

That building is the mingling of man with God. Satan came in and tricked man, and God had to start over again. Then He started to accomplish what he wanted to do with the line of the new man, that he might have a corporate man built up together, a corporate man built up together as one. Then this fallen race had to deal with certain things, and we have to deal with these, brothers and sisters. After there was the faith city, God had a building. Then, after God dealt with the people in their relationship to Egypt, what did God bring them out for? He brought them out to build. He brought them out so that they might build. The first thing He did with them after they got out of there was to say, 'Now build.' And God began his building.

Now, brothers, this end in the scripture is the material in Genesis 1 and 2, the gold, the pearl, the precious stone. And at the end is the building built itself, and we are in the middle. We are the stone being made stone, and we are the city being built. I should say, we are the tabernacle, the house, the tabernacle, the temple being built.

Alright, they came out of the city of Egypt, the treasure city. They went through the Red Sea, and then Moses went up into a mountain to be with God. God showed Noah something after he had seen Enosh. God showed Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob something after they had left Babylon, and now God showed Moses something; it's the same thing: it's the building. God showed Noah an ark; God showed Abraham a tent and a future city; and then God showed Moses the tabernacle after he had come out of, after he had left the treasured city, then God showed man the pattern. Brothers, when we come out of these three cities, then God will always show His people the pattern. I mean that. I mean that. In all ages, God has always shown the city when men have gotten out of religion, sin, and the world. But he cannot until we've gone to those three.

Now Moses went up into the mountain, and he dwelt there in the presence of God. If you're not clear, if you're not clear, go up and dwell with the Lord in His presence. And I insist; I trust the Lord so much in this matter. You just go up. I trust the Lord. I am in fear about God's building. I am in fear about the church. If you will just come before the Lord, into His presence, and stay there, the Lord will show you what His pattern really is. The city you will see will not look like any other city on earth. The tabernacle was the oddest thing in the whole universe. You think something is odd...that tabernacle is odd.

Alright, Moses came down out of the presence of God with the pattern. And then he called forth...I believe that one of the scriptures said this. In Exodus 25, in passage 1-9, he said to them, "Make an offering. Make an offering so that we might build.' Make an offering. Now, brothers, you begin by making an offering. We just got to talking about this; you have to offer up not only the negative things, but, brother, you're going to have to offer up the positive things. A minute ago, one of the sisters here sat down to the side and said, 'Now be careful, don't put them under law.' That sister is my daughter. Praise the Lord for that sister. And I asked Brother Lance a minute ago, which is better: to be in the world or under the law? I honestly don't know. I don't want you in either one of them. It's not my desire, nor the Lord's desire, for us to be in either one of them. Please don't put anybody else under your regulations. The only thing you must do is come before the Lord in the matter of these

cities of the building of men. I can say positively that you have to make an offer to the Lord. He said, 'Come and make an offering to me.' And so, the people came, and they began to offer, first, gold and silver. They must have had an awful lot, two million people, they really did have a lot there. And pearl and brass and fine linen. They offered it to the Lord for building.

Now, it was not just negative things that God deals with. God deals with positive things.

Here is the brother who is bad, so God deals with him. Brother, do you realize that God also deals with a brother because he's good? As far as that goes, a good brother needs more dealing than a bad brother. Look here, here are these two brothers. I just love them. I really love these two brothers. Here is a brother who has a high temper. The other brother is calm. He never gets perturbed. One is always up in the air. Which one does the Lord have to deal with? The Lord says that we should be patient. Here is the more patient brother in the church. Which one will the Lord deal with? He will deal with both brothers. If one brother is patient, he won't have any patience with the impatient. There are times, brother, when you have got to get impatient. There are times when the Lord is not patient. Patience is a natural thing that has to be broken. Patience has to be broken, just as surely as impatience has to be broken. They're both from the same source. All the Lord wants us to do is live in the Spirit, and out of the Spirit will flow love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, and patience. Human patience has to be broken. He said, 'Offer up to me....'

What did he say to them to offer up? Offer up your old, worn-out goods that you were just about to give to the Salvation Army? He said, 'Offer up your best to me for the building.' Brothers, do you realize that God wants what you want? When you come to make your offering to build, God wants what you want.

I have, let me show you what I mean. I have a Rambler, a 1960 Rambler. It's got over 80,000 miles on it. There's nothing in the world that's good about it. And there's nothing on it that works. The only car on earth I own, the little red one, isn't mine. I don't even own it. It's just something I'm using now at this time. It belongs to my mother. I have a Rambler. Now that Rambler is probably worth \$200, \$300, \$400. I don't know. I'm afraid to ask. Maybe \$300, okay. It's the most expensive thing on this earth I own. And look at it. I say, oh Lord. I just offer up to you, my Rambler. The Lord doesn't want my Rambler. I assure you, the Lord doesn't want my Rambler. Do you know why He doesn't want it? Because I don't want it either. If I offered it up to him, it would be a shame because I would just love to get rid of it.

Do you know what I have to offer up to the Lord? The thing that I want...that's what the Lord wants. Because that's what I want. See? Actually, I'm at peace about it; I'll drive it probably for a year. But do you understand what I'm saying? The Lord wants the thing you enjoy and want and like the most. It's not even worldly, but it is something the Lord will need for His building. It may be just something that takes your time, something that keeps you busy, something you really enjoy, something good, but the Lord says, 'Give it.' 'Give it.' And what you give brother, in some way, he gives back to you in the building. When you really enjoy something, you give it to the Lord. I assure you, in another way, you'll get it back...in the

building. If it's something that takes up your time, then your time will be free for the church. You'll find that you enjoy the church far, far more. You'll get the gold and the silver and the pearl and the brass and the linen all back when you give it to the Lord. When it is the good thing you give to the Lord, you'll always get it back in the church. The children of Israel gave it to God, but God gave it back to them in the form of the temple. Brothers, even the good things, the things we want, the things we really like. That's what God also wants.

Alright, now, real quickly. God took the things of the people, and he began to build with them. I'm not going to refer to any more scripture. First of all, let us look at the building God gave. Finally, brethren, we're coming to a little bit of a picture. Tonight, a little, just right now, an introduction. God now takes the offering, and He begins to build a tabernacle, and what does he do? How do we get into it? Genesis 1 and 2 are the building materials, and then God goes on through the cities. Then comes the pattern. Now to the offering. He is ready for the beginning of His building, which is visible and seeable.

The first thing in the building that we see is the altar. And he gave the measurements of it. Two by one and a half by one. And he said, 'You will take the altar, and you will build it of acacia wood, and you will overlay it with gold, and on it shall be the horn of the oil.' So the first thing in moving toward the building is the altar. Now, brethren, the first thing God said when he spoke of the altar, He told him what to make it out of, and from this, we see what the altar is. He said, Make it out of the brass censers. You can read this in Numbers 11. The censer, the brass censer that the men used when they rebelled against Moses. 'Melt it down and build an altar.' This is a sign that the altar represents judgment.

And then after you have built the altar, offer a sacrifice, and burn it as soon as it's built. It is made of wood and overlaid with bronze. Bronze is always a symbol of judgment. And then He said, 'Take it and put a sacrifice in it and burn it. And don't do anything with it. Only keep the ashes.'

Brothers, the first element in the building is the altar of judgment. As you come to go into the building of God, before you can get in, you have got to go through the altar of judgment. You come and lay up before the Lord a sacrifice, and the Jews would take their hand and they would lay their hand on the head of the sacrifice, and they would speak before it. They were imputing themselves into that sacrifice. And then the priest representing God took the sacrifice, and they burned it.

Brother, how do you get into the church? Praise the Lord. Brother Dave, do you know about this thing? Brother, we get there by means of a funeral. You are taken, buried, and die. All of you is taken and burned. It is buried. It is destroyed. It is taken away. Brothers, the key man on campus doesn't go anymore. Or did you ever hear that term? Did Crusade give that up? When you get to the campus, find the key man on the campus and win him to the Lord. Brothers, the Lord doesn't want good men. He doesn't want outstanding men. He doesn't look talented men; He wants dead men. You come into the church by means of a funeral. You come through the Red Sea. You come through the brazen altar. God has judged you. Now he has destroyed you, and the only thing he uses is the ash. That's all that we use.

Brothers, we come through the altar. Brothers, in order to get into God's building, come to the altar and present yourself as a sacrifice.

Brothers, we come into the church by being offered up and killed. We come into the church by death, by dying to all. Secondly, really quickly, after you go through the altar, brother, you've got to come to the altar, the dying, the dying to talents, to the abilities of self.

The second thing you do is you come to the laver. Now, what was the laver made of? Quickly. Mirrors of the women. Now then, do you know that in Titus 2 or around 5, I believe, Paul writes to Titus by the washing, by the washing of the water. The word there is by the laver. The word can as easily and it should be translated by the laver, by the laver. The laver was the place where the people came, and they were washed by being exposed. Jesus came to earth, and I'm one of the twelve, oh hallelujah, I'm going to live right here with the Lord, and I'm just going to go with Him, and He's going to build his kingdom. Praise the Lord. By the way, Brother Mike, do you remember what someone asked me to do lately? Yesterday, he asked me to get some bread. Did you know he could have asked anyone else to get the bread? And did you notice that when we went to open the wine, I got to open the wine bottle? Brother, don't you believe that when the Lord comes into his kingdom, I should sit at his right hand? And I noticed that you were able to go out yesterday and get some fish. He asked you to get the fish. I believe, brother, you should sit on the left, don't you? Well, someone else heard about it just over here, and they got to pouting.

Now, who got exposed? Who got exposed? All three of them got exposed. Why would you pout if I said at the right hand of Christ, unless in your heart you want to sit there? They were all exposed, then, after having been so exposed, then they began to be built up. Brothers, I want you to just realize what it is when it happens. You have got to begin being linked. You've got to begin being synchronized. You've got to begin being built up. But with the building must come the death, and with the building must come the exposure. But then praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. All this is bronze. All this is bronze. This is judgment on us. Do you notice that we are not yet in the tabernacle? We are just getting into it.

One other thing I want you to see. The outer court. Just the wall. The wall, brethren, had two things about it. On the earth, separating the dirt from the tabernacle's wall were two bronze sockets, and then hung as a wall around the tabernacle. Not the tabernacle, all of this is before you get to the tabernacle - the bronze socket, and the fine white linen. The outer walls were made of fine white linen. An unbeliever could not go into the tabernacle. All he could do was stand outside and look. What did he see? Praise the Lord, brother. He saw fine white men.

Praise the Lord. Brother, fine linen. The world won't see much of the church. The unbeliever won't see much of God's children unless he comes through the altar of redemption. This is another sacrifice, of course. And if he comes in, he has got to be redeemed. Why? If he never comes in, what does he have to see if he never comes in? He's got to see the fine white linen. Brethren, that fine white linen is not goodness and it is not morality, but it is something of

the very righteousness of Christ himself. It is not false purity, but it is really the righteousness of Christ.

First, there is judgment, then there is the exposure, and then there is the fine white linen that the world can see if it can see nothing else. In you, it sees the purity and the righteousness, the fine white linen of the Lord. The world has to see this if we are to have a proper building. If there is going to be a wall that separates the world from the building, that wall has to be righteous and pure with sockets of brass. The judgment is the protection of us from the world. The fine white linen is the very protection. Brothers, the white linen, the court around the tabernacle, the laver, the altar: these must be our experiences before we come in.

Do you notice everything is bronze up now, brother? Everything is bronze. Everything is judgment. Everything is the Lord's judgment upon us, taking us into death, exposing us, making us fine white linen. We are not yet in the tabernacle. We have got to go through these things, brethren, praise the Lord. There is no bronze in the tabernacle, but the tabernacle grows out of and comes out of the bronze, the judgment.

So brothers, I just have a real positive word: come and give your offering to the Lord, the good offering.

The mirror is the exposing. Oh boy, church life, if it does nothing else, it is going to be a mirror to you, and in that mirror, you are going to be washed. Listen, we, everyone, loves to project a spiritual image. Oh, the Lord's going to take it away from you, Brother.

Brother, everything about you, you really want brothers and sisters to really think that you're spiritual. Brother, don't feel bad, we all do, this is our nature. We come into the meeting. Oh, praise the Lord. Hallelujah. and then you just begin to get built up, and you just get built up a little bit more, and the mirror is going to be in front of you; there is some brother you cannot get along with, and you, sister, you are going to learn so much about Brother... you think he is a real saint wait until the... You are going to really find out that that brother is nothing, and you're going to learn out about your sister too. We have all got to be exposed in the church. Just praise God for the exposure; it takes the religion out of the church. It is so easy to be a pastor, a preacher. You're up here and they're down there. And it is so easy to be a pew member. You're down here and he's up there. And you can run home and hide, but in the church, in the real experience of the church, every one of us is exposed, and from the exposing we are washed. You now have to get into the real building of the church; first is the exposure.

You always begin by thinking, praise God, the Lord has begun to build. And then you find out, no. I thought that was building. Brothers and sisters, you are going to be exposed; boy, are you ever going to be exposed.