

Message Four

Experiencing the Seven Spirits of God for God's Building

Scripture Reading: Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; Zech. 3:9; 4:7-10

I. The entire Bible is a book of building; the main subject of the Bible is the building of God—Gen. 28:10-22; Matt. 16:18; Rev. 21:2-3:

- A. The central and divine thought of the Scriptures is that God is seeking a divine building as the mingling of Himself with humanity—a living composition of persons redeemed by and mingled with Himself—Exo. 25:8:
 - 1. God's intention is to have a group of people built up as a spiritual building to express God and to represent God by dealing with His enemy and recovering the lost earth—Gen. 1:26; Eph. 2:21-22.
 - 2. Whatever God is doing today—in preaching the gospel, edifying the saints, or establishing churches—is part of His building work; these activities are part of God's main work, the work of building—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:16.
 - 3. We need to be enlightened by and fully saturated with the thought that in this universe God is doing only one thing—building His eternal habitation—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; Rev. 21:2-3.
- B. The building of God is the Triune God as life wrought into us continually so that under His transfusion and infusion we become His corporate expression—Eph. 3:17a, 19b, 21:
 - 1. God's building is the mingling of God with man, that is, God mingling Himself with us; thus, the church is God's building composed of Himself as the divine material mingled with man as the human material—John 14:20; 15:4a; 1 John 4:15; Eph. 3:17; 1 Cor. 3:9, 11.
 - 2. God's building is the corporate expression of the Triune God—1 Tim. 3:15-16; John 17:22; Eph. 3:19b, 21.
 - 3. God's building is the enlargement, the expansion, of God to express God in a corporate way—John 3:29a, 30a; Col. 2:19.

II. The experience of the sevenfold intensified Spirit is for God's building—Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; Zech. 3:9:

- A. The seven lamps in Exodus 25 are for the building up of the tabernacle.
- B. The seven lamps in Zechariah 3 and 4 are for the recovery of God's building.
- C. In Revelation the seven Spirits, which are the seven lamps before the throne and the seven eyes of the Lamb, are for God's building:
 - 1. The book of Revelation is mainly not for searching and judging but for producing and building up the New Jerusalem—Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10.
 - 2. As a result of the transfusing of the seven eyes of the Lamb, the New Jerusalem will be built up.
- D. The seven Spirits of God as the seven eyes of the Lamb are for transfusing all that the Lamb is into our being so that we may become the same as He is for God's building—Rev. 5:6; Zech. 3:9.
- E. The sevenfold intensified Spirit is the eyes of Christ as the redeeming Lamb and the building stone with the seven eyes infusing us with Christ's essence, riches, and burden for God's building—Rev. 1:4; 5:6; Zech. 3:9; 4:7.

III. For God's building, the temple, Christ is the stone with seven eyes—Zech. 3:9; 4:7-10; Eph. 2:21; 1 Cor. 3:16-17:

- A. The stone set before Joshua in Zechariah 3:9 typifies Christ as the stone for God's building—Psa. 118:22; Matt. 21:42.

- B. Jehovah's engraving of the stone indicates that God will work on Christ as the stone for the accomplishing of God's redemption, salvation, and building—Zech. 3:9:
1. To engrave is to cut; when Christ was dying on the cross, He was engraved, cut, by God.
 2. This indicates that the Christ on whom God has worked will remove the sin of the land of Israel in one day, the day of His crucifixion; through His death on the cross, Christ, the Lamb of God, took away the sin of the world—1 Pet. 2:24; John 1:29.
- C. The seven eyes of the stone (Christ) are the seven eyes of Jehovah and the seven eyes of the Lamb, Christ, which are the seven Spirits of God, the sevenfold intensified Spirit—Zech. 4:10; Rev. 5:6:
1. "These seven" in Zechariah 4:10, which are the seven eyes on the stone in 3:9, are the seven eyes of Jehovah and also the seven eyes of the Lamb—Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 5:6.
 2. The stone, Jehovah, and the Lamb are one:
 - a. Christ is the redeeming Lamb and the building stone, and He is also Jehovah; Christ is the Lamb-stone—the Lamb for redemption and the stone for building—John 1:29; Matt. 21:42; Zech. 2:8, 11.
 - b. The seven eyes of Christ are the seven Spirits of God, indicating that Christ and the Holy Spirit, although distinct, are not separate; the Holy Spirit is essentially one with Christ—Rev. 5:6; Rom. 8:9-10; 2 Cor. 3:17.
 - c. The seven eyes combine Jehovah, the Lamb, and the stone; the Lamb is the stone, and the stone is Jehovah—Zech. 3:9; 4:10; Rev. 5:6.
 3. The fact that Christ, the Lamb of God, is the building stone with seven eyes reveals that the seven eyes of Christ are for God's building—John 1:29; Zech. 3:9; Rev. 5:6.
 4. Christ is the building stone with seven eyes, with the seven Spirits to transfuse Himself into us in order to transform us into precious materials for God's building—Zech. 3:9; 1 Cor. 3:12a; Rev. 3:1:
 - a. The seven eyes of Christ as the Lamb and as the stone, which are the seven Spirits of God, are Christ's expression in God's move for God's building—1:4; 3:1.
 - b. As the Lord looks at us, His seven eyes transfuse Himself into us; He transmits His inner being into us through His eyes—5:6.