

THE ONE TRUE CHURCH

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“Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.”

“And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws.”

“Write it down in their sight so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances and perform them.”

(Ezekiel 43:10,11)

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PREFACE

This is a book about the house of God. But very few Christians appear to have much interest in the subject. They seem to think something like this: "Who cares about where God lives? He's certainly able to take care of His own problems. We have our own lives to live. We have bills to pay, children to raise and work to do. We just don't have time to worry about where God is going to live."

But David the king had a different kind of attitude. He had a different kind of heart. He said: "I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob" (Ps 132:4,5). David was a man who had intimate fellowship with the Almighty. From this communion, his heart began to embrace the desires of the Most High. He began to sense the things which were in God's heart and long for them also. Perhaps this is why the Lord found David to be "...a man after [His] own heart" (Acts 13:22).

David was a man who was blessed by God, in part because he sought the things which God wanted. But many believers today don't experience this blessing. They work long hours to try to pay their mortgage and other debts, but never seem to get on top financially. They try to entertain themselves with various diversions including food and drink, but they are not really satisfied. They are constantly buying new clothes, but this too does not seem to meet their emotional needs.

"Consider your ways!" says the Lord. "You have sown much and bring in little. You eat, but do not have enough. You drink but you are not filled with drink. You clothe yourselves but no one is warm and

he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes." "Consider your ways!" "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little, and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?"

"Because of my house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands" (Hg 1:5-7,9-11).

God is calling men and women today to turn back to Him and work together with Him in constructing His eternal home. He is looking for those who will respond with all their hearts and dedicate themselves to His service. He is searching for those whose hearts will respond to His heart.

It is the author's hope that through this book some Christians will be led to change their focus. Perhaps through this writing, some will be induced to understand more profoundly the things which are on the heart of God. Then they can dedicate their lives to building up His house. They can make building up His kingdom the first priority in their lives. Certainly, in this way, they will experience wonderful blessings in their work and eternal rewards when Jesus returns also.

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