52 Days of Building a Second Wall with the Word and Wisdom

**Understanding God’s Plan of the Tabernacle**

Day 40 – June 22, 2013

During the last 40 days and for the remaining days of our 52 days we have been building a second wall with the Word and wisdom. We have been studying Psalm 119 which extolls the greatness of God’s Word and the incredible value it is for all who walk by it.

The wall that we have been building through the daily bible studies is for us, the remnant. A **wall** is a structure of stone, brick or other materials, built to some height, and intended for a defense or security. As we study God’s Word, He has become our strong tower, our security and defense. As we are getting closer to Him, He is sharing His heart with us to prepare us for the return of His beloved Son. **This wall is for the remnant, those who have been awakened to what the Lord is speaking to the church in this eleventh hour. We must be built up with God’s Word and with the wisdom in it.**

**With each study He has given us, we are growing in the wisdom needed for this age.** Webster’s Dictionary defines **wisdom as the right use or exercise of knowledge**; discerning or judging what is most just, proper and useful; wisdom is true religion; godliness; piety; the knowledge and fear of God, and **sincere and uniform obedience to His commands**. We become wise as we study and then obey the commands, precepts, ordinances, testimonies, judgments, and ways of the Lord.

God is showing us that after the wall has been built for the defense and security of the remnant, once we are rooted and grounded in the Word of God; then we will be able to hear and speak God’s heart to the bride of Christ in our cities, nations, and all over the world. **The church must awaken; it must arise and be a light in the darkness.**  **We must speak the truths of God’s Word and God’s wisdom to all who have called on the name of Jesus Christ.** The church is asleep and she must arise and go out to all the earth to proclaim the good news to all mankind. This is the will of God, this is His plan. We must arise and do the things the Lord has asked us to do. Judgment is coming and we must be ready.

In preparation for what the Lord is calling the remnant to do, we are going to be studying three books after these 52 days, and we encourage you to put these on your summer reading list:

***Healing the Wounded Heart*** by Thom Gardner

***Beyond the Veil*** and ***Psalms from God’s Heart*** (these can be obtained from the Coming Messenger, bookstore tab)

One of the books, *Beyond the Veil*, teaches on the Tabernacle God asked Moses to build. God spoke much wisdom to Moses when he and the children of Israel were in the wilderness. **He promised great things for His people if they would follow His ways with all of their heart.** Moses would **go up on the mountain** and talk to the Lord. God gave Moses many promises, commands, precepts, ordinances, and judgments; but the most amazing thing He gave Moses was a **plan for all people to come closer to Him. This plan was demonstrated in the Tabernacle**, and later in the temple. No wonder King David so desperately wanted to build the Temple for the Lord himself; he had a very close relationship with the Lord and he understood the deeper significance of the tabernacle.

We can gain much wisdom from this structure Moses erected in the wilderness. God’s desire from the beginning of time is for all mankind to live in close intimacy with Him. He loves us so much that He wants us to be close to Him. **The tabernacle of God was a structure that God personally designed as His dwelling place in the midst of His people.**

**Exodus 25:8-9** "Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them, according to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle."

Two chapters in the Bible are devoted to creation, yet fifty chapters are devoted to the detailed descriptions and instructions God personally gave Moses for building the tabernacle. **We must understand the importance the Lord puts on us drawing closer to Him!**

The tabernacle was the focal point of Israel’s community and life, with the 12 tribes camping around its four sides. The encampment was about 12 square miles. The tabernacle served as a visual reminder to Israel that they served the true and living God. For the next few days we will **walk through the tabernacle step by step** and uncover great treasures of God’s plan for our lives.

As we have talked about already, the tabernacle was divided into 3 areas: the Outer Court, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place, also called the Holy of Holies. The outer court was enclosed with white linen curtains. **The white curtained walls acted as a barrier between God and man**. **All of us start outside the Tabernacle, separated from God’s presence.** God, out of His love for us, is inside calling us to come in and be with Him. He longs to lead us on the greatest journey we will ever take.

**Jeremiah 33:3** “Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

On the east side of the Tabernacle there was a beautiful fabric gate, which was the only entrance into the tabernacle. These curtains contrasted with the white curtains because these were woven of red, purple, and blue linen, making the entrance obvious to all. **Just as there is only one way into the tabernacle, there is only one way into the Kingdom of God**.

**John 14:16** “I amthe way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me”

The one way into the tabernacle is also narrow. Of the four hundred fifty feet of walls surrounding the tabernacle, only thirty feet make up the entrance, and even that is divided into four sections, so only one person could enter at a time. **Choosing Jesus Christ as our Savior is a personal choice, one we must enter into by ourselves.**

**Matthew 7:13-14** "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Once through the gate, we enter into the Outer Courts. This is a large open courtyard where the people come to offer sacrifices to God. This is a gathering place, and a place of corporate worship and prayer. When we become Christians, we are so excited to be in the family of God. We feel less vulnerable than when we were outside, we feel like we belong for the first time in our lives.

We don’t know much, if anything about God and the Bible, so we go to church. We listen to other Christians talking about what they read in God’s Word, or giving a testimony of God providing for them, or a gift God gave them, or a word they actually heard whispered in their heart from God. We think these things sound good, but then **we reason in our minds that if God wants us to experience these things, He will come here in the outer courts and give them to us. But this is not God’s plan for our lives. God dwells in the Most Holy Place and He wants us to begin the journey into the fullness of His presence.**

God wants us near; His heart is breaking over our distance from Him. We talk about Him and to Him, but not with Him; and we sing praises to Him; but we are so far from Him. Why are we keeping this distance between us? **God wants us close so He can whisper in our ear, to lead us in the coming days.**

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

**Please read Psalm 119:105-128**. What can you tell about David’s relationship with the Lord?