

L76 | Ephesians | "Holy Temple in the Lord and Habitation of God Pt. 3" | Eph. 2:19-22

I. Intro/Review:

- The household of God from the perspective of God's eternal purpose in Christ counseled before the world began.
- As we behold that counsel before the world began we see Christ is made the chief cornerstone. In Him would dwell all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
- Christ has now become the head of the corner and is building His house - of which the foundation was laid through the teaching and preaching of the apostles and prophets.
- Through that ministry in the scriptures and that foundation the house continues to grow and be built.
- Ephesians 2 sets forth the eternal purpose of these Gentiles being part of the household of God, even with the Gentiles in time past being far off and given over God has reconciled the world in Christ, that these Gentiles can be and are reconciled unto God in one body. Thus, they are part of the building in Christ.

II. Preview:

- Holy Temple in the Lord
- Habitation of God through the Spirit

III. Sermon:

**In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
{Ephesians 2:21}**

- **"holy temple in the Lord"**
 - **"in whom"** - in Christ
 - **"all the building"** - foundation
 - **"fitly framed together"** - God's work and you (present/passive)
 - recipient
 - **"groweth"** - God's work and you (present/active)
 - **"in Him"** - Performer
 - Laborers - Paul - wisdom of Christ
 - **"unto an holy temple in the Lord"**
 - **"holy temple in the Lord"** - if it groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord is it finished

- **"temple"** - where God dwelt
 1. **First tabernacle/temple** - Matt. 23:16-17, 21, 35, 27:5, 51; Acts 17:24; 2 The. 2:4
 2. **Temple in heaven** - Heb. 8:5, 9:24; Rev. 3:12, 7:15, 11:1, 19, 14:15, 17, 15:5, 6, 8, 16:1, 17, 21:22
 3. **Christ's body** - Matt. 26:61 (Matt. 27:40); Jn. 2:21
 4. **Your body** - 1 Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19, 2 Cor. 6:16

- Prophetically
 - Jn. 4:20-24 (Php. 3:3)
 - Jn. 14:23 (:19-21), 17:21-23

- Father dwells in Christ and Christ in the Father
 - In Christ and Christ in you - Father

- Davidic Covenant
 - 1) Davidic Covenant was that Christ, the Word, would take on flesh
 - 2) Davidic Covenant was that by Christ an house would be built
 - Rom. 1
 - 2 Tim. 2

- That by Christ God would dwell in man
 - This doesn't make man God, it doesn't elevate man to deity
 - Even those in Christ with a glorified body are not deity
 - This manifests God, His character and purpose
 - His love and humility
 - His good pleasure for us to be like Him - not exactly Him, but like Him (godliness)
 - It manifests man as creation, as creature even in perfection and Adam's innocence we need God

- This house was first revealed to the Jews, but what was hid in God was that the house was much bigger, broader, more vast, and higher.
 - It would involve the heavenly places
 - It would include the Gentiles

 - The concept wasn't a mystery, the principle of the house wasn't a mystery
 - But who and where it would involve was
 - Prophecy indicates it is exclusively Israel's with blessing going to the whole world by it - we are not simply addressing eternal life, but being an habitation of God.

**In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
{Ephesians 2:22}**

- **"in whom ye also"**
 - Gentiles also builded together

- **"builded together"** - present/passive
- **"for"** - purpose, the reason for them being built together
- **"an habitation of God"**
 - Product, the purpose
 - Definition - abode; act of inhabiting; place of abode
 - Ex. 15:2 - Song of Moses - "prepare Him a habitation"
 - 2 Chr. 6:2 - "But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever."
 - This is what God needs to do toward man, not man toward God.
 - Heb. 10:5-10 - prepared a body
 - Ps. 40:6-8
- **"through the Spirit"**
 - The means of us being His habitation and Him inhabiting us
 - **"workmanship"** - Eph. 2:10
 - Col. 2:10-12
 - Col. 1:9-10
 - 1 Cor. 2:6-16
 - Illustration of "in Christ" and "Christ in you"

IV. Conclusion:

- Furnish His Habitation
 - 2 Tim. 3:17
 - Work not done at salvation
 - Php. 2:13
 - Col. 1:27-29
 - Col. 3:16
 - Col. 1:9-10
 - Eph. 3:17