

# W O R D A T W O R K

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## THURSDAY, April 1

Scripture: Acts 7:44-46

Finding favor with God is a by-product of having a heart for preparing His house. It is so easy to get caught up in a myriad of other things. For some, the chief distraction is sports. From beginning to year-end, our TV's assault us with baseball, football, soccer, basketball and hockey. Some are distracted by movies, and entertainment, while others read novels, or are captured by hobbies which never can satisfy that inner longing. We were created for giving ourselves totally as temples for God's presence. Only by yielding to His purpose can we receive the witness, which God longs to give to those who are wholly given over to Him. We are in the midst of a decade in which everything that can be shaken will be shaken, in order for us to turn our attention 100% toward Him! Preparing your heart for a change is vitally important in this transitional season.

## FRIDAY, April 2

Scripture: Acts 13:20-22

David found favor before God because he had a heart for the purpose and plan of God. In Acts 13 we see testimony given to that fact. After God had removed Saul He raised up a man to be king of whom He gave testimony and said, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will." The definition of a man after God's own heart is given in this passage. It means to be one who is committed to nothing less than doing all God's will. All other "good deals" can be swept away and thrown into the trash in the light of this one. If there is one goal that deserves to be the theme for this new season, and cry of our heart, it is, *"God, I want to be a person who does all Your will, not some of it, not part of it, but all of it."* Can you make that kind of commitment, and cry out for the necessary changes? I believe it is God's call to His listening Church!

## SATURDAY, April 3

Scripture: Acts 13:18-23; Romans 8:29

Verse 23 of Acts 13 says, "From this man's seed, (David, the man after God's own heart – who will do all His will) according to the promise, God raised up from Israel a Savior – Jesus." According to Scripture, Jesus is the Son of David. What makes Jesus the Son of David? He has the same heart! "...who will do all My will." As we follow God's purpose in yielding to the Savior, Romans 8:29 speaks of this ultimate plan. "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." God's intent for each one of us is to come to the measure of commitment which Jesus demonstrated. The conforming of our attitude and obedience to that of Jesus is one goal which cannot be overlooked. Jesus was committed unto death, and so we must be in the last days if we are going to please the Father. There is a generation coming who will wholly give themselves to doing God's will. Why shouldn't it be us?

## SUNDAY, April 4

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-4

Hebrews 11 is full of examples of people who obtained a witness from God because they were willing with all their heart, and to the best of their ability, to wholly give themselves in doing God's will. The very first example given in Faith's Hall of Fame is Abel, whose attitude is contrasted with that of his brother Cain. Both had a form of godliness and tried to please God by giving. Abel pleased God by giving according to God's plan, while the other gave according to his own ideas. What a subtle difference between the two and yet one which had eternal repercussions. These two represent two groups who are going to do God's will, one God's way, the other their own way. What makes the second path so dangerous is the individual tells himself, "But I am doing God's will." It is very difficult to understand why it is rejected. It is one thing to do God's will, it is an entirely different matter to do it **His way**. It is not enough to discover what God wants to do; we also have to find out how He wants it done.

## MONDAY, April 5

Scripture: Hebrews 11:5,6

Our second example is Enoch who moved in such a great depth of pleasing God he received a witness which gave him the faith to ask God for bypassing death through translation. The study of Enoch is especially important to those of us who live in the end-times, realizing there is a generation promised which will not see death but "...will be caught...up to meet the Lord in the air." Many speculate this could happen any time, but we know at this point such speculation is absolute foolishness because the Church is not anywhere close to being in the condition required: "...without spot, wrinkle, or blemish..." In addition, the Church has to walk with God in such a fashion it is divinely empowered to bring in the great end-time harvest! There is a tremendous yielding over to the purpose and plan of God which has to be done by a generation before any of these prophetic promises can take place. The current Church condition demonstrates the foolishness of even thinking we are about to be caught up in the air. Yet we know what is prophesied must come to pass and, therefore, the preparation, even in this hour, becomes increasingly important. What made Enoch different from the rest of his generation? I believe the answer is in verse 6, which recounts his revelation of God as "...a **rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**." Enoch conformed his life to be a diligent seeker as opposed to a casual one. We have to look at our lifestyle as it relates to our relationship with the Lord personally, versus our relationship with Him corporately. If the only seeking of the Lord that is done is what transpires on Sunday and Wednesday, we can readily say, "Woe is us!" The Bible does not say God is a rewarder of those who sporadically seek Him, but rather "...a rewarder of those who diligently..." not casually, haphazardly, or whenever we feel in the mood. So when we look at Enoch the whole issue of consistency begins to come before us. It is one which certainly needs some scrutinizing, and for most of us some adjustment. There is no time like **now** to start!

## TUESDAY, April 6

Scripture: Hebrews 11:7; Matthew 25:36-44

In the progression of Hebrews 11, the next example which comes to us is Noah. Noah is a very important example when we begin to look at the issue of our personal relationship with the Lord because verse 7 says, "Noah was divinely warned of things not yet seen..." As a result, he "...moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." Noah lived in a generation which was overcome by a "party spirit." The whole atmosphere was "let the good times roll, whatever feels good – do it. Not once but three times." Noah lived in a generation which is much like ours and yet he is held forth as an example of an individual who maintained a relationship with God and was warned of judgments to come. This is extremely interesting in light of Matthew 24 where verses 36-44 are devoted to telling us how a season of the end-times will be exactly like the days of Noah. This passage

historically has been interpreted to mean the rapture, "...one will be taken the other left...Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left." However, if we look at it in context, we realize that "in the days of Noah" means days of judgment, and the ones who were taken were destroyed in the flood and the ones who were left were the ones who had the relationship with God and were warned and acted accordingly. The book of Revelation is full of end-time judgments which are going to fall in various levels and stages. I don't believe figuring these out is anywhere close to as important as having a relationship with God, so like Noah we are warned and find ourselves in the right place at the right time. Then we will continue being the witnesses God wants us to be and won't find ourselves taken away in one of the multitudinous end-time judgments. "For in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." Jesus spoke of divine visitations of judgment which would take away those who were not prepared, who were not living in relationship, nor walking in the "relational" ark of the Lord. What kind of "relationship" will we maintain in these end-times?

### WEDNESDAY, April 7

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus devoted a whole parable to describing the end of the age. The Church, like the world, has within it two kinds of sons, those of the King and those whose motivation is of the wicked one. Separation escalates dramatically during the season of the great end-time harvest. Verse 41 says, "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness...." Revelation is full of bowls, trumpets, and vials usually executed by angels, further describing judgments which fall during the final great harvest. We are exiting a ten-year season of judgment, first in the Church, and entering the transition of national, corporate, and personal judgments on the world, some executed by the Church. "Let he that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches!"

### THURSDAY, April 8

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-19

The next example in the progression of Faith's Hall of Fame is Abraham and Sarah. Abraham and Sarah are indeed special because we find in them seeds of the strongest attributes of those who went before. Because Abraham is the father of faith, he represents God's expectation for believers walking in the composite strengths of all the generations who went before us. When Abraham was called he obeyed giving no thought for his background and everything he had to leave. That demonstrates the same commitment in adhering to God's plan as Abel. Verse 9 says he lived as if he was "...in a foreign country..." demonstrating the same commitment of Noah and not coveting any of the good things available in the era in which he lived. "He waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God," showing the consistency of Enoch in his relationship with the Lord, and waiting patiently and diligently upon God to fulfill His promises. The pinnacle of God's blessing upon Abraham who lived such a life is that God was not ashamed of him as a son. There are those who call upon the name of the Lord and every time they do, God is ashamed! How would you like to give an account of all your dealings? What if we embraced the same manipulative practices of the previous generation? To add insult to injury, they manipulate and fund-raise for their own projects in the Lord's name! We have to rise up and begin to walk with the Lord with all of our heart, mind, and being. This is our calling. Who can escape it? God will have a generation to be proud of removing the magnitude of shame which now exists in His Church.

### FRIDAY, April 9

Scripture: First Chronicles 28:1,2

When becoming a person after God's own heart who will do all His will, certain characteristics are perhaps more important than others. One of the primary attributes is exhibited by David in First Chronicles 28:1-2. David did not have an itinerary of his own but he was open to receive God's purpose and plan and act accordingly. He

said, “I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it.” David was very willing to walk after what he perceived God put in his heart. This is the kind of person we need to be in the last days. We need to open up to the Lord’s purposes and plans and say, “God, put in my heart what You want me to do and give me confirmation and I will do it with all of my ability.” One of the keys here is “...a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord...” A place for God to rest. It is precisely what the Father has in mind for these end-times. He is looking for places His presence can settle and will rest in those vessels who have prepared themselves. The following is a vision shared by Pastor George Belobaba, P O Box 7209, Tacoma, WA 98407, “April 18, 1986...I had been praying about the revival that is yet to come. I was walking in a vision down a very busy street. Jesus came and walked beside me. People saw me but not Him, but His presence filled the air. People began to fall on their knees and on their faces crying for forgiveness...repenting...wave after wave of His presence caused them to fall like dominoes. He said, ‘Without My presence and My power there is no revival.’ It’s His presence and not flashy human efforts or personal charisma of a famous name that brings revival.” A “resting place” for God is built as we make choices year after year in how we conduct ourselves. In Pastor Belobaba’s vision this was the key to the next wave of the Holy Spirit. The revival, which currently is coming, depends on God’s people seriously preparing themselves as a resting place for the Father. God is waiting. Are we listening?

#### SATURDAY, April 10

Scripture: First Chronicles 28:1-4

In First Chronicles 28:4, we begin to get some insight into why God chooses one, rejects another, and what is involved in the Lord selecting certain people for His own unique purposes. David declares with all authority “...the Lord God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler and of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel.” Here is a man who knew his calling and notice the authority, confidence, and unashamed declaration of God’s calling which resonates from David’s mouth. This foundation of who we are in God has to be settled between us and God alone in our private prayer closet. The depth and nature of warfare we face in the end-times has such intensity, each individual in order to stand, has to know absolutely his gifting, calling, and God’s purpose and plan for his individual life. What caused God to choose David? Divine seeds are sown in certain families such as integrity, commitment, dedication, wisdom (sons of Issachar), and praise, which was prevalent in the tribe of Judah. God has ordained authority to flow out of our praise and worship of Him. The degree to which we become true worshippers dictates the level of divine authority we experience.

#### SUNDAY, April 11

Scripture: First Samuel 16:1-3

These four verses describe God’s selection process for those who will sustain and be a major part of a new move of the Spirit. Birthing a new move of the Spirit is only possible when individuals respond to God in obedience. First, Samuel had to be willing to risk his life in order to lay the foundation for the next forty years of Israel’s history in God’s will. In the foundation of every transition and new move of the Spirit you will find people who are called upon to hazard their very lives and lay a foundation through obedience. It usually begins when God orders you to operate contrary to what the previous leadership has dictated or ordained. Samuel was willing to be such a person and in sheer obedience to God’s purpose laid his life on the line. Are we willing to walk that way in this hour?

#### MONDAY, April 12

Scripture: First Samuel 16:1-4

Notice how dramatically the Church has to change, in order to see the leadership of a city tremble at the coming of the ministers of the Lord. Is there anyone in government in America who trembles at the Church today,

or, rather do they laugh, mock, make fun of, initiate jokes about, and in every way possible deride the current institution called Church? Here we see the leaders of a city coming out trembling just to find out if the man of God is coming peaceably. What will it take to restore the Church to the place where it is an honored mouthpiece of God in the hearts and minds of people? What will it take to re-establish the fear of the Lord in the land? (There is no “fear of the Lord” in the land - because there is none in the Church.)

### TUESDAY, April 13

Scripture: First Samuel 16:1-4; 3:19-20

Integrity is one of the elements which has to be restored in leadership in the last days. Only then, will we see the shame removed as promised in Joel 2, and political leadership humble itself to God. First Samuel 3:19 says, “So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.” Verse 20 says, “And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord.” Once again God needs to establish the prophetic ministry in the earth, and the way He does that is “...to let none of their words fall to the ground.” I believe in the end-times we are to see a prophetic Church, but in order to be a prophetic people, according to God’s definition, what we speak must come to pass. Either God has to start manifesting what we have been speaking or we need to shut up and wait; until we know with assurance that God is talking before opening our mouth! It shouldn’t be too difficult to figure out which one of these options best fits the current situation.

### WEDNESDAY, April 14

Scripture: First Samuel 16:4; 12:16-19

Samuel told the people to “hide and watch” what God would do. “I will call to the Lord, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking a king for yourselves. So Samuel called to the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.” Once again the elements have to harken unto the voice of God’s prophets in the eyes of those encrusted with hardness of heart, political authority, and all who would try to silence the Church. Only the great manifestations of God will bring some people to repentance. Preparing a resting place is the key to seeing these manifestations.

### THURSDAY, April 15

Scripture: First Samuel 7:7-10

Is it any wonder the elders of Israel came out to ask Samuel if he was coming peaceably, when we read about historical events which took place in his ministry? Israel was gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel, and suddenly the children of Israel heard they were about to be attacked and were greatly afraid of the Philistines. So they said to Samuel, ‘Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.’ Samuel began to cry out to the Lord and the answer to his prayer came in the heavens with a mighty thundering upon the Philistines. They were so confused that Israel won. How necessary it is in the restoration of divine authority to the Church, that God raise up individuals who are so in harmony with His purpose and plan that very nature itself responds to their pleas. Such a **kairos** will surely appear sometime in the next thirty years!

### FRIDAY, April 16

Scripture: First Samuel 16:4-6

Samuel obeyed in the face of certain death. He went to the house of Jesse and told him to bring his sons to the sacrifice. “So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is before Him.’” The absolute ease with which Samuel, the one true clear prophetic voice, moved into *assumption* should sound a clear warning to us. He assumed the very same criteria God used before in selecting a king was still

applicable. First Samuel 10:23 records the physical characteristics of Saul, “So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward....” Samuel anointed him king. The great lesson comes in verse 7, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees....” Samuel just got caught using the criteria for the previous move of the Holy Spirit as a yardstick for judging current spiritual activity. Are you doing the same thing now? If we are running around looking for a place where the most spectacular gifts of the Spirit are in manifestation, we are missing the reality of what God is doing – preparing the heart through repentance. May we not make the same mistake as Samuel, but if so God is faithful to set us straight.

#### SATURDAY, April 17

Scripture: First Samuel 17:26-28

From this passage, we begin to see what Eliab was really like inside. Eliab was the one Samuel thought was surely the Lord’s anointed, undoubtedly because he stood head and shoulders above everybody else, as Saul had. David apparently was only average height so you couldn’t tell by appearance. David came into the camp and noticed the army was fearfully observing while being taunted by a Philistine giant. When David asked, “What will be done for the man who slays the Philistine...,” suddenly Eliab spoke up and we get a glimpse of what perhaps had been in his heart all along. This is probably what God was referring to in chapter 16 when He told Samuel, “I don’t look on the outward appearance, but I look upon the heart.” Eliab said, “Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.” Notice the reaction of a man who was just passed over for leadership. He was ready to fight David with everything he had. Yet, he was at the very same feast where God anointed him, and where the prophetic words were spoken over his life. You can almost believe Eliab was one Israelite who was more surprised than the Philistines, when David took Goliath’s own sword and beheaded him. This deception was in David’s own family. Will we not see the same magnitude of surprise with those whom God anoints in these end-times? Will you covenant with the surprisers or be among the surprised?

#### SUNDAY, April 18

Scripture: First Chronicles 28:1-5

David said, “And of all my sons (for the Lord has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel.” In God’s choice of Solomon He “torqued the jaw” (Midwestern colloquialism) of every Pharisee in Israel. If we recall the historical events surrounding Solomon’s birth, we can easily visualize how people in Israel felt about Solomon assuming the throne. Solomon was the son of Bathsheba, whom David took in adultery. Then to add insult to injury he killed her husband, Uriah the Hittite. How could God ever bless the offspring of a relationship that began in adultery and was compounded by murder? If there was ever a picture of God’s mercy and grace extended to a person, it reaches its pinnacle in His choice of Solomon to follow David. To you who would feel unworthy for God to ever take up the fullness of His rest in you, just think of what He did for Solomon in spite of his background. This grace and mercy came under the Old Covenant. We have a New Covenant based on better promises.

#### MONDAY, April 19

Scripture: Second Samuel 12:1-8

This passage is the account of the prophet Nathan’s confrontation of David over his sin. After telling David a great story and arousing his anger over the covetousness of the rich man, Nathan, by the leadership of the Lord says, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been to little, I also would have given you much more!’” To me this speaks very specifically about God’s heart toward all those who really desire to prepare a house of rest. Verse 8 shows the heart of God toward anyone who will prepare his own temple to be God’s resting place. What He

essentially said to David was, “If what I gave you was to little, I would have given you much more.” For you who prepare a temple for the Lord, if your neighborhood is to little, God will give you the city. If you are not satisfied with the city, He will give you the state, region, or nation. If God encourages your faith to extend beyond the nation, He will give you the nations of the world, to make an impact for Him in the end-times. What is the limitation for those who yield to preparing their temple to be the very resting place of God? There is no limitation for those who are fully willing to yield themselves totally to the Lord in these last days. “I also would have give you much more!” (God said to David).

## TUESDAY, April 20

Scripture: Second Samuel 12:9-14

There is a key to understanding God’s judgment in the last days which comes from this passage. Even though David’s sin was forgiven the repercussions of it would color the remainder of his life. Verse 10 says, “...the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.” Transgressing God’s word despises the Lord Himself. God said, “I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor...you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.” It would appear there are seasons which God has marked to declare things done in secret from the housetop. The Church is transitioning from such a season where no sin could stay hidden very long but has consistently been broadcast for all to see and know. The Church has been living here for 7 years and the first wave of graduates are emerging, while it only intensifies for others until all dirty laundry is out in the open. God is truly purifying His Church.

## WEDNESDAY, April 21

Scripture: Second Samuel 12:15-25

Sin gives occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, and always intensifies the judgment when it is done by those who have national exposure. Therefore, the scope of the judgment has to be national also. But the servants of David were totally dismayed at his activity. He refused to eat. He would not wash or change his clothes. He was inconsolable as long as the child was alive. When the child died, he got up, washed, anointed himself, changed his clothes, and went into the house of the Lord and worshipped. Then he ate. His servants were amazed! “What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food.” David wisely answered, “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who can tell whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’ But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.” Verse 24 says, “Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the Lord loved him.” This is a picture of God’s grace toward everyone who has ever sinned or made a mistake. David realized the grace of God. He missed it big time! But there was still a life to be lived. There were still things to do for God, and with all of his heart he was going to get up and go on from there and, to the best of his ability, do them. The God of grace and mercy expects us to rise up and live above our mistakes. God’s grace and mercy extends to all! “Mercy triumphs over judgment” usually everywhere but church!

## THURSDAY, April 22

Scripture: First Chronicles 28:6-13

In this passage we see David with his heart so set on preparing a place of rest for God that divine response grants two things of major importance. The same two things are still very necessary for us today. Verse 11 says, “Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of all the chambers all around of the treasuries of the house of god and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and for all the articles of service in the house of the Lord.” Verses 11-12 describe two very important

parts of any ministry – the architectural plans and the operational plans. Both are necessary for ministry to operate and function effectively. We not only need to know what God wants us to do, but we need to know each individual's part and place in it. We need both – the architectural and operational plans to successfully accomplish any goal. God is giving - are we receiving?

#### FRIDAY, April 23

Scripture: First Chronicles 28:14-19

Verse 19 says, “All this, said David, the Lord made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans (or details).” David gave so much time to this project God gave him every detail. He was truly motivated to seek the Lord for everything involved in preparing a resting place for God. That included both architectural and operational plans, but also it required the very specifics which only God could give. Anyone who has a halfhearted commitment to preparing God's resting place will probably find themselves parked in a cookie-cutter church. If we are not willing to personally pay the price to get God's architectural and operational plans, we are very likely to imitate those who do. Success in ministry is a by-product of finding out what God wants to do and acting accordingly. Copying what works for others permeates the Church all over the United States. Franchised ministries seem to be dominant. I do not believe the architectural and operational plans for Texas will necessarily work in California, nor will the architectural and operational plans for Anaheim necessarily work in Washington, D.C. The issue is are we willing to pay the price to spend the time before the Lord to find out precisely what He wants us to do and begin to walk it out? This seems to be a major challenge for a generation which demands instant coffee, tea, and everything else. But when it comes to the things of the Spirit “instant” just won't get it!

#### SATURDAY, April 24

Scripture: Exodus 19:22, 14, 10

Much of the current attitude concerning spiritual things reminds me of the attitude we see in the generation that Moses was commanded to bring out of Egypt. In chapter 19 and verse 22 the Bible says, “Also let the priests who come near the Lord sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break out against them.” In verse 10, “...the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go to the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes.’” Verse 11, “And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.” Verse 14 says, “Then Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified; the people, and they washed their clothes.” Cleansing and purification prevail in verse 22, “...let those who come near the Lord sanctify themselves....” When we are called of God to receive His architectural and operational plans we realize that to come into His presence requires sanctification, or a cutting away of those things which are not pleasing to Him. God demands purity and holiness from those of us who want continually to see His presence in manifestation. Are we hearing the call? Are we willing to pay the price?

#### SUNDAY, April 25

Scripture: Exodus 20:18,19

“Now all the people witnessed the thundering, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, ‘You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.’” The attitude of the people was simple: “Moses, you find out what the architectural and operational plans are that God has because we are not willing to pay the price. Then you come and tell us what God says and we will do it.” This clergy/pew concept is still quite prevalent!



## MONDAY, April 26

Scripture: First Chronicles 28: 20, 21 – 29:1

This passage simply shows us everything falls in place when we pray out the plan. God has details and a plan for making your temple a house of rest. The architectural patterns will probably come from the Word. The operational plans develop as we obey the individual leadership inclinations of the Holy Spirit which come to us daily. When we set our heart on having God's will and nothing else, the end result is the glory of the Lord which abides. "...the temple is not for man but for the Lord God." Your body is not for you to do with what you want to do, but it is for the Lord. David said to Solomon, "...the work is great, because the temple is not for man...." And so it is with our lives in the end-time. The greatest things in Scripture are prophesied for the end-time generation which winds up the age. The initial preparational work which has to be done in us is an overwhelming recognition we are not our own but are bought with a price and are obligated to glorify God in our body and in our spirit which are His. If we live for ourselves in these days, we forfeit the "call." The work of the end-time harvest is great. It is eternal and has been assigned to us! It is time to get on with **God's** plan!

## TUESDAY, April 27

Scripture: Second Corinthians 6:16 – 7:1

The New Testament makes it very clear in Second Corinthians 6:16 through 7:1 that we are to touch not what is unclean and God will receive us and be a Father to us, and we will be His sons and daughters. Chapter 7 verse 1 says, "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." God's fulfillment of taking up His rest in us is dependent on the cleansing of the temple. As we move in that direction the day of His anointing is inevitable. We are perhaps being called to lay down our lives as no other generation, wholly giving ourselves over in service to Him. The call is going out and those who are listening are going to find themselves moving in a full measure of God's anointing.

## WEDNESDAY, April 28

Scripture: First Chronicles 29:2-3

David said, "Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might...." It was a full commitment and his chief goal was preparing a resting place for God. Nothing was held back and that was obvious by what he gave. When we get to the place where we are willing to hold nothing back from the Lord we will be well on our way to seeing in manifestation of what God desires and plans for us. God's presence brings revival and His grace will be poured out.

## THURSDAY, April 29

Scripture: First Chronicles 29:4-5

The New King James Open Bible Expanded Edition gives a footnote with a current dollar value which corresponds to the "...three thousand talents of gold...and seven thousand talents of silver...." It is \$3.28 billion in gold, \$152,880,000 thousand in silver. David's willingness to part with such an amount speaks very highly of the fact he is delivered from the love of material things. Somehow we need to deal with the issue of our consecration and dedication to the Lord in this area. David is delivered from the love of material things. Are we delivered? Which gets more time, money, and pampering – the physical house you live in or the spiritual house God lives in? How is it we can spend hours and days picking out wallpaper and paint, color co-ordinating, choosing carpet and furniture, and yet spend only a few minutes a week studying God's Word or praying? Which house gets more pampering? The latter part of verse 5 is very important because it tells us God is not necessarily concerned with how messed up the spiritual temple is. That is not the real issue to God. The key is are you willing? "Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?" If we are willing, God will purify!

FRIDAY, April 30

Scripture: Second Chronicles 7:1-3

“...the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.” Just as God honored David’s preparation, He will honor ours. Notice the glory did not come until the second generation had done their part. Which generation had it the easiest, David’s or Solomon’s? Solomon’s no doubt, because everything was handed to them. Which generation had it the toughest? The answer is David’s because he had to fight the wars which procured all the material. He had to spend the time in prayer and waiting on the Lord to get all the plans architecturally and operationally. There is one other issue which is very important to us, and it speaks to our commitment and dedication to God. When the glory falls, David is dead. Are we really willing to lay down our lives and become a platform which others can walk on, or do we demand to see the fruit of our labor while we are living? It seems we have a generation in the United States which has lived so long on the platform of the sacrifices of our fathers that we do not know how to sacrifice ourselves. Will we be forced to go through a decade of learning to sacrifice even as the generation of the ‘30’s? Will that be an enforced part of our preparation? Get your temple ready – the glory is coming!

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For national sins for man's disgrace  
Cry humbly with a heart of reverence  
Pleading broken on your face**

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