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Background Reading:

- ❖ 2 Chronicles 2:3-7
- ❖ Acts 15:4-6
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 11:17-20; 14:23
- ❖ Philemon 1:2

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Ezra 5:8-17
- ❖ Hebrews 10:23-25

Background Reading

2 Chronicles 2:3-7

3 And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

5 And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.

6 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Background Reading

2 Chronicles 2:3-7

6 But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?

7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.

Acts 15:4-6

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Acts 15:4-6

- 4** And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.
- 5** But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.
- 6** And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

Background Reading

1 Corinthians 11:17-20

17 Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

20 When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

Background Reading

1 Corinthians 14:23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

Philemon 1:2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

Devotional Reading

Ezra 5:8-17

- 8** Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.
- 9** Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?
- 10** We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.
- 11** And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up.

Devotional Reading

Ezra 5:8-17

12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;

Devotional Reading

Ezra 5:8-17

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

Devotional Reading

Hebrews 10:23-25

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Central Verse

Psalm 122:1

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us
go into the house of the Lord.”

INTRODUCTION

For many years, the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness and could not build a stable place of worship. They used a tent as their tabernacle and moved it from place to place. They had been told to enter the courts of God with praises and to come before God's presence with singing. They knew that the place of worship was special, for God said that He had hallowed it and put His name there. The believers are called to gather in God's house and worship Him, but they are also called to help build and support His house. Each believer should be able to feel the call to action and help build God's house. Believers have a love connection for God, which causes them to be very protective towards Him.

INTRODUCTION

It is very necessary that every believer build a relationship with God by getting a deeper understanding of His abounding love and His desire for each one of them to grow into a close personal relationship with Him. It can be done in a believer's home, but going into the Church gives him a closer feeling of God's presence because God's Spirit dwells in His Temple or His Church.

INTRODUCTION

Going to the church building gives a person a sense of belonging to a family and allows people to develop wholesome relationships that enhance their lives. It allows for spiritual growth. And they are fed with spiritual food when the preacher preaches or the teacher teaches. It is a place where information and understanding are given. It is a place where the gifts and talents of believers receive a place of training and exercise. The Word of God instructs believers to never forsake the practice of going to Church.

DISCUSSION

Making the sacrifice of going to the church is giving God first place, which is a lifetime commitment that every believer must be willing to do. Each believer should learn to make attending church a habit by letting God work in his life. As he commits to going to church, he must commit to letting God build him, his family, his career, and every aspect of his life. The more he visits God's place of residence, the more he gets to know God. Going to God's House allows God to become involved in his life.

DISCUSSION

I personally can remember that I had gone to the doctor because I was having some physical challenges. I had been diagnosed with cancer, stage four. The treatment did not help me, and I was in much pain. Sometimes, I would say to my husband, "If I can just get to church, where the saints are." I knew the saints would be praying, praising, and worshipping God, and I needed to be in that atmosphere. Because I knew that somebody would touch God, and God would touch me. I attended one of our conventions (UNAC) in New Orleans, Louisiana that July. As I sat in the service that Sunday evening, the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said, "If you praise Me, I will heal you."

DISCUSSION

Very reluctantly, after hearing the Holy Spirit repeat it to me three times, I leaped to my feet and began to scream Jesus repeatedly. While I was screaming Jesus, I felt the lumps in my breast began to move. In a matter of seconds, I could not find the lumps. I ran out of the sanctuary into a restroom, asked someone to unzip my dress, and proceeded to look for the lumps. Well, the lumps were gone! My breasts had turned from black and hard back to brown and soft. That evening, I received my healing. But if I had not gone to church, I probably would not have been healed.

DISCUSSION

Israel had been told that if they couldn't get to the church building, turn toward it and pray that God would hear and help them.

Life often presents unforeseen pitfalls that can throw believers off course. But believers must have a place of refuge and a place of anchor. When John F. Kennedy was killed, the family was looking for his mother. They found Mrs. Rose Kennedy in church. Her heart was hurting; her world was turned upside down, and the only place that she knew that she could go and receive the comfort and strength that she needed was her church.

DISCUSSION

The church is a place of healing for the spirit, the soul, and the body. So, in the trials and seasons of difficulty, the believer must hold the course to God and trust the process that renews and gives strength to the weary. The time that the believers are living in is a time of perils; it's a time of anxiety, fear, and worry. But in the House of God, there is rest for the weary. It's a place where people can come and lay down their burdens, fix their eyes on the Lord Jesus, and hear an encouraging word that will bring life to the dead issues in their lives.

DISCUSSION

For so many years, God's people had no beautiful house to worship in because the enemy had come in and stole all the beautiful vessels out of the Temple and destroyed it. God always has someone concerned about His house. King David wanted to build it, but God would not allow it to be so. But He did allow David to gather the gold, silver, brass, different types of wood, and all the materials needed to build it. But David's Son, King Solomon, had the privilege of building that beautiful temple.

CONCLUSION

Go to church anyway; for every believer has a past, and every sinner has a future. If you are having sex before marriage, go to church anyway. If you are a drug addict trying to beat addiction, go to church anyway. If you went out to the club on Saturday night and got drunk and stayed out most of the night, get up and go to church anyway. If you're having identity problems, not knowing if you want to be a man or a woman, go to church anyway. If you have a habit that you can't break, go to church anyway. If you are living with someone and can't turn that man or woman loose, go to church anyway.

CONCLUSION

The church is a hospital for the broken, the lost, the empty, the oppressed, the confused, the desperate, the indebted, and the rejected. God can take hold of a person and make something beautiful of their life.

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**The Church is the place where God's
spirit dwells. Meet Him, and He will
meet you.**

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