## **Stones For The Building Of His House**

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All right, quickly, last Sunday, I spoke about the economy of God. Today, I want to take it further and talk about stones for the building of his house.

Okay. And I explained that you need to please, you need to try and follow me very carefully because what I'm teaching is so essential to the Christian faith.

But sadly, it is a subject or it's a topic or it's an understanding that many, a greater percentage of those in the body of Christ don't have.

[1:33] So I count myself privileged to be given the insight into these mysteries. And I count you privileged to be given the privilege to get an insight into these mysteries.

Now watch this. You wouldn't just go to the shop and go and buy something. And when you get home, you are wondering, what am I going to do with this?

So someone saw you, you were holding something from town. You went and bought it. You said how much? You said, you asked how much it is and they told you it's 800 pounds.

You bought it. You go home. And you wonder, but what did I buy this for? Someone asked, what's this? I don't even know what. I just bought it. That is a reflection of a mental health challenge. Because when you buy something or when you choose to make something, there is a purpose for what you're making, for investing your time into it.

Now, we are human beings. Thank you, Jesus. Human beings are not a cosmic accident.

As the evolutionists will say, that we just happened by accident. So that ideology, okay, which is not provable, that ideology right from the onset tells you and suggests to you that there is something sinister behind it spiritually.

Because if you say we are just an accident and then we just, so we just happened, really it means there's no real meaning for our existence. There's no real meaning.

But then if you, we say that you were designed, you were made and brought here, it changes the dynamics. Because then the designer must have had an intention.

And I submit to you that God had and still maintains that same intention for your existence, for our creation and for your existence.

So what is his plan for creating us? God created us. Remember the way he created us according to Genesis chapter 1 verse 26 to 28.

[4:03] He created us in his own image. Or let me use the word, in their own image. God created us in their own image and in their own likeness to have dominion upon all the things he has created.

That is why he did not create us first, but created every other thing first. So that we come and exercise, watch this, we come and reflect his sovereignty, his dominion over his creation.

But that was not just that. We cannot reflect God's sovereignty or God's authority over his creation without God himself being in the question.

So he created us in his likeness and in his image. You know, if you want to bless me with a shoe, what would be the first thing you would do?

You ask for my size. Because if I'm size 8 and you go and buy size 12, it doesn't matter how expensive the shoe is, I can't wear it. I just cannot wear it.

[5:19] When you look at the robes of the quarries as the male, you could tell that Brother Isaac and Nathaniel's own, whoever sold it, didn't take their size into consideration.

So later on, they had to do an alteration. So everyone had single-breasted. They had double-breasted because they had to do an alteration and add another cloth to their shoe.

Tommy, can you please come? Can you take off your jacket, please? Yes, please. Why? Your shirt is not on.

Can you take his own weight? Aqua jam.

Is that a scarecrow?

[6:33] Scarecrow. Okay, I was going to wear it myself, but I think you should wait. Yes! Let's go. Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!

Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!hel Human magazine appears. But, sometimes you see people in towns. Especially during funeral leri, function.

And some of you, on your WE these people.

Five zero. Wow. Okay. So, you can't wear it.

Buy us a jacket. It can't go your arm. Why? This was not made with his size in mind.

[7:37] So it can't fit in. It wasn't made according to his image and likeness. It didn't take his image into consideration when this was being made.

But this, when it was being made, the tailor had his image. And this one, his image.

Why? Because it was made according to his image so he can slip into it comfortably. And if he had an invisible appearance and the jacket is visible, you only see the jacket going like this.

You won't see him. Why? But the jacket was made to fit him. God is a spirit. He made us to contain him. So he can put himself into us.

Then we become his expression. To exercise the dominion he spoke about. Over all his creation. But that is not the ultimate.

[8:41] The ultimate is... God has always been interested in having a house. Is there anyone here who doesn't have a house?

Address. You don't live anywhere. You don't have anywhere you live. Are you sure? You have somewhere you live? You have an address? Because everyone must live somewhere. So is God homeless?

Not so much so, but he wants a house. I will explain it. That's why he created us. Now, the house of God cannot and is not an individual.

So we corporately become his house. I'm going somewhere. So thank you. Please appreciate it. I want to go back to this. So right from creation, God's plan was to have a house which will be called, in human terms, a city.

The city which is called the heavenly city or the new Jerusalem or the heavenly Jerusalem is actually the house of God.

[10:03] In its maturation or in its consummation, in its crystallization, the city Jerusalem.

So when God created us and he put us before the garden, Genesis chapter 2, he put us before the garden, verse 14 to 16. He says that we should eat of every tree in the garden.

And the tree of life was there. And he meant eat the tree of life as well. Because after having a bite of the tree of life, the divinity, the divine life of God checks into your human being.

But we didn't do that. And we ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And the nature of the serpent was checked into humanity.

So God had a plan that he would come in the nature of the serpent-infested humanity and take this serpent-infested humanity onto the cross and crucify the poison of the serpent in the flesh.

[11:09] So he came in the likeness of the flesh, but without the sin of the flesh. That is why Jesus always used to tell the Pharisees and unbelievers, you brood of vipers.

Because human nature at core is serpentine because of the fall. That is why there is no way any law can make you please God.

Because by nature you are flawed. There is no law that can be made or no exercise. Gym regime. Regime. I can give myself to to become a female.

Why? Because I'm a male by nature. How can you go to gym so much that suddenly you have become a Chinese man? You are African, you are American, you are British, you are black racially.

You are black, you are Jewish, you are white or peach or brown or whatever you call it, yellow. By nature, it is a thing of nature.

[12:14] Not nature or exposure. Michael Jackson should have known that earlier. Okay, okay, okay. There is not much you can do about your genes.

Nothing. Nothing. We were born out. We were dead on arrival. We were born anti-God.

Anti-God. That is why, don't be surprised when people rise up against the things of God. It's natural. The natural man does not like God. At best, he's religious. But there's a difference between godliness and religion.

It only takes the transforming element.

Being in you to guarantee transformation. Christ not being in you, you cannot be transformed. Because when we talk about transformation, I thought about it a few days ago at the prayer meetings.

[13:17] When we talk about transformation, it's not an outward amendment. Behavioral changes. It is an inward metabolic process.

It's an internal inward metabolic process. That starts to change from inside. And before you could say, Jack, you who used to be a cocoon or a caterpillar has become a beautiful butterfly.

It's not makeup. It changed from the inside. That's transformation. Now, until we have Christ as our transforming element, your transformation is not in view.

So, born again, simply being a Christian, being born again, simply means that Christ has checked in into your life. Into your heart.

And there begins the journey of transformation. So, those of us here who are born again, who have Christ in our hearts, we are changing.

[14:26] We are changing. We are changing day by day. The change starts from our spirits, which become perfect when you become born again. So, your spirit does never change to look any other different from the day you become born again to the day you die.

Because God is a spirit and he has entered your spirit. And watch this. And the spirit of God with your human spirit becomes, watch this.

They become mingled, intertwined into one component, inseparable component. So, as you sit here, if you are born again, in your human spirit, that's why it said in 1 Timothy chapter, 2 Timothy chapter 4, verse 22.

Yeah. 2 Timothy chapter 4, verse 22. It says that the Lord Christ be with your spirits. And in 1 Corinthians chapter 3, verse 8, verse 17, sorry, verse 17, he says that now the Lord is the spirit.

Is the spirit. And in 1 Corinthians chapter, 1 Corinthians chapter 6, verse 17, let's make sure that's text. Yes. But he who is joined with the Lord is one spirit with him.

Pastor, please come. So, when you are joined with the Lord, when you become born again, what has actually happened is in your spirit, you are actually one spirit with God, with Christ.

With the spirit of Christ. And when we talk about the spirit, the Lord is the spirit. That spirit we are talking about, the Bible is talking about, please, when you become born again, the spirit of God, when I say the spirit of God, I'm not talking about the Holy Spirit.

I'm talking about, I don't want to go further because I did. I'm talking about the processed triune God. I was saying it. God is, you know, I told you he created us in their image.

You remember? Yeah. God is triune. God the Father. God the Son. God the Holy Spirit. Now, Jesus Christ, according to Colossians chapter 2 verse 9, when he came on earth, do you know what he was?

For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead body. Do you know what the Godhead is? God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. When you see Jesus walking, when he was alive, when he was physical on earth, when you saw Jesus walking, he was not just a human Jesus, but he was the embodiment of the Godhead body.

[17:07] God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit. All of them are a package as he walks. So, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. So, in him dwells not partial. The fullness of the Godhead physically dwelt in Jesus.

And he took this physical Godhead. He was born. That's a process. He lived. He ate. He cried. He laughed. He died.

He was buried. And then he resurrected from the death. The same, this triune God has been through a process called human living and dies and resurrects to become a life-giving spirit.

According to 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 45. These things are important to know. Let's all read it together. Let's go. And so it's written.

The first Adam became a living being. The last Adam became what? The last Adam became what? The last Adam became what? So, actually, when he died, he became a life-giving spirit.

[18:23] Wow. So, when you become, that's why he said, be happy that I'm going. Because now I'm with you. But when I go, I'll come back and be in you. So, Jesus Christ, he, it is, it took the resurrection to make it possible for God to inhabit man.

That's Christianity. Christianity is about God living in man. So, are you a Christian? Yes. Are you a Christian? Are you a Christian? Are you a Christian?

Yes. So, God lives in her. God lives in her. God lives in him. God lives in him. God lives in him. And they're all together with anybody everywhere, living or dead.

Who has God in them? They become one big household of God. So, then we become the temple of, according to 1 Corinthians 3, verse 16.

- 1 Corinthians 3, verse 16 says that, it said, do you not know that you are the temple of God and the spirit of God dwells in you? So, hey, we are the dwelling of God.
- [19:36] Now, look at John, chapter 14, verse 23. Today, I want to take my time for some, just follow me carefully. If you are not interested, no problem. But if you are interested, follow me carefully.

You will catch something else. It's so essential. Many Christians don't have a clue about the economy and the purpose and the even significance of being a Christian. The thing is about chasing demons.

The reason why demons flee from us is because of the spirit that inhabits us. The reason why demons, oh! The reason why you have dominion is because you are leaving the creation mandate and God is in you.

The reason why we pray and we can speak to the mountain, we can speak to sicknesses, we can address situations and they happen, is because in the spirit, we are recognized. The demons said to the sons of Sceva, Acts chapter 19, verse 12 and 13.

It says that, Jesus says we know, Paul we know, but you are not born again. Who are you? So demons know us because we are the sons of God.

[ 20 : 40 ] Now, when we say we are the sons of God, it's not some tagging or sociological classification, but it's actually an internal reality.

He says, because you are sons, God has sent forth the spirit. Galatians chapter 4, verse 5. He said, because you are sons, God has sent forth the spirit of his son into your heart, which cries.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the spirit of his son into your heart. And this spirit is what cries, Abba, Father. So when you are praying, he said, when you pray, say, Abba, Father.

No, it's not from your mind, it's from your spirit. Because the spirit of God in your spirit is what makes you a child of God. We are the sons of God.

It's not like we just say something to make us feel good. It's a serious reality. Demons know it. And they are aware. So they said, Jesus we know.

[21:43] And Paul we know. But you who are trying to cast others out, who are you? Who gave you the audacity to attempt to cast us out?

Who gave you? Now, the 70, ah, Bible says the 70 returned with joy. Luke chapter 10, verse 17. And the 70 returned with joy.

And came to Jesus. And they said, the 70 returned with joy. Saying, Lord, even demons were subject to us. Demons were screaming when they saw us. He said, so come on.

Come on. It's like you go to the shop to go and buy something from Asda. And you go to the shop to go and buy something from Asda. And you go, you kind of said, oh, they sold it to me.

You are buying rice. And you are happy. They sold it to me. Oh, but what do you expect? Did you pay? Yes, I did. And so, yeah, that's it.

[ 22:46 ] Or you go to any of the proper designer shops and you buy something. What are some of those shops? Zinnia. Huh?

Zinnia. Zinnia. Zinnia. Victoria's Secret. It's not a designer shop. A specialist shop. So you go to Victoria's Secret and you buy some whatever, hand cream.

And then they put it in Victoria's Secret bag for you. And you come and say, look, they gave me a bag. They gave me a bag. Won't you be surprised? Why is this man behaving like that? Maybe he just came from one of those countries.

Why? Why? Because, because, it's normal. Can you imagine you go home and they ask you, I was just, I got a seat. I was sitting on a chair.

Oh, come on. You will sit down. So when they came back, they were rejoicing because, see, the things we rejoice about sometimes are a reflection of our understanding of who we are. Some of you ladies, a man saying, would you marry me, shouldn't make you, because you don't even know him.

[23:51] Because you don't know yourself, you are looking for someone to say, would you marry me? And that's, to just validate your, your importance. But when you know your importance.

Yes. Last, a few, a few months ago, I was telling Pastor Charles, one of the young ladies, a very good guy, some nice guy, who, others who, went to the lady and said to the lady that I am interested in you for.

The lady said, oh, no. And the lady told me later, this is a few months ago. The lady was telling me that, I said, and I look at her, I said, why? I was actually shocked.

This lady is that stable because, oh, the other one's hair. You don't even have to say it. They will tell you. They will apply. They will parade. They will parade before you.

They will wear batty riders. They will wear a hat. Some people, oh, happy. Wear a hat just to catch a man.

[24:54] Those of you who join the choir to catch a man, may God never give you any man. From, from the choir. Please look for God and God will cause men to look for you.

Listen, it's a church. It's a church, okay? It's a church. It's not a market.

It's not a shop. It's a church. Church. The central importance is Christ and Him alone. So, if you are in church and doing anything in church with a certain ulterior motive, but, but, it's important.

And Jesus said, you are shocked and you are excited. Demons are subject to you. Now, don't let that be your point of excitement. Put you on the screen, please. Say this. He said, would you believe I have not started my message?

Put you on the screen. He said, then the 70 return with joy, saying, Lord, if the demons, that's why they are joyful. If the demons are subject to us in your name.

[ 26:00 ] Listen to what Jesus said. He said, I saw Satan fall like lightning. And he said unto them, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Satan is not a problem. It's a falling creature.

It's like a snake whose head has been chopped off. The rest is a rope. And so, listen to what he said. Look at verse 19. He said, behold, I give you authority to trample upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy.

And nothing shall by any means hurt you. Go to 20. Look at 20. It will shock you. He said, never delay. Do not rejoice in this. God, that is no essential. That spirits are subject to you.

But rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. Amen. Because your citizenship in heaven is what defines your mastery on earth.

And when it comes to things of the spirit. Listen, may I also submit to you that the church is a spiritual entity, not just a social organization. Politicians are trying to make the church to become social organizations, to make people happy, be nice, nice.

[27:12] Listen, that's good. It's good to do that. But that's not our fundamental assignment on earth. Okay. Some of the evil things that are going on in your family is not a psychologist you need.

You need someone to cast out that devil. Some of the things that are going on in our communities, they are spirits. They are spirits. Some of all these gun crimes, stuff and knife crime and some of those things, not all of them, but most of them, they are spirits behind it.

Yeah. They are. Thank God that God was able to, by his spirit, deliver some of us who would have been stabbing other people and holding knives by now. It takes, praising couldn't change you.

Yes. Because what we are dealing with is more than a sociological issue. Yeah. It takes the church to save our generation.

Yeah. Yeah. But when the church goes to sleep, and we are trying to let the world, we are trying to tend to look like what the world would like.

[28:17] Then we disappoint the world. So there are churches in our societies and this society, which don't have the respect of anybody.

They just exist as ceremonial, a place, rendezvous. For weddings, functions, and their leaders are just there to.

Ceremonies. Ceremonies. So many people see going to church like a ceremony. Why would you go to church every time? They say, I used to go to church, but it's not necessary. It's not right. It's because of the teachers who were teaching them.

And most of such people were just Christians by genealogy. By their family record. Not Christians by choice and encounter with Christ.

So they call themselves Christians politically, but actually they are not Christians. They are nominal Christians, but not Christians at call. Because to be a Christian at call, no one can do it.

[29:12] It's you. It's Christ inside you. You become the habitation of God. God. So, let me say this.

So some of you think you became, I'm coming, okay. Some of you think you became a Christian. Some of us think we became a Christian so we can escape Satan's harassment. Some of us think we became a Christian so we can go to heaven.

That's not the fundamental. We became Christians so that God, that's why God comes into us. That changes everything, but most of us don't know. That's why you live the way you live.

That's why you watch upon the way you watch. Because you don't realize that Christ lives in you. And what I said earlier on, that he who is joined, he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

He was talking about that text in the context of sexual sins. It says, but he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

[30:13] Say, I'm one spirit with God. I'm one spirit with Christ. So Christ is the spirit. I've explained that already. Go to the next verse. See, why? Free sexual immorality.

Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but anyone commits sexual immorality sins against his body. I've taught on this already. Go to the next verse. Let me show you something. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?

Who, who you, who you are from God and you are not your own. Look at the next verse. Why would you take the body of Christ? Say, for you were bought with a place. Glorify God in your body. All right.

Go to the next verse. Well, now, that's not, it's, I think the verse, verse, verse 15. So, he said, why would you, verse 15, verse 15. Do you not know that your bodies are the members of Christ?

This is profound statement. Your body, say, your body is a member of Christ. Think about it. A member of a church.

[31:13] Not a local, because you are, you go to church, you have become a member of Christ. Because you are born again, you become a member of Christ. And one of the signs that shows that you are genuinely born again is, you look for others who are born again to, begin to fellowship with, because the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship.

If you don't like fellowship, it brings your Christianity into question mark. Because when you are a genuine Christian, a real Christian, when you become a Christian, some things, you develop natural taste for some things.

By the mere fact that, because, as I said, Christianity is a nature issue. So, once you are, your nature is changed, once, once you are changed, okay, I ain't listening to me, once, your nature is changed, it comes, listen to this, it comes with, it comes with certain tastes.

Some of you, you, you, you surprise yourself, the way you come to church, you surprise yourself. People who know you are surprised, you, you, you, what, church for what? Like the gentleman, Agabus, run and come to me.

Church for what? On the, on the, on the streets of Peckham. Can't be bothered. What was church? What's church? In fact, when, when you're, the woman you want to marry, invited you to church, she just, he wanted just to please her.

[32:36] So, at least she will. Does that know why you came? I remember after church, you came as, the lady, you know, the ladies, because they are interested in the men marrying them, they make sure the men come and say hello to the pastor. So, she came and introduced you to me.

The pastor, this is my, the one I want to marry. And I said, hello, how are you? Did you intend to be coming to church? No. I believe you want to come once. She told me to come the first time.

I didn't want to come. Next time, do your homework before you get here. Okay. You, you said you didn't want to come. No, I didn't want to come.

It took quite a while to get, for her to get me to come. But, I came the first time. And then after, there's certain times where I'll be off work. I'll just be at home. I just couldn't be bothered to come to church.

And now look. With the, almost every evening, genius, people come to church every evening. Almost every, it's a store manager. Store manager.

[33:34] It's not a sign of weakness. Coming to church is not a sign of weakness. Or it's not a sign, if you are not coming to church, it doesn't mean that you are, you are posh. It's not a sign of posh. It's a sign of maybe, understanding, and, your comprehension about, your passage, what is important to you.

Coming to church is not a waste of time, as people suppose. It's not a waste of time. But, people like him, they didn't think, they'll be in church like this.

Never. But, what happened? Because, when they encountered Christ, it has developed a taste, for fellowship in them. So, listen, he's not coming to church, because our music is nice.

Get it? It doesn't take music, for people to stay in church. He's not coming to church, because I preach nice. That's, that's not a fundamental thing. He's coming to church, because of the, seed of God inside him.

It throws him. It draws him. Sometimes, some of you, after church, sometimes, okay, next three weeks, I'll come. But, by the time you realize, in the morning, you want to come in. Something inside you, has entered you.

[ 34:40 ] Sorry, it's too late. You have tested, the good word of God, and the spirit. And, that's what draws you. You can't backslide. I dare you. Amen. Amen.

Let's go. Amen. Christianity, is not what society, thinks it is. But, because we are not living, the resurrection life, society is confused, about who we are.

They are confused. If they realize, who we are, they will not compare, us to any religion. Because religions, don't cast out devils. Religions, don't speak in tongues, and move things.

They don't lay hands, and sicknesses are healed. We are afraid, no religion, can afford God, to live inside you. So, they say, how can Christ be God?

And, they try to use their mind to, they said, you guys, a Muslim, once we went for, after they said, you guys say, that God is three. You see, I don't have to explain it to him, because, it will be like, a human being, trying to teach ants, how to speak.

[35:55] It's a spiritual thing. Some of you, used to question it. But, you become born again, and you don't understand, everything, but you know, that thing is so real, deep inside, down deep in your soul, you can't deny it.

Greek Orthodox Church, you won't even go. Am I right? You won't even go. Your mom, they're not, you kept, to give your life to Christ, and almost every time, she told me something, sometime ago, she said, rise to your feet, please.

She said, I, I, I, bring me, come. She said, she told me something, sometime ago, this is, over a year ago, she said, there, there weren't that times, you really were, you didn't want to come, to church, those days, after you started coming.

After I came here. After, there were times, that you were not really keen. You always, after you came once, but you told me, sometime ago, maybe sometimes, you say, oh, it's okay, I won't go back.

By the time, the week is, you are so eager, to be here, you don't know, what has come upon you. Do you remember, you told me that? You don't know what, something just kept, drawing me here. That's what I'm trying, something that, is because of the seed, of God inside here.

[37:04] That's Christianity, the seed of God inside, kept drawing here, because, majority of the people here, may not be, a social, circles, within a social, circles, like Jillian.

But, something, kept drawing you. I submit to you, that, that something, is the seed of God, inside you. Clap for Jesus, God bless you.

So, God has always, wanted a house, and his plan, has been, to push this, to put himself, into man, so that we, watch this, we, will become, a corporate household, of God.

Now, and he has, a household management system, which I spoke about, extensively, last week. So, God's economy, is that, he will work himself, in Christ, into us, that we, being the body of Christ, and the house of God, will become, his expression, on earth.

That's God's plan. Now, to talk about, the stones, for the building, of God's house, now I can, quote some scriptures. I mean scriptures, but I'll finish, within a short time, because today, not too many stories.

[38:19] Is someone, learning something, I'll tell you. Yes, yes, yes, a lot. My prayer, is that, you can, understand, what, godliness is about. It gives you, mastery in life.

Yeah. It gives you, audacity, and authority, in life. Yeah. You can choose, when you die. Yeah. That's true. You can choose. Yeah. You can choose, not to be sick.

Yes, right. Because you are not, an ordinary human being. You are a spirit being. Yeah. With spiritual audacity, backed by the entire heaven. Yeah.

This is what Christianity is, I say, it's more than that. And some of us, you are worried about, your health, your children, are not doing well in school, or bringing problems. Oh, sorry sir, thank you. I know, doing well in school, and something, and you are worried.

Don't worry like, others worry. A believer's child, is a different story. Amen. Two friends, you can't be working with God, and your children, end up messed up.

[ 39:17 ] I know what you think, but I know people, who are always in church, and they are children. You have to probably, possibly, begin to investigate, their understanding, of godliness. Because some people, were very religious, but not godly.

That's right. When you are godly, anyone around you, gets infested. Yes. Anybody around you, something affects them. Thank you sir. Something affects, when you are a godly person, I'm not talking about morality, and behavior.

I'm talking about, the content, you are filled with God, and then working with God, and doing, God, Christ, Christ is constituted, you are constituted, you are constituted with Christ.

Christ. So, this is how Paul puts it, Galatians chapter 4, verse 19. He said, my little children, with whom I travail, in childbirth, he said, my little children, for whom I labor, in birth again, unto what?

Christ is formed. Unto what? Christ is formed. He, God's agenda, is that Christ, will be formed. Tell someone, Christ is forming in me. Christ is forming in me.

[40:16] Jacob, in Genesis chapter 28, verse 11, he got to a place, and he took the stone, of the place, as a pillow. And he used it, as a pillow.

And, Bible says, in the verse 12, that, and he dreamed a dream, and he saw, a ladder, which stopped reaching, the heaven and the, and then he saw, angels ascending, and descending, and God standing, at the top of it, and God spoke to him.

And then verse 16 says, that when he woke up, from his dream, he said, wow, the Lord was here, and I did not know. And he was awed. And he says, verse 17, he says that, this is not a ladder place.

And he was afraid, and said, how awesome is this place. This is not other than there. Than what? That's the first time, as I told you last week, the phrase was used in scripture.

The phrase was used in scripture, the first time, house of God, by Jacob, the supplanter. Jacob, the cowboy. Jacob, he had not changed yet.

[41:19] When he left home, his first encounter, he had a revelation that, hey, there's a place called, the house of God. It's interesting. Be careful who you look down on. Be careful.

Be careful. What is surprising is, man of God, what is surprising is, for God to choose to call himself, the God of Jacob. Oh, should have done, change his name, then use the change of Israel.

Call himself the God of the supplanter. And he took the supplanter, on a journey of transformation. By the time he was dying, he was a pure change man.

When he met Pharaoh, he said, the Lord blessed you. The Bible says, he went and blessed Pharaoh. When he saw Jacob's sons, he blessed them. When he was told that Jacob was alive, he didn't attack his sons for lying to him. The Bible says that, he's, so when he said, he was told that his son Joseph was alive, he's not dead.

He didn't attack those who lied to him. He didn't. That man was so changed, that when he was told Joseph was alive, the Bible says that, his spirit was revived, but his heart was down, calm.

[42:25] We Israel are the other way around. When you hear something that is very disturbing, your spirit, instead of your spirit reviving towards God, your spirit is so dull, and it's your emotion, your heart, hey, why did you say that?

I break my heart. Jacob, Joseph, sorry, Jacob, his heart was calm, quiet, but his spirit was revived. It was a spiritual matter. You know, deal with your marriage from a spiritual point of view.

Look at your father, look at your mother. There are spirits assigned to break marriages in your family. Yes, your wife doesn't know how to talk, and she gets on your nerves so bad, but let me tell you, let me tell you, you are looking at it from the wrong angle.

You are just looking at the sociological aspect of your problem. It's the same thing you are trying to deal with. The root is a spiritual thing. Content with it in prayer.

Deal with it in. Look at your husband. Content with the situation in prayer, because somebody said that this marriage will not do well, and they began to do all, say negative things and prophesy negatively, and five years down the line, your marriage is shaking.

[43:31] And you think, you think, it's because of, I don't, I can't, the way she behaves, or the way he behaves, he always goes out, and he doesn't come early. I don't know why, he's always hanging out with some other women.

Sister, look at you. Let your mother's situation remind you. Because they are agents of anti-marriage forces, fighting against your family.

Don't go and say, today I won't sleep. He will come and meet me here. He will come and meet me here. He will come and meet me here. He will come. He will come. And then he comes, hey, foolish man, stupid man, there's nothing good in you.

I regret that day I married you. My mother warned me. You are a stupid man. You see, you have lost the facts. You have forgotten the fact that it's a spiritual thing that you are dealing with. Then when you finish, you come to pastor, please pray for my marriage.

And so why are you fighting for your marriage? You are fighting it. You are using physical ammunition. You are fighting.

[44:33] How can you take a gun to go and shoot a ghost down? Ghostbusters. There's a ghost around your neighborhood. So you have taken a gun. You are going to shoot the ghost.

What's wrong with you? What's wrong with you? Your situation is more spiritual than you think. And God has gotten you born again. His spirit is inside you to give you a spiritual audacity, authority, and an upper hand.

Why are you not using it? And you are beginning to fight the battle like someone doesn't have the spiritual advantage. Check it. Deal with it spiritually. Physically, things will begin to stabilize.

That issue about your son, that issue about your child, sister, you better get on your knees. Better get on your knees. Her father's demons have come out.

His father's demons are coming after him. And instead of battling him in prayer, you are watching his tenders. And he said, you come and meet me here today.

[45:36] You come and meet me here today. It won't change the situation. Your advantage is, you can enter the spirit. Why are you not entering the spirit?

Because we don't want the price it takes to have spiritual money. That's why I don't like prayer. That's why I don't like coming to church. Any touch, everything is too much. You don't want to pay the price spiritually.

You want some pastor to go and fast. And then when demons come up, he said, I command the... I'm sure I'm just glad I'm just glad it's out of spirits.

tonight I'm going to deal with household wickedness that's what church is about we have the authority he said behold I've given you authority to trample over snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy why is it that Christians and we are competing other religious guys to show how we are also nice no it's not necessary stay in the spirit our relevance is in our spiritual mastery that's right some of you because of you because of you that kind of unnecessary timely the untimely death that is happening in your family your auntie son it must stop it must stop because of you you can terminate it yeah no using it you are dead living like ordinary people and con subcontracted your spiritual responsibility to people who and some of them call themselves prophets pastors who like you to depend on them to make boost their relevance so every little thing you have to pastor I need a pastor there's a place for a servant of

God to extend his grace upon your life to cover you but the other things dealing with some things it is you can't do it hands down I'm not supposed to make you depend on me I don't need that you need to just learn how to appreciate me that's okay but I don't you don't I don't have to feel needed how to feel appreciated that's that's that's that's that's that's that the ministers let them uh uh be worthy of uh dependence or some we said let them be worthy of honor just honor honor that's what you do to a man of God honor him you don't need to go for him to pray for you honor him and the grace will come on yesterday I was explaining to the church in our prayer meeting and some guys that when you don't have a store cards or harrows you don't have a staff you are not a staff now you don't have staff discount you can't go buying and to get staff discount you can't can you no you can it's only for people who are staff or who have a staff card so if you are not a staff you can't get a staff discount if you are not a prophet you can't get a prophet's reward but God said in my system you don't have to be a prophet to get a prophet's reward this is all you do honor a prophet show respect to a prophet all prophets that prophets no prophet is without honor but except his house the people who are familiar with him so honor a prophet and the thing he carries will work for you don't go to a prophet chaste for prayers just a prophet to honor him that's all so so i thought so i thought one of god right recently by revelation i told in a prayer meeting i said the best thing to do on your birthday is good to ask your pastor to pray for you but it's smarter to bring an honor to and then whatever you are expecting that comes automatically on you and how you may see that's how you go the lord bless you don't worry i won't do it like pastor the lord bless you and the lord bless you and it carries heavier weight yesterday i was teaching some people oh my god about how you authorize authorize a blessing that has come on you from a man of god so when a man of god speaks the word of god to you it is a seed to blossom in your life but it is still locked it must be opened up it must be open it must be open and so the word is a seed okay when i ask i'm teaching i'm teaching as i'm releasing seeds according to luke chapter 8 verse 11 i've gone off my message now i'm releasing seeds so seeds they are they have the potential to become anything god has purpose for your life to be once it begins to open up but a seed the seed can't open up until you validate it in your system you have to value it's like when you register for something on online they sell you have to your account is set but you have to validate it activate it so they will send you an email you click it verifies it in the same way when you receive a word from a man of god and you receive teaching from man of god what you do is honoring that man of god and bible pushes in a very very interesting way that doesn't make sense in our modern sense it says that the people who teach you according to the amplified in galatians chapter 6 6 it's easy to remember isn't it galatians 6 6 it said he who teaches you galatians is let him who receives instruction in the word of god share all good things with his teacher contributing to his support share with the one who is teaching you give me the other normal version is that let him who is taught in the word share in all good things with him who teaches now you are you ready to see the next verse i'm about to show you first corinthians chapter 9 verse verse verse 11 first corinthians chapter is that if we have sown did you see that word there if we have done what sown as i teach give me amplified is someone

learning something listen to me he said if we have sown the seed of spiritual good above [51:55] there is as we speak this is the seed of spiritual good we are sowing it inside you if you are if you go for go to uh for operation they said your heart has stopped or your livers are still working or your kidney are still working and you go and they open your due operation and then they are charging you 5 000 pounds you are saying that is too much your system is rotten they're charging you 5 000 it's too much why are you taking me because you don't have a proper estimation of what has been done for you he says that is it anything strange listen if we have some spiritual good amongst you is it too much is it too much if we reap is the word reap if we reap from from you from your material benefits is it too much is it too much look at what goes where has done in your life is it too much is it too much to reap material benefits from your life is it too much hey preach preach is it too much the one the one who built the house will give you the key the link now you have chains of houses and he said i'm coming to town for one week can i live in one of your flats and you are thinking that ah no no no it's gonna cost him ah is it too much is it too much people have made you feel that pastors are looking for your money instead of going to relate to a pastor knowing that god has something to use to help in my life which doctors cannot do is it too much i'm going to i'm going to preach a message one of these if i get the chance to write the book is it too much is it too much is it too much you're going to church and give offer and give your time is it too much what is wrong if you god has blessed you and you have been able even if you all your savings is 10 000 and you take it that this church building i'm so into is it too much is it too much your contemporaries don't even have they actually have debt of 10 000 is it too much look at what god has done for you michael is it too much don't let unbelievers who don't know god and they don't have any sense of spirituality they are spiritually dead you are spiritually alive they are spiritually and they begin to detect how you should relate to god who is a spirit how can a spiritually dead person show you how to relate in the spirit is it too much some of you god has already put in your heart i was telling the guys as i taught them yesterday there's nothing wrong if you i'm not saying this for myself god is my witness these things i'm not interested i'm not interested in material things i'm looking for god listen i'm looking for god i'm looking for god because no material thing is eternal look at the nice clothes you bought recently they are now old they are now old your house you are making so much noise about now you don't believe there again you have traveled and look you are living in some small flat material things they are passing away he said these things pass away he said heaven and let's just pass away so it's it's it's it's an it's imbecile for a pastor a minister to target material things you become a victim in life because satan will trip you he will do not you do not make most of you are interested that is doing not make then the ball is going through your legs ah where's the ball go because instead of focusing on the right things you are focusing

on the other things that are not necessary is it too much is it too much it's all it's it's a pastor's birthday let's do something for a man of god you tell me i can't give it to him is it too much is it too much how much can you do and how much would he change in his life is it too much is it too much i'm not speaking for myself god is my witness i'm professing to somebody any opportunity to honor a vessel of god is better than asking him to pray for you twitter boa any opportunity to honor a man of god is far it's far out west your desire for him to pray for you let's learn how to honor the people who got us sent to help us is it too much is it too much is it too much is it too much that pastor that is what has kept many people victims even though in church because the master key the secrets of receiving the goodness of god has been eclipsed it's eclipsed they don't realize it so they become religious oh i need prayer pray for me hey oh the word i mean i'm pretty i'm learning my bible and i'm done i said i'm doing i told i i told them yesterday something that blessed me myself that oh i i i wanna i mean it's god i own away see where is he show me we all go and honor him we all go and honor him so you know if you touch a police officer have majesty's police of you touch it you have you've touched your queen the government will come after you that's right that's right because he's the immediate representation of the the government so long that law enforcement is concerned you you cannot you cannot treat a police officer it's not his problem it's the government that will handle you in the same way god has agents and he is one of his his desires is his agents should be handled with such he can you imagine the scripture he quoted he said let the elders hey yeah you shall first first timothy chapter 5 17. he said that let the elders elders there the greek word is presbyteros which which every elder is a pastor or a bishop i can't go too much that said let the elders who rule well be counted say be counted the word counted actually also means for lu means judged judged consider judge him judge him so if you sit there you are there and he said oh i just feel like i want to buy a new house for my man of god meanwhile he he rents the house then you are thinking that why does he do that how much you can do it somebody's doing he said you consider the man of god worthy consider whether so one day when it's your turn you actually do nothing is too much to do even my fathers i honor them in ways that i can the things i buy for them i can't buy for myself he said let them be counted with me of double honor the honor i'll give to my prime minister the honor i'll give to my queen the honor i'll give to my father the honor i'll give to my my my friends the honor i'll give to somebody prominent and empty he said let it be double double it consider that this man deserves double deserve double you may not have the position to do a double but you must know that this one is so double is relative it's relative it's relative so he hasn't defined double of what

he said whatever honor you think anyone deserves the man of god double it this is the bible many christians don't want to know and so they become cheap victims and so we are christians but we live ordinary life life and die ordinarily and your family members the things that fight people in your family are fighting you hands down because of your nakase more practices but mispractices yes yes yes yes yes yes because there's so much we are not doing yeah and yet we are expecting so much to work for us in god wow all right let me just run up and go to jacob jacob's father said i want to bless you but i need to eat something from you melchizedek met abraham he said i want to bless you bring me the tithe there must be some transaction in the next that's right that's right completion is different from exchange you exchange by having completed many people come to church and the exchange they receive prayer powerfully amen but they haven't exchanged the exchange really takes place when you are signed the deal by honoring the dealer you see you see why when we were dancing i was concerned you can have a lot to help somebody with address it we aussort aside because we assume that we had a lot to help us we were forced to do things first yeah if we were diets first and seizures then lately i started doing uh realizing that is you know nothing but ultimately what your organization is being my tähän house is you can establish it is yourse your health and when your soul comes to God thisation you want to work she can be saved better or if youuniversal to find things are what your attention you've got to be

I'm so smart. Just look at your condition and let it help you understand your smartness. I'm so smart. But even if you keep failing interviews.

I'm so smart and yet you don't have any good job. I'm so smart and yet you're paying rates to pay somebody's mortgage. I'm so smart yet you have seven credit cards.

[62:36] I'm so smart and yet your wig is on credit. So, most of us naturally, unconsciously, unconsciously when it comes to the things of God, we tend to have an exaggerated opinion of ourselves.

People think being in church is dumb. Some of you come to church, this is your third time, fourth time. You concluded that you are smarter than everybody here. No, no, there are people here who can employ you.

Who are kneeling down and saying, Lord bless me. And they are dancing. And you. You see what I'm saying? People, the fact that people come to church one through third, they conclude, they think that they are smarter than everybody in church.

No. It's sad. It's sad. It's sad. It's very sad. And conclude. Yeah. I blame a lot of pastors and priests.

Yeah. They present themselves so needy. Yeah. So needy. They treat people with a bit of financial substance like they are kings. That's rubbish.

[63:48] That is rubbish. Don't treat people based on their pockets. It's wrong. It's unspiritual. Don't treat people based on their pockets. The depths of their pockets. You have to treat them based on their sensitivity of their heart for God.

That's right. How much heart they have for God. That's right. That's what determines the space they can have around a man of God. Your heart for God is what makes, that, what boosts your relevance in this church and to me.

Your money, I don't care. Actually, see, the way you are talking. I wanted to give it 5,000. I wanted to give that church, watch this. I wanted to give that church 20,000 pounds. But we got the way we are talking.

We didn't even know. So it doesn't affect us. It doesn't affect us. We have been budgeted with what you intend to do. So you might as well take it. It doesn't affect us.

At all. I'll give it. You can't give anything. And we are not waiting for your giving. We budget with what God has provided. Not what you are intending to provide.

[64:47] Come on. Give me a break. Give me a break. This man whose heart is for the purpose and the economy of God.

I don't want you to just come and sit in church and miss God. Because God has a major plan for your life. Amen. Jacob took the stone and set it at a pillar.

Stone. And then he poured oil on the stone. Genesis chapter 28 verse 18. Please hurry up. I'm now done. Then Jacob rose early in the morning and took the stone that he had put his head on.

Set it as a pillar. No more a pillow. And poured oil on top of it. And look at verse 22. Verse 22. Okay.

Okay. Let's stay in verse 19. And he called the name of that place Bethel. Bethel means the house of God. But the name previously used to be called last.

[65:51] Remember when he woke up from his dream. He said this is not under place by the house of God. All right. So he. When he saw that. Okay. Let me show you something. I need to do this. I think it's necessary. Verse 18.

Verse 17. Look at verse 17 please. Let's already out. Let's go. Amen. The house of God is the gates of heaven.

Let's say that together. The house of God is the gates of heaven. Can you please say it again? The house of God is the gates of heaven. Now. Look at verse 18. He said this is the house of God. This is the gates of heaven. So when he woke up early in the morning.

He took the stone. Upon which he said it was. And then used the stone as a pillar. To build the house of God. Why? Because the house of God is built by stones.

And he poured stones that have oil on it. So he poured oil on the stone. And built the house of God. Now. That has always been God's eternal intention.

[ 66:52 ] To raise us as stones. For the building of his house. Are you getting what I'm saying? God has always wanted. And that stone typifies two things.

I explained last week. That the stone. Number one. It signifies Christ being. The capstone. The cornerstone. And the foundation stone.

In Zechariah chapter 4 verse 7. It says that. Put it on the screen. Let's see. Who are you? O great mountain. Before Zerubbabel.

You shall become a plain. And he shall bring forth the capstone. With shouts of joy. This capstone is talking about Jesus Christ. He is the capstone.

All right. And at the same time. In Isaiah chapter 28 verse 16. It talks about Jesus being. It says that. Therefore thus says the Lord. Behold. I lay in Zion a stone for the foundation.

Jesus is the foundation stone. According to Philippe. According to 1 Corinthians chapter 3 verse 11. He says that no other foundation. He said no other foundation. For no other foundation can anyone lay.

That was Jesus Christ. He is the foundation stone. All right. So he is the capstone. He is the foundation stone. But it's not only the capstone. And the foundation stone. But according to Acts chapter 4.

Verse 10, 11, and 12. He is the chief cornerstone. So let it be known to you. O house of Israel. This is the stone which the builders rejected.

Which has become the chief cornerstone. All right. The capstone covers the top. The foundation stone. Everything is built on the foundation stone. And the cornerstone is the stone in the corner.

That holds two walls. The Jews and the Gentiles. Keep them together. The stone in the corner that can hold your marriage. Husband and wife. And keep them together. If you don't let God hold your marriage. He's the cornerstone. He can hold your marriage together for you.

[ 68 : 47 ] Not your body. Not your body. Because after all. You use your body. And he doesn't get much of it too.

I always tell men. Don't marry because of the body. Because you get a lot of it anyway. Because no one woman can effectively fulfill the sexual desires of a man.

She'll be tired. She'll be tired. It's too much. It's too much. Why? The other thing. He always thinking about it. He says, I'm tired. I'm tired. Then you're upset. Hey.

I'm not saying. Sister. I'm not saying. Use that as an excuse. To deny your husband access. Because that's unscriptural. Don't deny him access. But I'm just advising the man. That he better focuses on Christ.

To be the cornerstone. Because his needs. His needs. Other than that. He will end up watching all kinds of unnecessary things. Because the need in a man. The sexual need in a man.

[69:55] Is like a beast. Ah. Ah. Some of you know what I'm talking about. You are surprised the way the man behaves towards you.

When he's. He's ready. Some of them look like angels here. But they are. Very aggressive. Aggressive beasts. Ladies.

I'm not speaking the truth. Some can't say yet. Yes. I'm trying to remind you of your boyfriend. And your husband. No. He looks so gentle in church. But I always think.

The church people don't know this man. Okay. All right. All right. So Jesus is the capstone. The chief cornerstone. And the foundation stone.

All right. But we. Are the living. Lively stones for the building of the church. Okay. Okay. Okay. Okay. So the lively stones. So the lively stones. In Genesis chapter 2 verse 12. Bible says that. And the gold of that land was good.

[71:01] I like that. That phrase tickles my fancy. It said. The gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the ornix stones are there. Talking about the garden of Eden.

God has always used stones. Bdellium and the ornix stones are there. And then when you read Matthew chapter 16 verse 18.

Jesus told Peter. You are Petra. Upon this rock. This stone. He said. I said to you that you are Peter. And upon this rock I built my church.

And the gates of hell cannot prevail. Jesus. We are stones. In fact when Jesus called Peter. In John chapter 1 verse 42. He came and Jesus said. No. Your name is this.

I'm changing it. Which means stone. John chapter 1 verse 42. And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him. Jesus said. You are Simon the son of Jonah. But you shall be called Sipha.

[71:54] Which is a stone. Because I'm going to use you as a building. A strong pillar in my building. Stone. Stone. We are meant to be stones.

In God's building. Is someone listening to me? And so when Jacob took the stone. It's you and I. It takes stones to build the house of God. To their stance. Even the physical temple Solomon built.

They used stones. That were already queried. Fixed. And then it's like logo. Is it Lego? They came. They fixed them. Stones. Not bricks. God doesn't use bricks.

God uses. Because bricks are man-made. Stones are natural. So in 1st Kings chapter 6 verse 7. You see that they use stones to build the temple.

And the temple. When it was being built. Was built with stones. Finished at the quarry. Stones they use. God uses stones to build his house.

[72:54] And guess what? If. Hey. If this is a house of God. Then it must be made of stones. Yes. And.

According to Hebrews. He says. Whose house we are. Hebrews chapter 3 verse 6. He said. Whose house we are. Tell someone. We are the house of God.

We are the house of God. But Christ has a son. Over his own house. Whose house we are. If we hold fast. So we are the house of God. Tell someone.

We are the house of God. We are the house of God. According to 1st Timothy chapter 3 verse 15. He says that. I have written these things to you. So that you know how to conduct yourself.

In the house. Conduct yourself in the house of God. Which is what? What is the house of God? The church. So the church is the house of God. That means that. The church is supposed to be full of stones.

[73:50] But what type of stones? We are talking about the 1st Peter chapter 2 verse 5. He said. We also. As lively stones. Alright. So. We.

You also. As living stones. Some translations say lively stones. But living stones. Are being built up. A spiritual house. A holy priesthood. To offer spiritual sacrifices. Acceptable to God.

Through Jesus Christ. So we are lively stones. In his house. What I am trying to say. Is that God came into your life. Jesus came into you.

To make you. A stone. For the building of his house. Not for you to just be. An isolated object. A house is full of. Different. Different stones.

A stone can make a house. So God. Has never had interest. Daniel. God has never had interest. In. Individuals. Listen to this. This is very important. God has never had interest.

[74:45] In using individuals. So some of us. Those of us. Who are very individualive. Individualistic. Those of us. Who is all about me. I don't care. I don't care.

If you can't work with others. God can use you. It's an independent spirit. You are a snake. Not a sheep. Snakes don't move in groups.

They move. Independently. But sheep. They move in groups. That's why it's taking care of shepherds. No shepherd is called to take care of snakes. There are people here.

Who have the snake spirit by nature. The way you were raised. And you have to believe God. That that snake spirit. That independent spirit. Will be broken. And you will be transformed. To have a corporate mindset.

Corporate. Jacob said. You can't. Jacob said. I can't stay. In the place. The altar built. In Shechem. And call it. God. The God. Of Israel. No. It must be the God of Bethel.

[75:40] The God of the house of God. He thinks about his house. Not just individuals. Bible said. He didn't die for individuals. He died for the church. The church is not just you.

The church is you. And you. And you. And me. Christ living in us. That's the church. And in Revelation chapter 21 verse 11. It talks about. The stones in the temple.

The stones. The stone. It said. Having. From verse 10. Look at. From verse 10. It makes sense. And he. He carried me away. In the spirit. To the great. And the high mountain. And showed me the great city.

The holy. The holy Jerusalem. The holy Jerusalem. Descending out. Of heaven. Now look at it. Tell me. This. I can't. Why don't this. I have to teach on this.

Holy city. And he. No. No. The next verse. The holy Jerusalem. Having the glory of God. Her light was as. Was like. A most precious stone.

[76:37] Like jasper stone. Clear as crystal. Look at verse 18. There are stones. The heavenly Jerusalem. But. The structure of its wall. Where. Of jasper.

And the city was. Pure gold. Like crystal clay. No. The jasper stone. And I said. Look at the next verse. Other stones he mentioned. The foundation of the walls of the city. Were adorned with all kinds of precious stones.

Yes. The new. Jerusalem. The heavenly city. Is made up of. Is a combination of all of us. Wow. As stones.

And do you know the beautiful thing. I think I've said enough about the stone. Let me end now. The beautiful thing is that. God used. Takes all of us as stones. To build a house. Because.

I told you the intention of God from the beginning. He has always wanted to dwell. Amongst us. And this. So that we can be his dwelling. We are being built together. As the dwelling place of God.

[77:34] On earth. On earth. That is why. He said. I saw the. Verse 10. Of Revelation 21. He said. I saw the new Jerusalem. Coming out from heaven.

So we all go to heaven. And I said. Now. Ready. Let's go down. Back on earth. Coming down from heaven. Because God's initial creation. Is to have. An expression. On earth. Made up of. A corporate people.

Inhabited by him. And this dwelling. Is very interesting. I'm ending. Don't. Don't let me miss you. Because. You want me to talk about. Marriage and sex. So you can laugh. I know.

That's what keeps some people. Especially hosting me. And stuff like. But. Hey. Please. Should I finish this? I know you are tired. But should I finish. Let me. Let me just clear this.

The dwelling. Is a. Oh. Oh. This is good. It's. It's a. A mutual dwelling place. So. Christ. The church. What God is doing.

[78:28] We become his dwelling place. But not just that. He becomes our dwelling place. Okay. So it's a mutual dwelling. So Revelation chapter 21 verse 3. See what it says. Revelation. This is.

Ah. This is good. And I heard a loud voice. From heaven. Saying. Behold. The tabernacle. The dwelling. Of. The tabernacle of God. Is with men. And he will dwell with them.

And they shall be his people. And God himself. Will be with them. And their God. He always wanted to dwell with us. So he called Abraham. And he created the Jews.

The Israelites. And they became. His dwelling on earth. So that's why the tabernacle was always there. And then they built the temple. And then Jesus Christ came. Came. And he said.

I am the temple. Bible says that. The word became flesh. And tabernacle amongst us. Emmanuel. God is with us. So Jesus. Was the dwelling of God.

[79:22] Amongst us. John chapter 1 verse 14. He tabernacled amongst us. But. When he left. He said. I am building my church. So when he said that. I am building. And the gates of hell cannot prevail.

So he built the church. And now. When he says that. The church has become the house of God. The dwelling of God. God. And so in Ephesians chapter 22 verse 22. Verse 2. Sorry. Chapter 2 verse 22.

I'm sorry. Ephesians chapter 2 verse 22. It says that. We are the. Dwell. Ah. This is. Let's not read the Allah. So that those who are sleeping can wake up. In the temple. In the temple. Oh. Let's go. Let's read. Let's go.

Did you get it? This is. The text I'm teaching are very strong. Yeah. We are being built together.

For a dwelling place of God. His. Babs. He's always looked for a dwelling place. God wants you to be a stone.

[80:18] You to be a stone. You to be a stone. Not just nice with eyelashes. But we are. We are stones. Stones. For his dwelling. We are being. We are being built together.

For a dwelling place of God. Been built together. So. The church is not what society think the church is. We are the house of God.

The dwelling of God. And this house of God is growing. It's growing. It's growing. And guess what? It's made up of living stones. And some of the stones.

Time will not permit me to go further. But some of the stones. Stones are going to become pillars. Yesterday I went to preach somewhere. I was teaching them.

How to be converted from being a pillow to a pillar. Pillow to a pillar. Jacob put his head on the stone as a pillow. To support.

[81:13] You are supporting the pastor. That's good. By time is coming. You don't just be a support. Give him rest. And as a little, little offering. No. You are the pillar in the church. You are the pillar.

And then oil is poured on you. When you are not around, church gets affected. Then you are a pillar. Yes, yes, yes. And yesterday I preached somewhere. I didn't get a chance to. I was going to give them 11 ways to become.

How. 11 points. How to become a pillar in God's house. It is. Let's make it harder. Let's do so. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Anyone I have. Whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. God Jesus. I think we should have danced too much. Because there's still a lot to come.

Mutual dwelling place. He said in John chapter 5, sorry, chapter 15, verse 5, he says that, abide in me and I in you. Ah, so who is abiding in who? I am the vine, you are the branches.

[82:15] He who abides in me and I, so who is abiding in who? He said mutual dwelling. John chapter 14, verse 2, he said, in my father's house, there are many dwelling places.

That mansion, don't forget it, it's wrong interpretation, it's not mansion. How can a mansion be in a house? Think about it. The original word, Greek word is dwelling places, praise.

Dwelling places. So, let's all read it, let's all read it. Are we the house of God? Yes. So, now let's read it and see. In my father's house.

False. One more time. In my father's house. For the last time. In my father's house. You see the house of God I'm talking about. Many people thought his way, saying heaven.

It's not heaven. This is not pointing to heaven. Where's the house of God? The church. The church is not saying, I'm going to prepare a place. When I finish, I'll come and get you.

[83:11] Go and be with me in heaven. That's not his job. He said, in my father's house are many. That word mansion is wrong interpreted. Translation is many abode.

Many dwellings. Many dwellings. Because how they are different. I told you the house of God. God's house of the corner. It's a big house with different dwellings.

Apartments. You can put your apartment. So, it's like a huge apartment block. Has many, many, many dwellings. That's what it means. In my father's house, there are many dwellings.

Who are the dwellings? You and I. So, look at verse 23. Look at verse 23. It will even throw more light. So, and Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves me, he will keep my ways.

And watch this, watch this. And my father will love him. And we will come to him and make our... Ah. Ah. Ah. Ah.

[84:09] So, this is the same. When you read King James, it said make our, I think, dwelling. Abode. When you read other, New American Standard. New American Standard. Put it. Quickly, please.

My time is up. Just. Oh, you don't have New... Oh. Okay. Abode. Special. Special dwelling place. Okay. So, let's see how Amplified.

Put verse 2 of John chapter 14. I didn't check that. It will be interesting. In my father's house, there are many. See? You see? You see? Homes. Dwelling places. And so, there are places for us to dwell inside it.

However, he says when we walk with him, they will come and... So, this is a mutual dwelling. We live in him. He lives in us. That is what...

I won't go to Revelation of time. By Revelation, you will find out that we are the dwelling of God and he's our dwelling. In fact, in Psalm 90 something, 90 verse 1.

[85:09] I think it's your 90 verse 1. He said, Oh God, Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Where's your address? God. Number one, God Street.

No, no, no. Number one, Christ Street. The town is called God. God. Because God is our dwelling place.

See, this is not the version of Christianity some of you think. This thing is deeper than no human beings can think. That's why it confuses people of different other religions.

How can you say God is living in you? But that's the mystery of godliness. Yes. Great is the mystery of godliness without controversy. Without. Okay.

Yes. Yes. Yes.

Yes. God as a bride, adorned for the husband, the groom, who is the lamb. And he said, there's no light in them because there's no temple. Verse 22 of Revelation chapter 21, there's no temple there. But I saw no temple in it for the Lord God Almighty and the lamb are the temple. He doesn't need any special because they are just there permanently. He said, and he will be with them forever. Did you receive something at all? I said so much. Please forgive me if I lost you because it probably was too deep. But I believe that at least there are some basic bits you got. And if you didn't get anything at all, remember that Christ is the cornerstone to keep your marriage. Amen. For whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Please bow your head with me.

Thank you, Jesus. I want to pray for a very special group of people here this morning. You know God has spoken to you this morning or this afternoon. As I've been preaching, you just can't hear the voice of God. You can hear that God is calling you to be one of the pillars, a stone and a pillar. God is calling you so he can dwell in you, so you can start a new work with him. But you know you haven't done that yet. And today, you know in your heart that you are ready to say, Lord, I surrender. I invite you into my heart to be my Lord.

I want you to come into my life so that I'll be a building stone for your house. I want to work with you. I want to be born again. If that is your genuine desire, I would like to pray for you. I don't want to end this service without praying for you. So the Spirit of God can live inside you and mingle with your spirit for you to become God's dwelling on earth. And then God begins to use you. You have spiritual audacity. You can do spiritual transactions. God can use you to change lives, can use you to do things. It's your desire.

[89:05] You know it's your desire. You can't deny it. You know deeply there's a call in your life. God is calling you. I want to pray with you. If that's your desire, you want to say, Pastor, pray with me. I want to invite Jesus into my heart to start a new work with him.

If that's your desire, lift up your right hand high so I can see it. Lift up your hands. Let me pray with you. Say this after me. Say, Lord Jesus, I know I'm a sinner and I've sinned against you. But today, I've heard your voice and I've chosen to start a new life with you. I invite you into my life to become my Lord and my personal Savior. Forgive me for my sins.

Wash me with your blood. I make a vow and I make a commitment. I'll live with you. I'll serve you in spirit and in truth. Thank you for what you have done on the cross for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Father, I thank you for these precious sisters. You spoke your word. They heard your word. And they responded to you. I speak a blessing upon them. Help them to be pillars in your house and be great, great women of God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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