- *On that day I will raise up the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old...*
- E. When Israel went astray, God raised up spiritual reformers with a vision to restore worship as David commanded it. There were 7 "revivals" in OT history when Davidic worship was restored (There were many other revivals of the Word and repentance.)
 1. **Solomon's Temple**- (964 BC)
 2. **Hezekiah's** revival (about 725 BC) included restoring singers/musicians as David commanded.
 - **2 Chronicles 29:25-27**- *"And he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets. The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. Then Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord also began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel."*
 3. **King Josiah's** revival (about 625 BC) restored full-time singers and musicians as David commanded. (2 Chr. 35:3-15)
 - Josiah was 8 years old when he became King and ruled for 35 years.
 - "Baby Josiah" began to tear down all of the false worship temples and sentencing to death those practicing idol worship.

- At age 26 Josiah started repairing the Temple and calling the Levites back to the David order of worship.
- Around this same time, the priests found the Law of the Prophets that had been lost. My question is, "Who lost it and when did they realize that it was lost?" (There is also a rediscovery of the Law of the Lord today.)
- 4. **Zerubbabel** (about 536 BC) established full-time singers and musicians as commanded by David. (Ezra 3:10) (Neh. 12:47)
- 5. **Ezra** and **Nehemiah** (445 BC) established full-time singers and musicians as David commanded. (Neh. 12:24, 45)
- 6. **Jehoiada** the high-priest restored temple worship in the order of David (about 835 B.C) with singers and musicians and enthroned King Jehoash (Joash) when he was only 7 years old. (**2 Chr. 23:16-18**)
- 7. **Jehoshaphat's** reform (about 870 BC) included establishing singers and musicians.
 - **2 Chronicles 20:19, 28**- *The Levites...stood up to praise the Lord...21 He appointed those who should sing to the Lord...28 They came...with stringed instruments...to the house of the Lord.*
 - Jehoshaphat goes into battle and puts the singers in front of the army.
 - **2 Chronicles 20:2,3, 21, 22**- *Some told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you...3 Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah...21 He (Jehoshaphat) appointed those who should sing to the LORD...as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever." 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated...*
- F. God's desire to be worshipped on earth as He is in heaven has not changed. The Spirit has only emphasized this a few times through history but will emphasize it globally in the generation Jesus returns. The worship reality that God commanded David to embrace is timeless and valid today, such as establishing singers and musicians in God's House. The application of this has differed in each generation and culture.
 - **Ezekiel 44:16** *"They shall enter my sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge."*
- G. This role of "ministry to God" is not something someone does for us. Each one of us has this high and holy calling to draw near to the Living God.
 - **Ezekiel 44:8** *"And you have not kept charge of my holy things, but you have set others to keep charge of My sanctuary for you."*
- H. God created and designed a beautiful and "good" habitation on the earth. What He cannot create is the response of Love from the human heart. He desires Love from our hearts so much that **He would even die for it**. He died to win our love and affections.
- I. **Matthew 6:10**- *Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

II. THE CENTER OF GOD'S KINGDOM IS IN THE "PRAYER MINISTRY"

- A. The governmental center of the universe is in the "Prayer Ministry", which includes all the Spirit inspired prayers on earth and in heaven that converge before God. God's government flows from prophetic worship based on the beauty of holiness. God is restoring the spiritual weapons of worship

with intercession in prophetic worship. The End of the Age government and power is linked to singers and musicians. The Davidic Church/Praying Church is one that functions as a house of prayer.

- B. Corporate intercessory worship is the primary means God has chosen to release His government (power). It is the highest expression of His government in time and eternity and is the most powerful weapon that exists. It is the front line of defense in our war against darkness.
- C. God's "*kingdom come and will be here*" is either received with joy, singing, and celebration or destruction and judgment on everything else that rejects His leadership.

III. THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID IN NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH HISTORY

- A. The NT Church functioned in God's order of worship as first established on earth in David's Tabernacle using psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Eph 5:18-19; Col. 3:16; Jas. 5:13).
- B. **Acts 15:13-17**- *James answered saying...¹⁴Simon (Peter) declared how God...visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. ¹⁵With this the words of the prophets agree, as it is written: ¹⁶"After this I will return and will rebuild the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; ¹⁷so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD..."*
- C. Church history parallels Israel's history. Whenever God released a season of revival to restore what was lost, we see the aspects of David's order of worship released in that generation. Every revival in history has received an aspect of God's "new song & music" for that generation.
 - a. David & Solomon's generation produced 1000's of new songs (Book of Psalms).
 - b. 1st & 2nd Great Awakenings of America (1700's & 1800's)
 - c. Welsh Revival in Great Britain & Azusa Street Revival in California (1900's)
 - d. The Jesus Movement of America (1960's & 1970's)
 - e. The Modern Prayer Movement today- Jesus Culture, Forerunner Music, Hillsong Music,...

IV. DAVID'S VOW WILL BE EXPRESSED IN THE END-TIME WORSHIP MOVEMENT

- A. There may be more prayer for the release of God's Kingdom on earth in the final years of natural history than all history combined. There will be night & day, 24/7 prayer and worship offered in every region of the earth which will express the matured Bride of Christ hastening His return.
- B. The Kingdom of Heaven will be characterized by hunger and thirst (**Mt. 5:6**) and will be expanded on the increasing revelation of Jesus (**Mt. 16:17-18**) for eternity.
- C. The Millennium is a 1,000-year period in which Jesus will rule the whole world from Jerusalem in righteousness and peace. At this time the Kingdom of God will be openly manifested worldwide affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, media, arts, technology, environment, social institutions, etc.). (Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 60-62; 65:17-25; Ps. 2; 110; Mt. 5:5; 6:10; 17:11; 19:28; 28:19; Acts 1:6; 3:21).
- D. **Revelation 20:4-6**- *I saw thrones, and they (saints) sat on them...They lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 years...⁶They shall reign with Him 1000 years.*
- E. The kings of the earth will be born again and will worship Jesus (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2; Rev. 21:24) and base their national governments on God's Word. The term "separation of Church & State" will not be known.
 - **Psalms 72:11**- *All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.*
- F. The End-Time worship movement will call Jesus to the earth at the time of the Second Coming. The Millennial worship movement will call the Father to the earth (Rev. 21:3).

- G. For the first time, the Spirit will universally emphasize our spiritual identity as Jesus' Bride. The Holy Spirit's worship movement will reach a great crescendo just prior to Jesus' Second Coming as the Spirit and the Bride cry out for Jesus to come to establish His Kingdom.
- **Revelation 22:17, 20**- *The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"...²⁰He (Jesus) who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*
 1. "Jesus, Come near us (intimacy)"
 2. "Jesus, Come to us (revival)"
 3. "Jesus, Come for us (Second Coming)"
- I. The End-Time prayer and worship movement will be mature and operate in great authority with a Bridal identity (**Rev. 5:8; 6:9-11; 8:3-5**). The "bowls of prayer" will be full in heaven before Jesus releases the seven seals of judgment on the earth.
- **Revelation 5:8-9**- *When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood..."*
- I. There will be a new song that will be heard in heaven by those listening on the earth and will begin to sing it out as a preparation of the earth for Jesus' return. The new song originates at God's Throne and is dynamically related to Jesus' Coming to earth (**Ps. 33:3-14; 40:3-10; 96:1; 98:1; 149:1-9; Rev. 5:8-4; 14:2-3**).
- J. God promised to establish intercessors who will never be silent until He restores Jerusalem.
- **Isaiah 62:6-7**- *I have set watchmen on your walls...they shall never hold their peace (be silent) day or night...⁷give Him no rest till He establishes...Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*
- K. **Isa. 42:10-13** and **Rev. 22:17** give us the clearest picture of the End-Time Church praying in conjunction with prophetic singing to invite the Second Coming of Jesus. The End-Time worship movement will be led by prophetic music and songs.
- **Isaiah 42:10-14**- *Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth...¹²Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare His praise in the coastlands. ¹³The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man (Jesus' Second Coming); He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. ¹⁴"I have held My peace...I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once.*
 - **I Thessalonians 4:16-17**- *The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout...and with the trumpet of God...¹⁷We who are alive...shall be caught up together with them in the clouds...*
- L. The End-Time Church will not be raptured before the Great Tribulation. Rather, the praying Church releases the judgments of the Great Tribulation. God's End-Time judgments will be released by the songs of the redeemed. David declared that prophetic worship will release God's End-Time judgments.
- **Psalms 149:6-9**- *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth...⁷to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; ⁸to bind their kings with chains...⁹to execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!*
- M. The Church at the end of the age will see a great worship movement.
- **Isaiah 24:14-16** *They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; for the majesty of the LORD they shall cry aloud from the sea. ¹⁵Therefore glorify the LORD in the dawning light, the name of the LORD God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. ¹⁶From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: "Glory to the righteous!"*

THE FINAL BATTLEFRONT: 2 WORSHIP MOVEMENTS

The end-time conflict of this age of human history is ALL about worship! The point of the arrow will be over the affections of human hearts on the planet to be given, either to the full worship of the “Christ” or the “Antichrist”. The Anti-Christ worship movement is being masked right now by the worship of self, humanism, and a false justice movement. What Jesus longed for from before the beginning of human history will be fulfilled. What Satan desired in the beginning of creation, he will continue to pursue with all of his fury and power. This is the front lines of the battle till the end!

I. THE GREAT END-TIME CONFLICT: TWO GLOBAL WORSHIP MOVEMENT

- A. The great conflict at the end-of-the-age will be between two Houses of Prayer or between two global worship movements. The Holy Spirit is raising up the most powerful prayer and worship movement in history. It will be the Church’s “first line of defense” against the Antichrist’s worship movement and his persecutions.
- B. “I want you to raise up a House of Prayer that contends with every other house of prayer who exalts itself against the knowledge of God!” (**Lou Engle**)
- C. The Antichrist will raise up a state-financed false worship, worldwide, movement to hinder the Holy Spirit’s worship movement (**Rev. 13:4, 8, 12, 15**). This worship movement will cause the people in the kingdom of darkness to have a deep heart connect with Satan. The music in this movement will move people emotionally and will be backed up by signs and wonders.
- D. **Revelation 13:8**- *All who dwell on the earth will worship him (Antichrist), whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*
- E. Satan will use “false prophetic” preaching that will be confirmed with false signs and wonders to raise up his “prophetic” worship and prayer movement.
- F. **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10**- *The coming of the lawless one (Antichrist) is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*
- G. **Matthew 24:24**- *For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*
- H. The music and the lyrics will cause the multitudes to weep and be deeply moved so that they will follow the Antichrist even to death.
- I. “Angels of light will appear in the massive worship festivals attended by millions. Lucifer was the chief musician in the courts of God before he fell. He knows how to use music powerfully.” (**Mike Bickle**)
- J. **Ezekiel 28:13-17**- *“You were in Eden, the garden of God...the workmanship of your timbrels and pipes (musical instruments) was prepared for you on the day you were created.¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you...¹⁶ Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; ¹⁷Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground...”*
- K. The Antichrist, the False Prophet and their followers will be fully committed to this false worship movement. Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the End-Time Church will be even more committed to the true worship movement. It is the wisdom of God to give ourselves to this.

- L. The False Prophet will perform great signs (plural) that will be great in power as well as great in significance and deception (**Rev. 16:14; 19:20; 13:14; Mt. 24:11, 24; Mk. 13:22; 2 Thes. 2:9**). Many will witness these great signs which will deceive the masses.
- M. **Revelation 13:12,13**- *And he (False Prophet) exercises all the authority of the first beast (Antichrist), and causes the earth & those who dwell in it to worship the first beast (Antichrist)...¹³He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.*
- N. The False Prophet's primary goal is to raise up a worldwide worship movement in which Satan and the Antichrist are worshipped (**Rev. 13:4, 8, 12, 15**).
- O. **Revelation 13:15-17**- *He (False Prophet) was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast...to cause as many as would not worship the image...to be killed.¹⁶He causes all...rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,¹⁷and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark...*
- P. The Anti-christ will be the greatest humanitarian and socially conscious man on the planet! Many of the poor will be ready to worship this one who has solved all their hardships!
- Q. The False Prophet will call down fire as a counterfeit Elijah who called fire down from heaven in his "clash of power" with the prophets of Baal (**1 Kg. 18:38; 2 Kgs. 1:10-12**). The False Prophet will have a clash of power with the Two Witnesses who will call fire from heaven (**Rev. 11:5**).
- R. The image of the Beast and the mark of the Beast will be two components that will mobilize and finance the Antichrist's global worship movement. The image of the Beast will mobilize Antichrist's worshippers and penalize those who resist. The mark of the Beast will provide economic support for the Antichrist's worship movement and will penalize those who resist.
- S. The image of the Beast will be an idol of the Antichrist that will combine cutting edge technology and supernatural demonic elements causing this image to breathe and speak.
- T. The worship that Satan wanted from Jesus is what he demands from the whole earth. Satan offered Jesus the political authority over all the kingdoms of the earth if He would worship him.
- U. **Matthew 4:8, 9**- *The devil...showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."*
- V. The Antichrist will demand to be worshipped before an idol as Nebuchadnezzar did (**Dan. 3:1-6**).
- W. **Daniel 3:1-6**- *Nebuchadnezzar...made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits (90 feet) and its width six cubits (9 feet)...⁴Then a herald cried aloud, "...You shall... worship the gold image...⁶whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into...fiery furnace."*
- X. There will be a great war in the spirit realm over who will be worshipped or who will possess the passion of the human heart. It is a war for our hearts. Michael the Archangel wars with Satan in context to the End-Time worship movement.
- Y. **Revelation 12:7, 9**- *War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon...⁹So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil...he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

II. GREAT DAY OF THE LORD: THE CHURCH'S GREATEST HOUR

- A. **Joel 2:11**- *For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?*
- B. **Malachi 4:5**- *I will send you Elijah...before...the great and dreadful day of the LORD.*

- C. The great Day of the Lord refers to the unusual events (positive and negative) that suddenly escalate in the final years before Jesus returns. It is “His Day” because it is a unique time frame in which Jesus acts in the earthly arena in great power for His people and against His enemies.
- D. The greatest outpouring of the Spirit in history will be released just before Jesus’ Coming. In this great revival, the Spirit will release the miracles seen in the book of Acts and the book of Exodus combined and multiplied on a global scale.
- E. The Church will be victorious and full of God’s glory (**Mt. 16:18; Jn. 17:21-26; Rev. 19:7-8**).
- F. **Ephesians 5:27**- *That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish (compromise).*
- G. The Church will be effective in the Great Harvest of souls from all nations. (**Rom. 11:12-15, 26; Mt. 24:14; Rev. 5:9; 7:9; 14:6; 15:4; Ps. 66:4; Zeph. 2:11; 3:8-10**).
- H. **Revelation 7:9, 14**- *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,...¹⁴“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

III. 24/7 PRAYER MINISTRIES IN THE END-TIMES: ISAIAH’S PROPHECY

- A. **Isaiah 62:6-7**- *On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; ⁷and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*
- B. The Holy Spirit is now building a global spiritual wall of intercession for Jerusalem’s protection. Jerusalem will become a “*praise in the earth*” at the time of Jesus’ Coming. At that time, all nations will praise or magnify the qualities of Jerusalem resulting from Jesus’ leadership there.
- C. Today, Jerusalem is not praised in the earth but rather is a city of controversy and strife.
- D. **Zechariah 12:3**- *I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.*
- E. Isaiah’s prophecy is specifically about prayer ministries that continue 24/7 until the Second Coming. Most of these prayer ministries will be started in the generation Jesus returns.
- F. Watchman are those who “remind the Lord” of His promises in His Word. In other words, they are intercessors. They will never keep silent “all day and all night” as they continue in 24/7 intercession and worship.
- G. Isaiah was not prophesying of building a “physical wall” around Jerusalem or at the Temple Mount (which will be under the control of the Antichrist in the End-Times; **Rev. 11:1-2**) but rather a “spiritual wall of intercession”. God will release a wall of His fire around her.
- H. **Zechariah 2:5**- *For I...will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.*
- I. God promised to “set” or “appoint” intercessors to build a global spiritual wall for Jerusalem. He will do this by stirring them and making provision for this calling.
 - **AMEN!**