

CRUCIAL ASPECTS OF GOD’S ECONOMY PORTRAYED IN EXODUS (4)—BUILDING

Special Fellowship

Hiram, the Builder of Pillars and the Need for Pillars in the Lord’s Recovery

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 7:14-22; Gal. 2:9; Rev. 3:12; Matt. 13:52; 2 Tim. 2:2; 2 Chron. 2:14;
Ezek. 28:12, 16; Gen. 49:21; Hab. 3:19; Acts 7:22; 22:3; 1 Cor. 3:10

I. The building of God’s house and the spreading of the Lord’s recovery is altogether dependent on the building of the pillars as seen in the picture in First Kings seven—vv. 14-22; Gal. 2:9; Rev. 3:12:

- A. The temple of God is in three stages, three dispensations: the Old Testament stage, the New Testament stage, and the stage in the kingdom and in eternity:
 - 1. The Old Testament pillars of the temple were built by Solomon through Hiram, “a bronze worker” who was “full of wisdom, and understanding and skill to do all kinds of work in bronze”—cf. Eph. 4:11-12.
 - 2. The building of God’s house seen in the New Testament pillars was by the early apostles, James, Peter, and John—Gal. 2:9.
 - 3. At the end of the New Testament we see the consummation of the building of the pillars in the kingdom age and in eternity—Rev. 3:12.
- B. The building of God’s house and the spreading of the Lord’s recovery depends on those who have been perfected; today we have a golden opportunity to be perfected and to be made pillars:
 - 1. We must see that the Lord has appointed us and called us for His recovery; now we must experience the Lord in a subjective way and be perfected in the church life to be the pillars for the building of His house—Matt. 13:52.
 - 2. The responsibility on the young people is tremendous; if during the coming years many of you will be perfected, the Lord’s recovery will spread at a rapid speed.

II. There is a need for a good number of us to become “Hirams” in the churches; to not only make us pillars but also a builder of the pillars—2 Tim. 2:2:

- A. Hiram’s mother was a woman of the daughters of Dan signifying his human existence is from the source of Dan, a tribe of idolatry that caused God’s people to stumble and fall—2 Chron. 2:14; cf. Gen. 49:17; Judg. 18:1-31; 1 Kings 12:28-30.
- B. Hiram’s father was a Tyrian, a man of Tyre, a place filled with merchandise and commerce; Tyre is a city that is one with Satan and even the very embodiment of Satan—Ezek. 28:12, 16.
- C. Although his mother was a Danite and his father a Tyrian, Hiram eventually became one of the Tribe of Naphtali; how this happened is mysterious indicating that with each one of us there is a mysterious aspect and transfer—1 Kings 7:14:
 - 1. Naphtali is a hind; signifying a person who trust in God when he is in a desperate situation—Gen. 49:21; Hab. 3:19.
 - 2. Naphtali also gives beautiful words; Naphtali was in the land of Galilee; out from the Galileans, the people of Naphtali, came beautiful words, the preaching of the gospel.

III. The Tyrian father, the source of the secular skill, having to die and his Danite mother, the source of his human existence becoming widowed—1 Kings 7:14:

- A. The Tyrian father, the source of our secular or religious skill must die, but the source of our human existence, the Danite mother, must continue to live—Gal. 2:20:
 - 1. Moses was one who was raised in the royal Egyptian family where he learned all the wisdom of the Egyptians; after he learned everything of the Egyptians, that Egyptian source was terminated, but he continued to exist and was very useful—Acts 7:22.
 - 2. Saul (Paul) was born in Tarsus, a highly cultured city, receiving his Greek education, then studied at the “feet of Gamaliel” to receive the top education in the Hebrew religion; after his salvation, Paul’s sources died but he continued to exist to become a “wise master builder” of the church—22:3; 1 Cor. 3:10.
 - 3. The young people in the Lord’s recovery must study to gain all the up-to-date knowledge, graduate from college, and then say goodbye to their “Tyrian” father; then you will be of the tribe of Naphtali, useful in resurrection for God’s building:
 - a. One who wishes to be used by God must receive some education; it is difficult for an unlearned person who has not developed his mind through education to be useful to God.
 - b. While we encourage the young people to get a proper education, we are not happy to see the young brothers fully occupied by their studies; to study is right, but it is not right to be fully occupied by studies.
 - 4. Although you should do your best to earn an advanced degree, after you have earned it, you must be prepared to sever the worldly ties.
- B. The Danite mother, signifying our human existence, remaining as a widow, indicates that although the source of our skill has been cut off, it remains with us and is useful:
 - 1. That the “Tyrian” father must die and our mother must keep on living means that we should ask the Lord to give us a long life; then what we have learned and experienced may be useful for a many years.
 - 2. We must also learn to take proper care of our body and not be unwise in our eating; to take care of our body is so our widowed Danite mother will live for a longer time.
- C. The secular skills we gain will only be useful for God’s building in resurrection, that is, after the worldly father has died and we have been transferred into the tribe of Naphtali.

Focus:

The burden in our special fellowship is to let the young people know that the Lord’s recovery needs pillars and also needs pillar builders. We pray that the Lord will issue a call through this word to many young brothers and sisters to set their eyes on preparing themselves to become such useful vessels in the Lord’s hands and not be distracted by the worldly enticements and give up their precious birthright.