



Lesson 51 – The Church Triumphant

More than nineteen centuries have passed since the apostles rested from their labors, but the history of their toils and sacrifices for Christ's sake is still among the most precious treasures of the church. This history, written under the direction of the Holy Spirit, was recorded in order that by it the followers of Christ in every age might be impelled to greater zeal and earnestness in the cause of the Saviour.

1) Whom did God say would come to build the Temple of God?

Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The _____; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

Zechariah 6:15 And they that are _____ shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Isaiah 60:10 And the sons of _____ shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee...

2) What did Peter say that we should become?

1 Peter 2:3-5 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as _____, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, _____ to God by Jesus Christ.

In the quarry of the Jewish and the Gentile world the apostles labored, bringing out stones to lay upon the foundation.

3) What did Paul say about the church to Ephesus?

Ephesians 2:19-22 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the _____ of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy _____ in the Lord:

4) And to Corinth?

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the _____, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man _____ how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:12-13 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made _____: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by _____; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

5) At the building of the Second Temple, what was unusual about the builders?

Nehemiah 4:17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a _____.



Not without hindrance did the builders labor. Their work was made exceedingly difficult by the opposition of the enemies of Christ. They had to contend against the bigotry, prejudice, and hatred of those who were building upon a false foundation.

One after another the foremost of the builders fell by the hand of the enemy. Stephen was stoned; James was slain by the sword; Paul was beheaded; Peter was crucified; John was exiled. Yet the church grew. New workers took the place of those who fell, and stone after stone was added to the building. Thus, slowly ascended the temple of the church of God.

6) Was God ever lacking for people to stand for the Truth?

Hebrews 11:36-38 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were _____, they were sawn asunder, were _____, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, _____; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

Acts 14:17 Nevertheless he left not himself without _____, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Workers were raised up who ably defended the faith once delivered to the saints. History bears record to the fortitude and heroism of these men. Like the apostles, many of them fell at their post, but the building of the temple went steadily forward. The workmen were slain, but the work advanced. The Waldenses, John Wycliffe, Huss and Jerome, Martin Luther and Zwingli, Cranmer, Latimer, and Knox, the Huguenots, John and Charles Wesley, and a host of others brought to the foundation material that will endure throughout eternity.

7) How will your offerings to God be tested?

1 Corinthians 3:14-15 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be _____, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

The Christian who faithfully presents the word of life, leading men and women into the way of holiness and peace, is bringing to the foundation material that will endure, and in the kingdom of God he will be honored as a wise builder.

8) What did God's little church do after Jesus' ascension?

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached _____, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

As Christ sent forth His disciples, so today He sends forth the members of His church. The same power that the apostles had is for them. If they will make God their strength, He will work with them, and they shall not labor in vain.

9) As God did for Jeremiah, what will he do for you?

Jeremiah 1:7-9 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt _____. Be not _____ of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my _____ in thy mouth.



Christ has given to the church a sacred charge. Every member should be a channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. There is nothing that the Saviour desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and His character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love. All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity.

10) What day are we looking forward to?

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, _____ the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

11) What will we declare in Heaven around the Throne of God?

Revelation 5:12-13 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the _____ that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the _____, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

There the redeemed greet those who led them to the Saviour, and all unite in praising Him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. The conflict is over. Tribulation and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all heaven as the ransomed ones take up the joyful strain, Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again, a triumphant conqueror.

12) Who did John see there in prophetic vision?

Revelation 7:9-10 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great _____, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with _____, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

13) Who were they?

Revelation 7:14-15 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great _____, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him _____ and _____ in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

14) What is special about the Redeemed?

Revelation 7:16-17 They shall _____ no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of _____: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all _____ from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more _____: for the former things are passed away.

Can you see how this all ends?

Would you like to be there in that great congregation?

God is calling you! How will you respond?