#### We are the Temporary Dwelling

The last 10 chapters of the book Exodus discuss the building of the Sanctuary of God.

Exodus 25:2 "Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose *heart moves him* you shall raise My contribution."

**Exodus 25 thru 31:11** includes detailed instruction for these various items for the Sanctuary: The Ark of the Covenant; the Table of Showbread; the Golden Lampstand; Curtains of Linen; Curtains of Goats Hair; Boards and Sockets; the Veil and Screen; the Bronze Altar; Court of the Tabernacle; Garments of the Priests; The Consecration of the Priests; The Sacrifices; the Food of the Priests; Altar of Incense; the Anointing Oil; the Incense; and the Skilled Craftsmen, along with the fact that God called the leader by name and also filled him **Ex 31:3** "with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship."

**Exodus 25:31-36**: "Then you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it. And six branches shall go out from its sides, three branches of the lampstand from its other side. Three cups shall be shaped like almond blossoms in the one branch, a bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bulb and flower—so for six branches going out from the lampstand; and in the lampstand four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its bulbs and its flowers. And a bulb shall be under the first pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the second pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the third pair of branches coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand. Their bulbs and their branches shall be of one piece with it; all of it shall be one piece of hammered work of pure gold."

**Exodus 35:43** says, "And Moses examined all the work and behold they had done it just as the *Lord had commanded*, this they had done. So Moses blessed them."

**Exodus 40: 34-35** "Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and <u>the glory of the Lord filled the</u> <u>tabernacle</u>. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."

"Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body." "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and *purify for Himself* a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." "Therefore, you are to become complete, just as your Heavenly Father is complete." (1Cor 3:16; 6:19-20; Titus 2:14; Matt 5:48)

**Romans 12:1-2** "*I urge you* therefore brethren by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is you spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be <u>transformed</u> by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

**1 Cor 3:16-17** "Do you not know that you are the temple of the living God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? ...for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are!"

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**1 John 2:2**. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Titus 2:14** "who gave Himself for us, that He might <u>redeem</u> us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds."

Justification means to be considered as righteous, in Christ. Because of who He is and what He did, we are considered as justified before the Father. Colossians 1:13-14 says, "For He delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." 1 Pet 3:19 "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God...".

**Reconciliation** means the restoration of a relationship of peace, which had previously been disturbed. Eph 2:16 "And might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity", "and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross..." Col 1:20. In Christ Jesus, we are *viewed* by the Father to be at peace with Him.

**Sanctification** means holiness, or set aside for holy use. In Christ we are considered as holy by the Father. 2 Thes 2:13 "But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth". "According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure" 1 Pet 1:2.

**Righteousness** means that state of daily living which is commanded by God and stands the test of His judgment. **2 Cor 3:9** "For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory". "And put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth" **Eph 4:24**.

"...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" **2 Pet 3:18**.

**2 Cor 5:17** says, "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature..."

**Eph 2:19, 21-22**"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household"... "in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit".

**Romans 8:11**, "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Jesus from the dead <u>will also give life to your mortal</u> <u>bodies</u> through His Spirit who <u>indwells you</u>."

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**1 Cor 6:19-20** "*Or do you not know* that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore *glorify God in your body*".

**Jn 14:12** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to the Father"

"...greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" **1 Jn 4:4** 

I am a conqueror (**Rom 8:37**); I am more than a victor, because the Creator dwells in me.

"All things are possible to him who believes..", "...nothing shall be impossible to you." **Mk 9:23; Mt 17:20** 

"...the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ:" **Eph 1:3** 

**1 Cor 1:9** "God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

**Ezekiel 36:26-27**; "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."

"...for we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, 'I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I will be their God and they shall be My people" (2 Cor 6:16, citing Ex 29:45, Lev 26:12, Jer 31:1, and Ezek 37:27).

**1 Cor 3:10** By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. **11** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.