

Sermon: Except the Lord Builds the House February 7, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 127:1-5

I. Remember God is the _____ in a home.

Psalm 127:1 Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Judges 2:7,10-13

1. God has a plan when he builds the house. Deuteronomy 8:3-4

2. God provided the manna one day at a time. Exodus 16:14-16

3. We are responsible to live according to God's instructions.

Deuteronomy 8:6-7; John 14:26-27

II. Never forget you are who you are by the _____

_____. Deuteronomy 8:11; 16-

18; 1 Corinthians 15:10

III. Make sure your building is _____.

Matthew 7:24-27; Psalm 127:1

Thought for the Day Believers are building a legacy for the next generation. We are to instill in them the truth about God. David is teaching us the concept "Except the Lord builds the house; they labor in vain that build it". At the end of the book of Exodus there are several chapters where God records exactly how to build the tabernacle. He also tells Moses in **Exodus 31:2-3** ² See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: ³ And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, meaning He had called a man and empowered the man with wisdom and ability to build His house exactly how He wanted it. Not only that, he recorded how the people brought gold, silver, and all the materials as offerings to build it. I must admit as Vickie and I were reading these chapters I thought for real God this is boring but I was missing the point. The Lord was empowering the people giving them the opportunity to work and give of what He had already given them to build His house. God was building His house and He had provided all that was needed to build it. When God builds the house, the foundation is strong and the material needs are a bonus. We have been studying the importance of recognizing the sovereignty of God and how His plan for our life is best. He is building the house of our lives. Truth is what God says it is. When a nation has families, who have allowed God to build the home, it has churches built by the Lord. When churches are built by the Lord, we have cities built by the Lord. When we have cities built by the Lord, we have states and countries built by the Lord. When God is excluded as the building material you have a nation built on the vanity of man's morality. We must make sure that our children and grandchildren know the truth. We must not allow any system which excludes God to be the watchman in our lives. **Pastor Bruce**

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are continuing curriculum called "The Core". Over the next year we'll be learning about the 8 "roots" of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we'll continue in our "community" root. Jesus described his followers as sheep with a shepherd. Charles Spurgeon expanded on this idea: "Some Christians try to go to heaven alone, in solitude. But believers are not compared to bears or lions or other animals that wander alone. Those who belong to Christ are sheep in this respect, that they love to get together. Sheep go in flocks, and so do God's people." Are you part of a flock? Do you sense that a flock and a shepherd are necessary for survival? A lone sheep in the wild is extremely vulnerable. A follower of Christ without community is in a similar position. This lesson focuses on the importance of community for every believer. There is also a parent's guide that goes along with these lessons that includes activities your families can do to continue learning during the week. Please let me know if you are not receiving my emails.

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. Right now we are working through a study in the book of James with Francis Chan. In the study he unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

Whom Shall I Fear God Of Angel Armies

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

(And) nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful
You are faithful
(REPEAT)