

God's Desire to Find a Resting Place on Earth

I. DAVID'S RESOLVE TO SEE GOD'S MANIFEST PRESENCE RELEASED ON EARTH

- A. In the May 1983 Solemn Assembly (corporate 21 days of fasting), the Lord spoke audibly commissioning us, saying: "I will release 24-hour prayer in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David."
- B. This is a commission to agree with God 24 hours a day. Worship is to agree with who God is (He is holy, loving, good, merciful, etc.). Intercession is to agree with what He promised to do.
- C. Agreeing with God in both worship and intercession is the most effective form of spiritual warfare. It is the most exalted occupation given to those nearest God's Throne. They will do this forever while Satan is in the Lake of Fire. This commission is very dear to God's heart.

⁸ *The 4 living creatures...do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God...!" (Rev. 4:8)*

- D. We celebrate the fact of receiving this commission from God. We set our heart not to neglect it in its routine, or to complain about it because of its difficulties, nor to despise it in its smallness of the release of God's full promises.
- E. David had revelation of how dear it was to God to have a people who would perpetually agree with Him and how it would lead to God having a resting place on earth. Therefore, David made a vow to not live a business as usual life until God had a dwelling place on earth.

¹ *LORD, remember David and all his afflictions; 2 How he swore to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: 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 or slumber to my eyelids, 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, You and the ark of Your strength. (Ps. 132:1-8)*

- F. David established 4,000 full-time paid musicians and 288 paid prophetic singers (1 Chr. 23:5; 25:7). He established worshippers before the ark of the covenant which spoke of God's Throne.

¹⁵ *David and all...Israel brought up the ark of the LORD (to Jerusalem)... (2 Sam. 6:15)*

God strives with His people who live in compromise and resist His leadership. He describes Himself as resting in the midst of His people when they do not resist Him.

³ *The LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever..." (Gen. 6:3)*

God rests in the midst of people who are poor in spirit and tremble at His Word. God "rests" in His redeemed partially in this age. This happens whenever He finds a people in a geographic location who corporately live in pursuit of 100-fold obedience as was seen in Jerusalem (Acts 1-6). The result is an open heaven with great blessing released in a geographic area.

¹ *Where is the place of My rest? 2...On this one will I look: on him who is poor (poor in spirit) and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word. (Isa. 66:1-2)*

G. David had a revelation of the value of worshipping God according to His heavenly order.

⁹⁶ *I have seen the consummation of all perfection (God's Throne of Glory)... (Ps. 119:96)*

¹⁹ *All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans." ²⁰ David said to...Solomon, "Be strong...for the Lord...will not leave you...until you have finished the work for the service of the house of the Lord." (1 Chr. 28:15-20)*

H. David received revelation to command the singers to keep the charge of God.

⁴⁵ *Both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God...according to the command of David...⁴⁶ For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chiefs of the singers...⁴⁷ In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers...a portion for each day. (Neh. 12:45-47)*

³ *But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. (Ps. 22:3)*

David's life work was to establish a resting place for God in his generation. His vow to find God a dwelling place was not recorded in Scripture but was well known to those who knew him. In Ps. 27:4 and Ps. 69:7-12, David records the essence of this vow.

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... (Ps. 27:4)*

⁹ *Because zeal for Your House has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. ¹⁰ When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach. ¹¹ I became a byword...Those who sit in the gate speak against me... (Ps. 69:9-12)*

I. David practically walked out his vow to build God a dwelling place on earth.

¹⁴ *I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the LORD...¹⁹ Set your (Solomon) heart...to seek the LORD. Arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD... (1 Chr. 22:14-19)*

² *For the house of my God I have prepared with all my might...³ For I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given...of my own special treasure of gold... (1 Chr. 29:2-3)*

God told Solomon that his father did well in seeking to build the house of prayer.

⁸ *The LORD said to my (Solomon) father David, "Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart." (2 Chr. 6:8)*

God never changes thus, He remembers any who like David seek to find Him a dwelling place.

² *A devout man...who gave alms generously...and prayed to God always. ³ He saw clearly in a vision an angel...saying, "Cornelius!" ⁴ He was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" He said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God." (Acts 10:2-4)*

³ *A woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. She broke the flask and poured it on His head...⁶ Jesus said, "She has done a good work for Me. ⁹ Wherever this gospel is preached...what this woman has done will be told as a memorial to her." (Mk. 14:3-9)*

- J. The priests of Zadok were faithful in keeping the charge of the sanctuary. Therefore, God promised to bless their entire family line in the age to come. How much more will God reward the individual priest of Zadok who actually kept the charge of the sanctuary by their faithful diligent labors in it in their day.

⁸ You have not kept charge of My holy things, but you have set others to keep charge of My sanctuary for you...¹⁵ "The priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me..., " says the Lord. ¹⁶ They shall enter My sanctuary, and shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge (in Millennial Kingdom)...²³ They shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy...²⁸ It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, that I am their inheritance...for I am their possession. (Ezek. 44:8-28)

II. GOD WILL ESTABLISH PLACES WHERE HIS PEOPLE AGREE WITH HIS CONTINUALLY

- A. God promised to establish intercessors who will never be silent until He releases His presence.

⁶ I have set watchmen on your walls...they shall never hold their peace (be silent, NAS) day or night...⁷ give Him no rest till He establishes...Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:6-7)

- B. The End-Time Church will be in deep unity with the Holy Spirit in saying and doing what the Spirit is saying and doing. What is the Spirit doing? He is interceding for Jesus to come. What is the Spirit saying? He is revealing the Church's bridal identity (who we are as Jesus' Bride).

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" (Rev. 22:17)

- C. The End-Time Church will "pray in conjunction with prophetic singing" to invite Jesus to return. The war cry of the Church's intercession will come forth from love songs the Spirit will give us. Isa. 42:13-15 describes the Second Coming of Jesus as Isa. 42:10-12 describes the worship movement in the nation immediately before His coming.

¹⁰ Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea...you coastlands and you inhabitants of them! ¹¹ Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits...Let them shout from the top of the mountains. ¹² Let them...declare His praise in the coastlands. ¹³ The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; 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 a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. ¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills (judgments seen in the book of Revelation)... " (Isa. 42:10-15)

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thes. 4:16)