

Sermon subject

BUILDING GODS BUILDING.

Text: First Cor. 3: 1-9, : Eph. 2: 20-21

Last Clause verse 9, "You are GODS Building." Moffets version:

You are Gods house to build. Last clause Eph: 2: 20-21.

Christ the Corner Stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into an Holy Temple in the LORD:

This city of Corinth was one of some importance, being the Capital of this Province, situated as it was, ~~made it~~ made it a great commercial City, and there drifted into it from both East and West, The worst of humanity to reside.

NOW PAUL was a MASTER builder. he had founded and laid the foundation for this church on his second Missionary journey.

THIS church caused PAUL a lot of worry, trouble, and ~~distress~~ distress; By bringing diverse SINS of their worldiness into the CHURCH. They wanted to Commercialize and modernize the CHURCH by bringing the world into the CHURCH, by taking members into the CHURCH who knew not CHRIST as their PERSONAL SAVIOR. and that is the greatest MENACE in our CHURCH of to day.

So Paul through this letter is taking them to task; Rebuking and criticizing them for their unchristian attitude, and conduct. Urging and instructing them to put worldiness aside and become established and stabilized in the faith.

Thus he braves fourth with the language of our TEXT:

" YE ARE GODS BUILDING" You are building GODS house. and the way he speaks indicates they have not been building according to the plans and specifications, as set fourth by the Architect.

Now that quite often happens with builders who are not particular whether they comply with the plans and specifications or not. just so they can get by and have the building excepted; but that always leads to more or less trouble, disputes, arguments, grief and sorrow. Why? Because when the inspector sees this deception of inferior material being used; even the Corner Stone has been substituted and poor workmanship. he is vexed. for he ~~is~~ is not easily deceived. he sees every defective piece of material used in the building.

So he orders all this defective material torn out, and replaced with the material the plans and specifications of ~~the~~ called for. Hence the trouble, sorrow and grief, and waste of material and expence.

In my own building experience I have always found it payed to stick too the plans and specifications of the Archetec; There was no arguments, no contentions, no grief, no disappointments or waste of material. when the time came for the inspection by the Archetec; for exceptence or rejection of the building. for there is a time limit on when the building must be completed; if it is not completed on time; there is a penalty, or a forfeiture of the award, you have been working for. So if you have practiced deception, by using cheap, poor and unstable material. (viz. worldiness, indifference, inactivity, viceses, so called little sins.) Thinking you could deceive the Archetec; you have only deceived your self instead. for you will have NO TIME to make the necessary changes to conform to the plans and specifications. unless YOU DISCOVER YOUR OWN MISTAKE; and make the changes (viz, GET RIGHT WITH GOD.) before the time or day of ~~inspection~~ inspection.

This Church at Corinth was a cosmopolitan people. this city being a

Comercial center: People drifted in there from the serounding ~~country~~ country. similar to our owen comercial citys of to day. a trading center for p eoples of all typtes and races.

So what PAUL was saying too his church in Corenth. he is saying to us to day.

How are we building this house of GODS, to be built by us?

What kind of plans and specifactions have we adopted ?, Will they be PAULS? will he be our Archetec?, For he was a MASTER BUILDER, he had the experence, He had over come all obstacles, all dificulies, all objections, hinderences, and requirment on time.

For this building must endure to the end of life. Hence it should be built over the VERY BEST plans and specifications obtainable. and the most substancial and enduring material used.

The workmanship the VERY BEST . it is too serious a job to take any chances, with shody material or ^{poor} workmanship .

Now we must concede that each of us have this building under ~~us~~ construction, in its verious stages. But what kind of material and workmanship have we been using has it been good solid lumber and stone (viz ,CONVERSION, BORN AGAIN with a CHANGED HEART;) Have we placed the ^{building} CORNER STONE designed for the ~~STONE~~ (viz CHRIST THE HOLY SPIRIT) at the head corner?. Or have we rejected it for another that we think is so near like the one designed ; that the Archetec will not detect the difference: and if he does , I can remodel and put in the one designed, and still have my job excepted in time.

PROCRASTINATION IS THE THEIF OF TIME.

How much time are you sure of having? ?an you count it by hours?, by days, by weeks, by months, by years,. BE CAREFULL NOW WHO IS TO BE DECEIVED. WHO IS GOING TO BE DISAPOINTEED.

Now there is another very important matter that must be taken care of in this building. if it is to stand upright against the storms that is ^{sure}

to beat upon it and against it at various times. such as prosperit
adversity, sorrow, trials, the lust for gold, the lust for power,

the lust for pleasure, the lust for popularity, the glitter and glamor
of the world what it calls pleasure. of which the DEVIL and his imps
have full controle.

It not only needs as has been stated , a shure foundation CHRIST ; ~~it~~
but a care taker within; One that is capable of keeping this house
not only in good order ; but to see that it ~~is~~ remains fitted perfectly
into the corner stone of the building CHRIST, so that it will hold
firm against all storms and eliments that would tend too distroy or
decay; by allowing the deadly germ of SIN to become lodged in it. with
its subtile, alluring, enticing, deceptive so called harmless pleasure
and lusts of the world ; Socity. pride, greed, covitousness, etc.,
The world of SIN Must be kepted on the outside; or it will distroy ~~the~~
the structure from within. so this care taker must be the wisest,
the strongest, the most capable, the most perfect, that can possable
~~can~~ be secured .and that my dfar friends can be none other then the
Blessed HOLY SPIRIT; ~~xxx~~ He is the only one that can take charge
of this building, and have it excepted by the Archetec; Providing you
have used the material as specified. It is also very important ~~the~~
that this care taker be givon charge in the early stages of its ~~consrue~~
construction.

For the Archetec will not make this inspection, untill ~~xxx~~ we come
before the judgment barr of GOD. and the Holy Spirit will have
writen YOUR NAME in the Lambs Book of life, with HIS exceptence.

This book will be opened before the JUDGE who sits upon the THRONE
on that day. REV.20:-15 reads thus. And whosoever was not found
writen in the BOOK of life, was CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE. Luke 14.11
says. and the smoke of their torment assendeth up for ever and ever

and they have no rest day nor night. But to those whose names are written there. He says Math. 25-21 ;Thou good and faithful servant enter Thou into the joys of thy LORD.

Dear brother, sister, loved ones, How are you constructing this building of GOD.? Are you putting your best materials in to it?, your time, your ~~business~~, your profession, your labor, your honor, your talents, your money,? are ^{you} willing to make a sacrifice that it might be made perfect.? according to GODS own plans.

Is it the greatest interest of your LIFE?.

or are you trying to get by the easy way, the way of least ~~resistance~~ resistance, by putting in the material you have left over, viz, after you have attended and, financed every function of the world; the Clubs the lodges, the dance, the picture shows, society functions & etc.

because you have so many social functions to attend; you have no money for the material needed for this building, or even a little left over time to look after its construction. In other words you are just sticking up a building or shack, for this world.

But GOD designed you for TWO worlds. Why just one.

Why NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION?., LISTIN: Rev. 3,-20,21 JESUS SAYS BEHOLD I stand at the door of your heart and KNOCK: if any man hear my voice, and will open I will come into him, and sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne. Even as I also over come, and am set down with my FATHER in HIS throne. Dear brother, sister, love ones, In the name of

GOD your home on earth, and your eternal home .

STOP THIS MORDERNIZED STRUCTURE. and except GODS HAND OF MERCY, and JERUS CHRISTs UNDIING LOVE. Gods laws and commands have not

changed. he is the same yesterday, to day and forever.

Listin again to that knock at your heart; Listin again to that still

small voice, of the HOLY SPIRIT seeking admittance.

Let HIM in your heart, let HIM have full control of your life.

LET HIM PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER, FOR THAT JUDGEMENT DAY;

FROM WHICH THERE IS NO ESCAPE;

YE ARE GODS BUILDING.

YE ARE BUILDING GODS HOUSE.

have you got it ready for inspection?.

MAY THE BLESSED HOLY SPIRIT HELP YOU TO SEE YOURSELF AS GOD SEES
YOU. MAY GODS BLESSING BE WITH YOU.

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Let me add Pauls Exhortation in
1. Cor. 6-19.-20

Know you not that your body is the Temple
of the Holy Ghost, which is in you,
which ye have of God, and ye are not your own
For ye are bought with a price. Therefore
glorify God in your body, and in your spirit,
which are Gods.