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66 And now, I want to read out of the Book of I Chronicles 17 and just speak for about five minutes on dedicational service, pray, and then we going into the message. Now, in **I Chronicles, the 17th chapter...**

Now, it came to pass, as David set in the house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.

Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.

And it came to pass the same night, that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David... Go and tell David my servant... (rather)... Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in:

For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

Whereas I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house?

Now, therefore thus shall thou say unto David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:

And I have been with thee wheresoever thou has walked, and have cut off thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of great men that are in the earth.

67 I would like to say that this place that David saw **the same thing that we saw.**

David said, "It is not right that you people have built me a house of cedar, and the ark of the covenant of my God is still under curtains." (That was skins that been sewed together of sheep and animals.) He said, "It isn't right for me to have a nice home, and the ark of the covenant of my God remaining in a tent."

So God put upon his heart to build a tabernacle. But David, being a man of love and consecration to God, yet he had shed too much blood. So he said... David speaking this in the presence of the prophet of that age, which was Nathan, and Nathan, knowing that God loved David, he said, "David, do all that's in your heart for God is with thee." What a statement. "Do all that's in your heart, for God is with you."

69 And that same night--showing the consecration of David to the love of God, and then to see the same night, knowing that he was in a error that he was not permitted

to do it, God was graceful enough to come down and speak to Nathan. And I always like these words: "Go tell Nathan, My..." or "Go tell David, My servant, that I took you from the sheepcote." Just... He wasn't nothing.

I--I'd like to apply that here just a minute. "I took you from nothing, and I give you a name; you've got a name like great men that's in the earth." And I'd like to apply that in a confidential, yet in a way of making a point.

I was thinking that a few years ago I was standing down in the city here, and nobody cared for me; nobody loved me. I loved people, but nobody loved me because of the background of the family. No disregards to my precious mother and father. How I wish that mama could've lived to walked in this sanctuary this morning.

Many of the old-timers who placed their money to help build it here, maybe God this morning will let them look over the banister.

73 But the family of Branham didn't have a very good name around here on account of drinking. Nobody had nothing to do with me. I remember telling my wife not long ago, just remember that I couldn't get anyone to talk to me. Nobody cared for me, and now I have to hide to get a little rest.

And now the Lord has give us this great place and these great things that He's done. And He give me a, besides a bad name, He give me a name liken to some of the great men; and He's cut off my enemies wherever I went. There's never been nothing stand before It wherever It went--but--and how grateful I am for that.

75 And how would I ever knowed, as a little ragged kid, up here two or three blocks from here to the Ingramville School, when I was the laughing stock of the school from being so ragged and skate on an old pond. How did I ever know that down beneath that pond laid a seed of a lily that could bloom like this? And how did I ever know that no one talking to me, and yet, He would give me a name that would be honored amongst His people?

76 And now, David was not permitted to build the temple. He could not do it. But He said, "I'll raise up from your seed, and he will build the temple, and that temple will be an everlasting temple. And upon your son, the Son of David, will be an everlasting Kingdom He will control." Solomon, David's son in the natural (from his natural strength) built a house unto the Lord, a temple. **But when the real Seed of David come, the Son of David, He told them there would come a time that there wouldn't be one stone left upon the other of that temple, but He tried to point them to another temple.**

78 John, the revelator, over in the Book of Revelation, **he saw this tabernacle (Revelations 21). He saw the new temple coming, descending down from heaven,**

adorned as a bride was adorned for her husband, and a voice out of the temple said, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and God shall be with them, and they'll wipe all tears from their eyes. And there shall be no more hunger, nor no more sorrow, no more pain or death, for the former things have passed away."

Then the true Son of David (as we're going to see in this lessons coming on in this week) will then come to His temple, the temple of God, the real tabernacle, **which He has gone away to construct now**. For He said in John 14, "In My Father's house are many mansions, and I will go..." **What did He mean by that? It was already foreordained, "And I'll go to prepare a place for you, and will return back to receive you unto Myself."** And of course, we know that'll be in the great age to come. **And the true Seed of David will take the throne, which is Jesus Christ, and there will reign over the Church as His Bride**, in the house with Him and over the twelve tribes of Israel throughout all eternity.

80 And these little places... As David could not build the true tabernacle of God, because he wasn't prepared to do it... There was nothing he could do. He was a mortal and shed blood.

So is it today to us. We are not prepared to build the true Tabernacle of God. There's only One can do that, and it's being in its construction now. But this little tabernacle, along with the temple that Solomon built Him, and along with the others, are only temporary places of worship **until the time comes when the real Tabernacle will be set up upon the earth, and righteousness shall reign from sky to sky, and there will be no more sorrow.** There'll be no funerals preached in that Tabernacle. There'd be no more weddings, for the wedding will be one great wedding for eternity. What a time that will be.

82 But let us purpose in our hearts today, **that in commemoration and waiting for that Tabernacle to come**, that we will so characterize ourself by His Spirit that we will worship in this place as if we were in that other place, waiting for that place to come. Now, let us stand to our feet, and as I read the holy Script.

And I saw a new heavens and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth was passed away; and there were no more sea.

... I John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard the... voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

84 Let us bow our heads now. Our heavenly Father, we stand in awe. We stand in respect and in holy reverence. And we ask You, Lord, to accept our gift that You've given us grace, money to prepare for a worship place for You. There's nothing or no place that we could prepare upon the earth that would be worthy for the Spirit of God to dwell in, but we offer this to You as a token of our love and feelings toward You, Lord. And we thank You for all the things that You have done for us.

And now, the building and the grounds being dedicated long ago to the service, and we thank You for memories of what has been... **And now, Lord God, as the vision broke through years ago expressing this, that I seen in old buildings that the people once was in, and they had been repaired and made new, and I was sent back across the river.**

86 Now, Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth, we stand as the people of Thy fold. We stand as the people of Thy Kingdom, and with myself, and the pastor, and the church, the people, we dedicate this building to the service of the Almighty God through the Name of Jesus Christ, His Son, for the service of God and for reverence and respects of God. And may the Gospel so flow from this place till it'll cause the world to come from the four corners of the globe to see the glory of God going forth from it. As Thou hast done in the past, may the future be many times greater.

87 And, Father, we now dedicate ourselves to the service to the Word with all that's in us. Lord, the congregation and the people, they dedicate themselves this morning to the hearing of the Word. And we, as ministers, dedicate ourselves to the preaching of the Word, to be instant in season, out of season, reproofing, rebuking with all long-suffering as it's written there in the cornerstone from thirty years ago. You said the time would come when people would not endure sound doctrine, but would heap for themselves teachers having itching ears and be turned from the truth to fables.

88 Lord, as we have tried to hold out the Word to the people, may we be inspired and strengthened with a double effort, Lord, **as a double portion of the Spirit strikes upon the place, may the Holy Spirit as it was in the day of the dedication of the temple when Solomon prayed, the Holy Spirit in the form of the Pillar of Fire and Cloud came in the front door, rode up around the cherubims, and went over to the holy place, and there took Its resting place.**

O God, Solomon said, "If Thy people be in trouble anywhere, and look to this holy place and pray, then hear from heaven." Lord, may the Holy Spirit this morning come into every heart, every consecrated soul that's in here. And the Bible says that the glory of God was so great until the ministers could not even minister for the glory of God.

90 Oh, Lord God, let it repeat again as we give ourselves to Thee with the church in dedication for service. And it is written: "Ask and you shall receive," and we commit ourselves with our offering of the church this morning to You for service, for the latter-day Light for the evening time Lights, **that we might bring consolation and faith to the waiting people that's waiting for the coming of the Bridegroom to dress a Bride in the Gospel of Christ for the Lord Jesus to receive.** This we dedicate, myself, Brother Neville, and the congregation to the service of God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. May be seated.

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132 And as he went up, the Germans seen what had happened. So the thing they done, they started shooting at the dove. And one of them hit him with a .30 caliber machine gun, or bullet, it broke his leg. Another one tore a big hunk out of his back. His chest was bruised all the way across. One of his wings was crippled, the end shot off of it, and he flew sideways. But he kept climbing, and finally he made it. Crippled, wounded, broken, bruised, but he fell in the camp with the message. That was a great dove.

133 But, oh, brother, Isaiah 53 tells us of One, came down from Home and all that was good.

And he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquity: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we were healed.

134 Sickness, superstition, and devils had us pinned down, there was no way out, the church had gone wrong, they had went off on denominational things (and the Pharisees, Sadducees, and washing of pots and pans), and the Word of God become of no effect. But this little Dove came down, and there's only one thing could take place: there had to be a redeemer.

135 But being wounded, broken, beaten, torn, but He knowed His way back Home. So from Calvary's cross where they bruised Him, mashed Him, tore Him, like a bunch of wolves upon Him, He made His flight from Calvary and He landed in Heaven's doors, saying, "It's finished! It's finished! They are free! Sickness can be healed now! Sinners can be saved! The captive can be set free!"

136 Though He was bruised and wounded, that great battle there when even everything against Him... Even the poet cried out:

177 And then the next morning, I raised up in the bed and looked around, I looked over in the twin bed; my wife over there, she hadn't woke up yet. And I was looking out

the window towards the great Catalina Mountains there where I live, and I looked up there where the Angel of the Lord put that Sword in my hand, where the seven Angels that you see in the picture appeared, great things taken place.

178 And I looked, and as I looked, there I was standing by that tree again, right where that squirrel was. I looked up there, I thought, "That's that squirrel's den." And I thought, "Wonder if he's still up there?" in the vision. I raked the side of the tree, out he come. And before I could even bat my eye... He was the oddest looking squirrel I ever seen; now, you'll have to know my ministry to know these symbols and things. He jumped at me but he missed me; he missed my mouth, hit on my chest and fell off.

179 And as soon as he did, I heard Something said, "Go to the Catalina Mountains."

191 Now notice. And Mama, she said, "Billy," when I come back, she said, "come here, son, and set down." She said, "I had a strange dream. I dreamed that I seen you a-laying sick, just about to die, with your stomach as usual." How many diets has she cooked me! **And she said, "You were building a house upon a hill."** And said, "I seen six white doves come down from heaven, cooing, in a letter 'S' and they set upon your chest. And you was looking, and the one in front was trying to tell you something." Said, "They was real glossy, white, doves. And they took their little heads and put against your cheek, and going, 'coo, coo, coo.'" And said, "I couldn't understand it." Said, "They just kept going, 'coo, coo, coo.'"

192 I said, "Oh, I see it, praise the Lord!" And said, "They formed their letter 'S' again and went back up into the skies, going 'coo, coo, coo, coo,' going back home."

193 Well, the little animal that I saw was six inches long. The string of doves that Mom saw was six, six is incomplete. **I knew that someday I'd see that seventh one.** That was man, suffering; so on and on it went.