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Except the Lord Build the House

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. Psalm 127

The key word in this verse is "vain." We here it ring out three times. Men desiring to build, so they put forth all their skill and strength. Let them remember that if Jehovah is not with them their designs will prove failures. With the Lord and under the divine favor they enjoy perfect rest. "Every house is builded by some man, but he that build all things is God." (Hebrews 3:4) and unto God be praise.

We can see this with the Babel builders (Genesis 11) – they said, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower"; and the Lord returned their words into their own bosoms, saying "Go to, let us go down there and confound their language." In vain they toiled, for the Lord's face was against them. Why was God against them? 1. He was not in it. 2. Because of pride, they aimed in there building to make them a name. We are to build for Him as He leads us. Without God we are and can do nothing (John 15:5).

Moses was faithful as a servant over all his house; and as long as the Lord was with that house it stood and prospered; but when he left it the builders of it became foolish and their labor was lost. They sought to maintain the walls of Judaism, but sought in vain; they watched around every ceremony and tradition,



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but their care was idle, of every church, and every system of religious thought, this is equally true. Unless the Lord is in it, and is honored by it, the whole structure must sooner or later fall in hopeless ruin.

Much can be done by man. He can both labor and watch; but without the Lord he has accomplished nothing, and his wakefulness has not warded off evil. We are now his house. The Word says in (1 Cor. 3:9) "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's

It is time we learn to pray and give ourselves to prayer as never before:

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building. (Matt. 21:13) "And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Only when we become the house of prayer can we laborer together with God and have the grace to be a wise master-builder for Him. (1Corinthians 3:9-15).

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Amen!

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What are we Fighting For?

I truly believe the church has lost sight of the reason we are in the fight. Many today are fighting for money, buildings, status. This is nothing new with the people of God. Even in Nehemiah's day, the people of God began to lose their focus.

"And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

And our adversaries said,

They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you."

Nehemiah 4:10-12

Nehemiah was building a wall, but it wasn't long before the wall and the rubbish became the focal point of the work. When "things" become our goal, we are des-

tinued to lose. The downhill spiral began with the wall being the objective, but then fear set in. This is the way the enemy works. He distracts, then he destroys.

So what are we fighting for?

"And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."
Nehemiah 4:14

Worship...by Kathy Woodward

Worship, such a misunderstood word. Worship isn't as much something you do as something you live.

Worship from your lips is meaningless if it doesn't first come from your heart. I wor-

ship the Lord because I love Him not because I have to, though He is worthy of praise and worship whether I feel like it or not.

When you love, adore, and worship someone, you

will do whatever it takes to show them how you feel. Telling them is one thing, showing them by your actions is another.

Does your life show your worship of the Lord?

Prayer ... by Theresa Heflin

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock." Matthew 7 NLT 24

My holiness touched you with the pureness of My peace. My love pours into every place I send it. I Am Love and only I bring peace and joy from the depths of Me into you. My creation is designed to love My touch. My creation responds to My touch. I Am All Powerful and I can restore or destroy

with one touch. I have restored you to Me, holy one, and I have set My righteousness upon you. The desire of your heart is for Me because I want you. My desire is for you, My treasure, My bride. I love you in My holiness and I wrap you in My love. You are surrounded by My power and you are protected in My fierce love for you. I Am Your Almighty God who has chosen you to be with Me. I take you to My place where no harm can touch you. My love resonates in you and My power is upon you as you

live in My Word and love Me completely. Oh the joy you have given Me – I bless you in every way. My obedient one, I bless you My faithful servant, for your heart is faithful to Me. I give you strength to remain faithful and I forgive you of your sins. I see your repentant heart and I unfold your beauty that is within. I do not condemn you, I bless you. I do not keep a record of wrongs, I forgive you. My love is pure, My love is true, My love is faithful and I give you My love. Come, rejoice in our love for now is the time of rejoicing.