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Please note: Often the word Elohim is used for God. The reason for this is to emphasize that we refer to the Almighty God of the universe and heaven and earth.

Building Fathers House

1.Introduction

WE are called to build a dwelling place for God on earth as it is in Heaven, our Father's House! When God created man, He had a plan and a purpose, a plan to establish His Kingdom on earth through His creation and to fellowship with man – to dwell among His people. The plan was that man through his fellowship with God, abiding in Him, would establish God's Kingdom. In Ephesians 2:10 it is stated that God recreated us in Christ Jesus so that through Him working within us we can fulfil the good works that God intended from the beginning – to walk in fellowship with our Creator.

Gen 3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Exo 29:43-45 There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by My glory. I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. John 17:23 I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

Building Fathers House is based upon the mentioned desire of God to have fellowship with His creation. In Ephesians 2:14-21 we read about this good work that God planned from the beginning, a dwelling place for God, built not by the hand of the flesh but in the Spirit. God called his dwelling place or His House, a House of Prayer. The mentioned is emphasized in John 17:19 "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth". Jesus did not only die on the cross for our sins, He built a bridge by which we may enter into fellowship with our Father in Heaven.

As the apostle John explained in 1 John 1:3 "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ".

Apostle Paul mentioned that 1Cor 11:23 "For I have received from the Lord that which also I delivered unto you" so that you can witness what you have seen and heard. This revelation through the Word of God by the Holy Spirit is only revealed in fellowship with God and Jesus Christ. When Paul got converted he said that he did not confer with flesh and blood, he went into fellowship with our Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

If I think of my conversion, I can remember that I had a desire to be in the presence of the Lord, this desire was not based on the fact that I received assurance of eternal life, (that is go to Heaven), no this desire was to know the Giver of life more than the gift. In knowing the Giver of life, being in constant fellowship with our Father in Heaven through our Lord and Saviour, there is no doubt about the future. I believe it is as Enoch who walked with God, I don't think he ever doubted where he would go, Abraham had fellowship with God and did not doubt, Moses knew when he was being called home for he was in fellowship with the Giver of life and did not focus on the gift of life. I believe that we make a mistake within the church and in reaching out to the lost, that – we as believers are drawn to the confession of the letter, teaching the Word of God, neglecting to teach about the fellowship with God and His Son. We bring the Word but the Word without the fellowship with the Giver of the very Word we proclaim is powerless!

We build by acknowledging or witnessing concerning the Wonders of God and His Son Jesus Christ but neglect that we were called to become the living temple, bringing glory unto God.

We are called to be a witness – a witness of Jesus (The anointed Son of the Living God) not to witness about Jesus Christ.

2.Participating Fellowship = Father's House

John 17:20-21 I'm praying not only for them but also for those who will believe in Me because of them and their witness about Me. The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, So they might be one heart and mind with Us. (MSG Translation)

1John 1:3 – That which we have seen and heard (Of Him and from Him). Declare we to you (For this end). That ye also may have fellowship with us (May enjoy the same fellowship which we enjoy). And truly our fellowship (Whereby He is in us and we in Him) is with the Father and with the Son.

Participating fellowship was within the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ and also manifested through His disciples. If I look at the Word of God, it seemed to me that participating fellowship is not optional, it is compulsory. It is stated clearly within John 17 that it is through this participating fellowship that the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ manifest on earth. For our oneness in mind and heart is the evidence that testifies to the fact, that Jesus the anointed Son of God were sent by a loving Father to a lost world.

The prodigal son, is an example of a father longing for his son to return into fellowship – back into the father's house. The son who left his father's house was seen as lost and even dead, whereas the son who stayed with his father was described as a co-owner.

Luke 15:11 And He said, A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that is coming to me. And he divided his living to them. And not many days afterward, the younger son gathered all together and went away into a far country. And there he wasted his property, living dissolutely. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land. And he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country. And he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to fill his belly with the husks that the pigs ate, and no one gave to him. And when he came to himself, he said, how many hired servants of my father abound in loaves, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father; I have sinned against Heaven and before you and am no more worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants. And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you, and am no more worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his servants, bring the best robe and put it on him. And put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet. The older son did not rejoice in the likeness of his father, but his father said unto him.

Luk 15:31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

In this example it is clear, that there are two places a son can find himself:

A place of want (needs that are emotionally driven), in that place he is as if dead and lost,
A place of abundance (where the father's provision is enough) a place where everything that belongs to the father belongs to the son.

In the mentioned example we see that as the younger son joins himself with the world, he became in need and only after he came to himself, he could clearly see to realize what he had in his father's house. The Bible gives a very clear warning to get out of her (the world) – her referring to Babylon – the world and its system. If we join ourselves with Babylon the Bible is clear that we will not inherit the promised Kingdom, that is enter our Father's House. But in adhering to the call, where should we go? In the example the Lord gave us, the son went back to the place he knew from before joining himself to the world, his father's house. Many of us long to go to our Father's House, but we don't recognize our Father's house, for we look in the wrong place. The Father's House is not found in a church, it is found within the body of Christ. We are the building 1 Cor 3:9. In understanding, our Father's House it is essential that we first breakdown the altars of our fathers, for as long as we bring our offering on the basis of tradition we cannot see. It is like Gideon who had to breakdown the altars of his father so that he can rebuild a new altar to God, and we can see it in were Jesus entered the Temple and through the money changers out, the Pharisees could not see, for they involved themselves in the tradition of man and no more in the relationship with God.

We must open our eyes to see the Father's House, if not we will be ensnared to believe that we are the only one standing (there are some churches that believe they are the only truth) In accordance to the Word of God, the truth is not found in man or man-made structures but the Word of God is the truth and it is only the truth that sets us free, and it is only by the truth that we are sanctified.

Jesus told His disciples to wait until they received power from above (from our Father in Heaven), to enable them to live a life that testify to the glory of His Name, as He is the Son of the living God.

Luke 24:49 And behold, I send the promise of My father on you. But you sit in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.

Without participating in fellowship with our Father and His Son we cannot be filled with power. The disciples did not wait in their houses, they went rejoicing to their Father's House (house of prayer) as they waited on Him.

Luk 24:52-53 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and v. And Act 1:14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

3. Agreement to participating fellowship

Luke 14:28-30 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he may have enough to finish it; lest perhaps, after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish, all those seeing begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

3.1 The Confrontation in order to agree!

Before we can participate in fellowship, we first need to be confronted with the truth of who Jesus is, without that truth being revealed within the confrontation we cannot partake in fellowship with the unseen. The disciples physically saw the resurrected Christ ascending into heaven and as

such withdrew with joy and worshipped God in the temple and later in the upper room in expectation of that promise.

Luke 24:52-53 and worshipping Him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Saul was on his way to persecute the believers in Christ until he was confronted with the truth as Jesus revealed Himself and Saul became Paul.

Act 9:5-6 And he said, who are you, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute. It is hard for you to kick against the goads. And trembling and astonished, he said, Lord, what will You have me to do? And the Lord said to him, Arise and go into the city, and you shall be told what you must do.

It was through the confrontation that Paul started to take part in the same fellowship that he persecuted, because of his unbelief. Likewise, we cannot build a building unless we have seen the plan and agreed upon the plan. Then after an agreement has been made we need to consider the plan in order to lay the foundation. (The support upon which the building is established). In considering the plan the master builder determines the length, breadth and depth of the foundation needed to support the house.

3.2 The agreement with God to be able to build

We as the body of Christ must first come into agreement with God's plan, before we start building. In order to come into agreement we need to search the Word of God, to understand God's plan for us, for the Word is the truth. God through His Word is the Architecture of His own House, we are the builders and the building stones (1 Cor. 3).

In the new testament we found the following verse relating to our Father's house as :

A House of Prayer as Jesus said in Matt. when He spoke of His Father's House.

The House or Household of God 1 Timothy 3:15, Eph. 2:19-22 and Gal.6:10.

The Church or Assembly of the living God as in 1 Timothy 3:15, Eph. 3:15 and Eph. 5:1.

The pillar and ground of truth, the upholder of the great truth of the mystery of godliness/holiness as in 1 Timothy 3:15-16.

In identifying our Father's House we need to ask who is our Father? Jesus said that He will build His church upon the revelation of who He is. Have you been confronted in the same manner as Peter, when Jesus asked him "who do you say I am"? In your answer the truth is found. The church as an assembly and upholder of the truth and the mystery of holiness, fills a position of authority within the household of God, as our Father to whom we belong through Jesus Christ – the body of Christ is the church that Jesus said He will build on the basis of the revelation of who He is.

Eph 3:10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

It is only once we know who Jesus is and who our Father is, that we can build together, the disciples knew Jesus and the Father through Jesus and therefore they could build even in disagreement. There is a great example found in the Word of God, Acts 11 where Peter was confronted concerning the gentiles and we read in verse 18 that the assembly concluded on the matter (upholders of the truth) also Acts 15 we read Paul had to go and explain to the apostles in

Jerusalem, concerning the Jewish law and the gentiles. In the mentioned example the Church of Christ united on the revelation of who Jesus Christ is, came together to discuss the differences and concluded on the truth. They did not use the difference to be separated into different denominations; they used the opportunity to search the truth in prayer.

If we are children of God we relate to our Father's house as a house of prayer/intimacy. When the Word says do not forsake the assembly, and Jesus says My Father's house is a house of prayer it means that if we come together we should not just receive teaching but also pray together. We should not neglect prayer, but instead do what we read in the Word of God; that is:

Acts 2:42 the new believers continued steadfast in (1) the teaching of the apostles (2) fellowship (3) the breaking of bread and (4) prayer.

In considering the mentioned we can see that all were of the same importance and still is. The first two relate to fellowship of the household of God and the last two relate to the fellowship with God. Let's remind ourselves of the Words of 1 John 1:3 "We announce to you what we have seen and heard, so that you too might have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ".

Today people assemble to hear the preaching and fellowship in the flesh but neglect the breaking of bread together and praying together which is also part of fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to Mary (John 21:17) that she must tell the disciples that He is going to His Father and to their Father, to His God and to their God. Our Father's House have much to do with our relationship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

4.The Plan (reason) for participating fellowship

Jesus said My Father's House is called a House of Prayer, when He emptied the Temple court, referring to what God said through Isaiah "Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in My House of Prayer"... This is the plan that God proposed, and He sent His only Son so that through Him a new temple could be established, built not by hands but through the Spirit of God.

When Jesus said My Father's House is called a House of Prayer. The emphasis was not on the house but the proposed use of the house. Jesus anger was directed at the misuse of the house, not that the house was built in the wrong manner. If prayer is consistent with participating fellowship, then participating fellowship or the lack thereof stirred the passion in the heart of Jesus for our Father's house.

When God called His House to be a House of Prayer He had in mind that we would come unto Him in His House of Prayer and in His House of Prayer is where He wants to fill us with joy. Mortar and brick can to a certain extent bring glory as a monument/memorial in recognition of a person/s, but as in most cases a memorial or monument is of dead persons. Did not Jesus say? Mark 12:27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

We are called to build a living temple where the bricks are living bodies that presented themselves as a living sacrifice unto a living God. When we come together as a living sacrifice in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to glorify our Father in Heaven we are building a living sanctuary for God.

Eph. 2:21-22 In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

“Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my House of Prayer”... God’s plan for His House of Prayer is to make the people joyful as they participate in the fellowship with God and His Son Jesus Christ. If then God intends to make us and them, the strangers joyful, the building cannot be exclusive but should be open for all that want to come into the fellowship with our Father in Heaven and His anointed Son.

1Co_3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.

5. Jesus the rock, the substance for the Foundation of participating fellowship.

The foundation is the support upon which we build a house, it is not the foundation as such that keeps the house standing through the storm, it is rather the substance upon which the foundation is laid. Jesus said:

Luke 6:48 “He is like a man who built a house and dug deep and laid the foundation on a rock; and a flood occurring, the stream burst against that house and could not shake it; for it was founded on a rock”.

It is the revelation of who Jesus is:

1John 1:3 – That which we have seen and heard (of Him and from Him), declare we to you (For this end). That ye also may have fellowship with us (may enjoy the same fellowship which we enjoy). And truly our fellowship (whereby He is in us and we in Him) is with the Father and with the Son.

The relationship with Jesus is central in our Fathers House, for concerning our Father and our relationship with Him, Jesus said that no man can come to the Father except through Him (Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God)

If then, the bedrock being the revelation of Christ as the Son of the living God, then the building starts with the desire to know Jesus Christ. This knowledge comes through a personal confrontation. When Jesus asked the disciples who the people say that He is, there was no responsibility connected to their answer, for they only related what people said. It is when Jesus turned His eyes on Peter and asked him (Peter) who do you say I am?, that he was confronted with the question; he himself now became responsible for his own answer. However in answering Jesus explained that it is on this revelation that he received not through flesh but by His Father in Heaven that He will build His Church. Likewise Saul first had to be confronted with the knowledge of who Jesus is, before he could become Paul. On his way to persecute the Christians he was confronted with the truth of whom Jesus is and his only answer was that of an obedient servant, “Lord what do You want me to do”. As Jesus explained that if you hear His Words and do accordingly; then you are building on Him the bedrock.

If we haven’t found the bedrock, (assurance of who Jesus is) the laying down of the foundation will have no effect, for if the foundation is not laid upon the bedrock, with the confident assurance that Jesus is the Son of the Living God, you will not be able to stand against any accusation, critic or false teaching. You will have no confident assurance in the foundation (Word of God) as being sufficient to uphold the building.

1Ti 3:15 If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of truth.

1Ti 3:16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

In summary of the above , we must conclude that the building we are seeking, our Father's House, is built upon a relationship with Jesus Christ as the Son of the Living God and through Him with our Father in heaven.

Mat 16:15-18 He said to them, But who do you say I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered and said to him, You are blessed, Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal it to you, but My Father in Heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Heb 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".

The rock then, upon which the foundation is laid, is the sure substance, and the rock is Christ Jesus the anointed Messiah.

1Co 10:4 "and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ".

For in Him and through Him we have a hope based on the evidence in the Gospel, of the things not seen. For our whole faith is based upon the revelation that Jesus is the Son of the living God.

When Peter called out to Jesus to call him so that he can walk on the water, he put his faith not in what he saw, but what he believed to be true concerning Jesus, what he hoped for. (that, if it was Jesus walking on the water, Jesus would be able to uphold him, Peter, to walk on the water). That was the substance on which Peter based his faith; he placed his hope in what he believed Jesus is capable of doing. The evidence is the fact that he got out of the boat when Jesus called him, the evidence is not the walking on the water – that is what he hoped for – based upon his belief in what Jesus can do. The evidence is that he put into action that what he believed Jesus could do. This is not out of the flesh, but it comes from the revelation of who Jesus is, the Son of the living God.

The substance or support comes from the knowledge of who Jesus is and what He can do.

Mark 6:52 "For they considered not the miracle of the loaves : for their heart was hardened".

We read that the disciples did not put together what happened, they did not allow themselves to become wise as they did not think/consider what Jesus did, or their hearts were hardened. In doing what God called us to do as Jesus called on the disciples to feed the multitude, we should not consider our own inability; we should rather consider His ability.

Isa 55:11 "so shall My Word be, which goes out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall certainly do what I sent it to do".

Before we can consider the Word of God, we need to be confronted with the question of who He is that said:" that My Word will do as I please." Jesus is the Word of God and the writer of

Hebrews challenges us to look upon Jesus. Hebrews 12:2 looking to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith...

Irrespective of denomination or ministry or fellowship, if we agree upon the revelation that Jesus is the Son of the Living God, the substance upon which we build our faith, there can be participating fellowship. For then we do not trust in our own understanding or our own inability, but we take hands as we declare to one another that we trust in Him.

6. The Foundation for participating fellowship

When through the confrontation and consideration we have found the Rock, and assured ourselves of the perfectness of the Rock, which is Jesus, we can start building. We lay the foundation upon the assurance that the Rock is able to carry the weight of the foundation and the building upon it. Before we read the Word of God, or call upon the promises of God, we must be assured that every promise is yes and amen in Christ Jesus.

2Co 1:20 for all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God by us.

In acknowledging that when we say amen we affirm that the word spoken is a trustworthy Word, a Word that will surely come to pass, because we are assured upon Who the Word is build, acknowledging the ability of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring it in fulfilment, therefore we must be assured of Him and His ability in order to lay the foundation.

We must know beyond the shadow of doubt that we have within us all the resources of the One who upholds the universe and that no amount of effort can produce the fruit of the spirit, it is a result of growing closer to God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. You need a relationship with the Giver of joy not the concept of joy. The concept is an idea that is dead but a relationship with God through Jesus Christ is a living joyful experience.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Now that we agree that we can have participating fellowship, we can once again look at God's plan when He said "“Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my House of Prayer”. When Jesus went into the temple,

Mat 21:13 He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

Jesus's anger was not directed at the structure of the temple but more at the misuse of the temple, this is confirmed when

John 2:19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

He said “break it down and I will rebuild it in 3 days”- referring to His own Body, but we are His body with the same proposed use as the temple, a House of Prayer as a dwelling place for God.

But with our Father's House as with every other house, the building process starts at the bottom, we build from the bottom upwards. In knowing that, we must also understand that every aspect or every phase within the structure is as important as the next, for if you fail to attend to the foundation, and you focus only on the roof, it might be that you have a strong and impressive roof but when the storm comes it will not stand. Although it consists of only 30% off the entire

building, the ingredients for the foundation are of utmost importance. In searching the Bible we find the following concerning the ingredients within the foundation.

Jesus is the ONLY foundation.

1Co 3:11-15 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw– each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only through fire.

Heb 6:1-2 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

The foundation is built on teachings of the apostles, the prophets and Jesus Christ being the cornerstone:

Eph 2:20-22 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit

Apart from determining the ingredients for the foundation, we also need a plumb line by which to measure the foundation to ensure that it is laid in such a way that you can build upon it.

6.1 Jesus is the Foundation.

In acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God and our Salvation, the foundation is the beginning, the way to redemption. At the foundation the sin of the flesh is forgiven and we are redeemed through Jesus as sons and daughters of the living God. (Arrarat – reverse of the curse)

Hebrews 6:17-20 In this way Elohim, resolving to show even more clearly to the heirs of promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, confirmed it by an oath so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 10:19-20 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy/Set-apart place by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain/veil, that is, through his flesh, Jesus is the Way as He stated in John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus said, in John 10:9 "I am the door. Whoever enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and shall go out and find pasture" and in John 10:16 "... they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

This is the first and foremost ingredient within the foundation of our Father's House, that Jesus is the way by which we can come to the Father, there is no other way, for it is through the blood of Jesus that we may enter into the Father's presence. If you are looking for the Father's House, this

is the first principle you must find, if it is not there, you are not in the Father's House, for no man can enter but by Jesus.

6.2 First principle of the doctrine of Christ is repentance

Mark 1:15 "and saying "The time has been filled, and the reign of Elohim has come near. Repent, and believe in the Good News". In acknowledging that Jesus is the primary ingredient within the foundation, repentance (to change your mind, amend your ways) is an ingredient required to enable the believer to receive his/her inheritance through Jesus Christ. If we cannot repent from our old ways, we cannot receive our inheritance.

Hebrews 12:17 "for you know that afterward, when he wished to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it with tears". Jesus came so that we could receive forgiveness to enable us to inherit, but without us repenting from our ways there can be neither forgiveness nor any inheritance.

6.3 First principle of the doctrine of Christ is faith (believing) in God through Jesus

John 16:27 "for the Father Himself does love you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from Elohim."

What Jesus is saying, that if indeed we do believe, when we pray the prayer of faith, our Father will not deny us, for He always hears His Son. If He did not spare Jesus in suffering and death, He will not refuse to give us what Jesus died for. (Romans 8:32) When we pray in the name of Jesus the Son of the living God and in His authority the Father will always hear and answer, for this is what the Father told Jesus Christ to tell His disciples.

Another ingredient we can find in the foundation within our Fathers House is the principle of faith in God through Jesus Christ, and the confession of your faith.

Rom 10:9-10 "That if you confess with your mouth the Master Jesus and believe in your heart that Elohim has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, and so is saved."

6.4 First principle of the doctrine of Christ is Baptism (immersion)

Acts 8:36-37 "...Look water! What hinders me from being immersed?" And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, it is permitted". And he answering, said, "I believe that Jesus Messiah is the Son of Elohim." The next ingredient we found in the foundation of our Fathers House is being immersed in water after confession of faith in Jesus being the Son of Elohim. So that through the immersion we partake in what we believe, that Jesus died and rose again.

Apostle Peter explained the reason for being immersed in 1 Peter 3:21 ".. Immersion – not a putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards Elohim through the resurrection of Jesus Messiah." Within the foundation of our Fathers House there is also the promised immersion of the Spirit of God. Jesus said unto His disciples Luke 24:49 "And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you : but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" and again the Bible said in Rom 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons of Elohim."

As the immersion with water give us a clear conscience before Elohim, so the immersion in the Spirit of Elohim is the seal of our inheritance as children of Elohim.

6.5 First principle of the doctrine of Christ is Laying on of hands

The principle of the laying of hands, is based and founded in the act of impartation, impartation through the Spirit of God to heal, to give gifts of the Spirit to commission. As it is said in the Word of Elohim Mark 16:17-18 "In My name (Jesus)... they will lay hands on the sick, and they shall get well" and Act 8:17 "Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (Set-apart Spirit)."

1 Timothy 4:14 "Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of hands of the elder-hood" and Act 13:3 "Then having fasted and prayed, and having laid hands on them, they sent them away."

6.6 First principle of the doctrine of Christ is the resurrection of the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 "See, I speak a secret to you: We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible has to put on incorruption, and the mortal to put on immortality. Daniel 12:2 "and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth wake up, some to everlasting life, and some to reproaches, everlasting abhorrence." This is our hope as apostle Paul said in addressing the council in Act 23:6 "... I am being judged concerning the expectation and resurrection of the dead" Jesus also gave us the assurance in John 8:51 "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone guards My Word he shall never see death at all" If we do not believe in the resurrection of the dead then the promise according to Rev 22:12 will have no effect "And see, I am coming speedily, and My reward is with Me, to give to each according to his work."

6.7 First principle of the doctrine of Christ is eternal judgment.

Rev 22:12 "And see, I am coming speedily, and My reward is with Me, to give to each according to his work." The mentioned scripture is one of the principles of divine judgement and is repeated in various scripture but emphasized in 1 Peter 1:17 "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear" There is a process, a beginning and an end, the foundation is laid with the reward in mind but we must remember that there is still a process to be completed in order to obtain the price. In referring to the house, the price being a house complete. Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14 "Brothers, I do not count myself to have laid hold of it yet, but only this: forgetting what is behind and reaching out for what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah Jesus." and 1 Corinthians 3:13-14 "each one's work shall be revealed, for the day shall show it up, because it is revealed by fire. And the fire shall prove the work of each one, what sort it is. If anyone's work remains, which he has built on, he shall receive a reward." The believers will be judged concerning their doctrine, their conduct towards others, carnal traits, words spoken, things that affect others, things that affect self and things that affect Elohim.

6.8 Jesus being the chief cornerstone is the measure by which to measure

Not only is Jesus the foundation but He is also central in the teachings of the apostles and the prophets, making Him also the chief cornerstone upon which we build. Meaning that when we build, we build not looking through any veil (classes) for the Word of Elohim says in 2 Corinthian 3:16 "And when one turns to the Master, the veil is taken away."

For us the meaning of the above mentioned is crucial and fundamental in Building Fathers House, for as long as we look through a veil we cannot see, nor understand the Word of Elohim.

Jesus said in John 17:17 “Set them apart in Your truth, Your Word is the truth.” The Word is the truth, as Jesus said I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. It is said in John 1 that Jesus is the Word of God, so if we want to see the truth we need to look at Jesus, the Word of God. Don’t look at your brother, if you want to enter into the building process, where the truth sets us free, do not look at your church, look at Jesus.

When Peter asked Jesus about the apostle John, Jesus said in John 21:22 “”Jesus said to him, “if I wish him to remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.””

7. Building the building

The first foundation that God laid between man and himself was based upon trust (as the substance), man’s ability to trust God and therefore walk in obedience. God told Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but man proved his own inability to bring in the fulfilment of God's intended plan for man i.e. to take dominion. Although being created just a little lower than God, man submitted to Satan and disobeyed God with the very first test of obedience. Through the generations God has shown us our error in not trusting Him but always relying upon/submitting to something or someone else.

Jer 17:5-8 Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ”Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

In Ephesians 2:10 we however read that in Christ Jesus we have been recreated so that we can bring in fulfilment the plan that God had for us from the beginning. Exodus 25:8 and let them make Me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them.

Being regenerated means that we have acknowledged our own inability as we surrendered our lives, receiving the regenerated life in Jesus Christ trusting in Him and His ability not in ourselves and our own inability. When the disciples asked Jesus:

“What is the work that we should do if we want to do the work of God?” John 6:29 Jesus answered and said to them, this is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom He has sent.

Faith in Jesus is the required work that we have been called for, there is however a lot of other work we can do, but none as pleasing as the work of faith. That is the first work we have been called for – prayer in faith (building a sanctuary)

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

As Jesus came to recreate us so that we can do the good works that Elohim predestined for us to do, the building process, is the process of sanctification being set-apart, whereby the soul of man becomes subjected to the Spirit of Elohim, being set free from the desires and lust of this world through the truth of the Word of Elohim.

The building part of the house consists of 30%, being that after the building part is finished the house is 60% finished. When we look at the building process, it is the only process where man is

involved. The bedrock is a revelation that we receive from Elohim, the foundation is given to us as a gift that we receive through faith in Christ Jesus, the roof is our inheritance that what we will receive. Looking at the building process we must build, it is our responsibility 1 Corinthians 3:10 "... But each should look how he builds on it" being the foundation that has already been laid.

Like the bedrock and the foundation, the building part is as important, but being of special importance to us as the builders, for it is by these works that we will be rewarded.

1Co 3:12-15 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. (English Standard Version)

1 Corinthians 3:13-14 "each one's work shall be revealed, for the day shall show it up, because it is revealed by fire. And the fire shall prove the work of each one, what sort it is. If anyone's work remains, which he has built on, he shall receive a reward". (The Scripture)

and

Matthew 16:27 "for the Son of Adam is going to come in the esteem of His Father with His messengers, and then He shall reward each according to his works."

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 that when we build we must be careful how we build with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, but that the fire shall prove of what sort the work is.

According to Matthew 6:2,5,6 we know that the sort of work that is required by God is not in accordance with the worldly standard to impress, but is based on our motive and faithfulness in service to Elohim and His Son Jesus Christ. Looking at what Paul said – wood, hay and straw will in the natural be consumed by fire, whereas for gold and silver, it is not consumed but refined by fire nor are precious stones consumed by fire, but are formed by fire and pressure.

So we conclude that the only type of work that will remain is the work built by gold, silver and precious stones. Although the fire do not consume the mentioned it is refined and/or formed by fire. We know by the Word of Elohim that these works is not measured by the standard of the world, but by the motive and faithfulness, as the works of our Lord Jesus Christ, when He was tried, He chose to say "not My will but Your will".

7.1 Precious stones

In the Old Testament precious stones represent the answers from God, and in the New Testament it represents the wall of the new Jerusalem and entrance into the new Jerusalem. In the natural precious stones, of which diamonds are the most precious, is formed through heat and pressure. As in the above mentioned, the building with precious stones relates to our relationship with Jesus Christ and our Father through prayer and in waiting on the Lord, to speak into our hearts as we meditate upon His Word and walk in obedience to His Word. (Jesus said if you love Me you will obey Me). The precious stone as the doorway to the new Jerusalem reminds us of the Word that said it is thru trials and tribulation that we enter into the Kingdom (Acts 14v22).

In conclusion we acknowledge that the building with precious stones has to do with relationship, relationship first with the Father and Jesus Christ and relationship with our brothers and sisters.

Building with precious stones : If we endeavor to build with precious stones we must first be reminded of one of the characteristics of precious stone, in their nature they are transparent, so we must be in order to build. In waiting on the Lord and in trials and tribulation, we need to be transparent so that, that what is within will be revealed, we must become less so that Jesus can become more.

7.2 Silver

In looking at the tabernacle of Moses, silver is used as the base upon which the wooden frame of the tabernacle rests, the wood representing human nature, we must acknowledge that the silver is the foundation on which we stand. The Word said in Proverbs 10:20 that the tongue of the righteous is like pure silver. And then there is the story of a silversmith, that he refines the silver over a fire, and as soon as he can see his own reflection the silver is refined. In conclusion we can see that silver as our foundation has much to do with the likeness of Christ Jesus, even our words should reflect His words in nature and likeness.

Building with Silver : As mentioned, the characteristic of silver is that it reflects the image of the one that looks into it, so must our work reflect the righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ. In receiving Jesus Christ as our Saviour it is required of us not only to be clothed in His righteousness but also to act accordingly. Building with silver is keeping your eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ and His righteousness, until His life manifests in your own life in thought and action. Christ likeness, meaning to react as our Lord reacted and taught.

7.3 Gold

Once again, gold in the tabernacle of Moses was found on the inside of the Holies and the Holy of Holies, it overlaid the wood (human nature) indicating that our human nature in the natural cannot come into the presence of the living God. Gold is an offering unto the Lord, our bodies becoming a living sacrifice of righteousness and holiness as we lay down our own will allowing the will of God to be effective in our daily life as we walk in obedience to God and His everlasting Word.

Building with Gold : Apart from being precious and valuable, the characteristic of gold is that it is soft yet heavy, like the Word of God. We build with gold by focussing on God and His Kingdom, and we do it by :

- Eating the Word of God, (reading and doing the Word, taking the Word at heart as we meditate on it.)
- Seeking the Lord for in Him is wisdom, and doing accordingly in obedience.
- Seeking knowledge from Elohim and living the recreated life in Christ Jesus rather than a life according to the flesh.
- Allowing the truth to set you free, so that the fruit of Elohim can manifest in your life, and that your words testify to it.
- Walking in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, in relation to people around you.
- Offering unto the Lord our bodies as an offer of righteousness, using every opportunity to live a life holy unto Him.
- Allowing the will of Elohim to be effective in your life as you walk in obedience to Him and His Words.
- Gold representing :
 - God's Word (Ps 19:10, 119:127)
 - Wisdom (Pr 3:13-14)
 - Knowledge (Pr 8:10)
 - Truth (Pr 8:19)

Good name and living favor (Pr 22:1)
Trails (Zech 13:9; Mal 3:3; 1 Pet 1:7; Rev 3:18)
Words (1 Cor 3:12)

7.4 The tabernacle of Moses as a pattern to God's House

Seeing that we are directly involved with the building process, let us look at a more practical dwelling place for God in the Bible – the tabernacle.

Exodus 25:9 Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

The tabernacle :

- The outer court represents the foundation
- The building process representing the holies
- The roof represents the holy of holies.

As we are busy with the building process/the holies, let us look to see if we can find the precious stone, the silver and the gold within the tabernacle and what they represent.

Within the holy place we found the following items, the show bread, the menorah and the incense altar. Each represents a specific action allowing us to build.

The Show bread – building with Precious Stones

The show bread means the bread of His Presence, Jesus referred to Himself when He said "I am the Bread of Life " John 6:48. To enter into the Holy place we must first acknowledge that it is not about us, but it is about God. The showbread and the showbread table relates to our Lord Jesus Christ and His rulership/government over the body of Christ. When we enter, we enter in laying down our own lives before the Lord, acknowledging our own inability. At the same time we present ourselves before the Lord to fill us with the living bread. If we are not prepared to surrender ourselves before the Lord we cannot receive from Him, we must be transparent before the Lord. If we only seek to satisfy ourselves then we cannot receive power from above, because the very power is so that we can die to ourselves. (The word witness = testify to our faith in Jesus Christ even to the extent of death if needed) The showbread is indeed to testify that Jesus Christ as the Son of the Living God is the bread of life that gave His own life so that he who partakes in the bread of life will never die. This act of testifying even to the extent of facing death directly relates to the building with precious stones, trials and tribulation.

The Menorah – building with Silver

The next item within the Holy place is the candle; the candle was the only source of light, allowing the priest to see as they fulfil their duties. The candle being the second item and representing the Spirit of the Living God. The priest would go to the candle after they attended the showbread, likewise we can only receive the Holy Spirit once we testified that Jesus is the Son of the Living God. The Holy Spirit came to give us power to be a witness for our Lord Jesus Christ, in likeness not equality. Building with silver is conformity to Christ, who said "not my will be done". It is allowing yourself to be washed by the truth (Words of life) and being transformed by the truth – sanctified and set-apart for the Lord and His Kingdom.

The incense altar – building with Gold

The third item in the Holy place is the golden incense altar where a special mixture of pure incense was burnt in the morning and evening. The golden incense altar represent the prayer of the saint,

these prayers are the prayers of righteousness, not according to the will of man but in accordance to the will of God – becoming the instrument of prayer in the hands of God, in the likeness of Elijah who prayed for rain because God told him to do so. As we focus on God and His kingdom in morning and evening prayer we build with gold. The symbolism behind this act can be discerned from a passage in the book of Revelation where we read that in the heavenly temple an angel “came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand” (Revelations 8:3-4). This connection between the incense smoke and rising prayers is also seen in the petition: “Lord . . . give ear unto my voice . . . Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense [and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.]” (Psalm 141:1-2). Hence the altar of incense, which stood before the veil, was an altar of prayer.

7.5 The Purpose of building

The building purpose is simple, yet complex.

2 Cor.3v18 And we all, with unveiled faces reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, which is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Eph.5v26 to sanctify her by cleansing her with the washing of the water by the Word.

The purpose of the building process, it is to become mature sons and daughters of God, who in the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ will be zealous for our Father’s House. But what is the meaning of maturity, and what does it represent. The scripture clearly guides us:

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. 1 Cor. 14:20

So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ Eph 4:14-15

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the Word of righteousness, since he is a child. Heb 5:12-13

(Maturity is being skilled in the Word of Righteousness) Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ Eph.4:13

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: “Greetings. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. . . James 1:1-27. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22-25 But become doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man studying his natural face in a mirror. For he studied himself and went his way, and immediately he forgot what he was like. But

whoever looks into the perfect Law of liberty and continues in it, he is not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work. This one shall be blessed in his doing.

Maturity is thus to be transformed through the recreation and regeneration by our Lord Jesus Christ until it is no longer us who lives but Christ living within us. More of Him and less of us. When we want to grow in maturity we do not grow by ourselves, but we grow through what God is doing in us.

8. The Building are constructed through Intimacy, when our faith is combined with intimacy with God, creation is taking place.

When we look at the exodus we saw a nation looking upon the wonders of God as He provided in a supernatural way for His people, but yet they started doubting and fell back upon their own feeble plans, building a golden calf to guide them to freedom, a god formed by the very hands that worshipped it. Likewise, we are quick to fall back upon our own plans, when we have prayed for a while without seeing anything; we start doubting and start planning for ourselves. But if we only knew what is taking place in the unseen, if the Israelites only knew that Moses was waiting upon God who is writing with His own hand, they would not have rebelled against God. The moment we stop trusting in God and His ability, is the moment that we rebel against God and His authority .

Exodus 32:1 “And the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, and the people gathered themselves to Aaron. And they said to him, Up! Make us gods who shall go before us. For this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

God called on Moses to come and receive the creating work that He was busy preparing, but while Moses was waiting upon God to bring forth His creation, the people started doubting. This resulted in God’s created work to be aborted, as Moses destroyed the law that was written by God’s own hand.

Likewise when we pray, having intimate fellowship with God, creation is at work. If we, because we cannot see what God is doing fall back on our own plans, we abort the creative work God is preparing. The moment we start doubting, we rebel against God and His authority.

Rom 9:33 as it is written, “Behold, I lay in Zion a Stumbling-stone and a Rock-of-offense, and everyone believing on Him shall not be put to shame.” Then again Jesus said John 11:40 “Jesus answered her, did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” It is in believing in the continued sense that we will see the Glory of God as He brings in fulfilment that what we believe Him to do.

9. The Body as the vessel God intended to bring His plan in fulfilment.

In the beginning God created us in His image, perfect to bring in fulfilment His plan and purpose, sin made us to fall short of the perfection God intended. In God’s wisdom He recreated us through our Lord Jesus Christ so that we can do the good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them. The body, sanctified through the Blood of Jesus and the Word of God, is the vessel by which God intended to bring His plan into fulfilment. The body however first need to be a transformed before the fullness thereof can come to pass.

The restoration of the body of Christ (Christians) is in the unity of faith in Jesus Christ. A body is not reliant upon itself, the body respond to the command that comes from the head. If however we find ourselves not connected to the head as part of the body we cannot receive the command.

Someone asked: how can you be a missionary without attending Bible school? My response: how can you be a missionary without a living relationship with a living God?

When Jesus said to His disciples He will not leave them alone He promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them bringing in the fulfilment of the Father's plan, and He said that the Holy Spirit will say nothing that He ,the Father, did not instruct. So that we still receive direct guidance as the body of Christ from Christ who is the head.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you

Hebrews 12:1-2 reminds us that we must keep our eyes on the Lord, even within the building process we must remember that a house must a least have two sides for the roof to rest upon, so we build together within the body of Christ, but our eyes must be fix on Jesus Christ and not our fellow builders, for each must build in accordance to the direction he received from the Lord. If you seek guidance from your fellow builders they may disappoint you as they do not know.

Humble ourselves 1 Pet.5v5 "... and all of you, cloth yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Learn to love the truth Joh.17v17 "Set them apart in the truth; your Word is the truth" Test all things to the truth.

Cultivate the fear of the Lord. Ps.34v11, "Come children listen to me! I will teach you what it means to fear the LORD".

Prov.9v10 "The beginning of wisdom is to fear the Lord, and acknowledging the Holy One is understanding".

E.g. Jesus in the desert didn't acknowledge self but referred to the Word of God.

Keep the cross of Jesus Christ central. 1 Corinth.2v5 "so that your faith would not be based on human wisdom but on the power of God". Hebrews 12:1-2 reminds us that we must keep our eyes on the Lord, even within the building process we must remember that a house must a least have two side for the roof to rest upon, so we build together within the body of Christ, but our eyes must be fix on Jesus Christ and not our fellow builders, for each must build in accordance to the direction he receives from the Lord. If you seek guidance from your fellow builders they may disappoint you as they do not know.

In reference to Word of God look through the cross (the tree of life) do not look in the flesh (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) so that you will not see each other's nakedness(mistakes) but that you will be able to see the recreation.

10. Perfect fellowship (The ROOF)

The incense altar was the last item within the Holy place, just before the Holy of Holies. As we said the incense altar represent the prayer of the saints, it is then when the prayer of the saint become the will of God, or if the saint become the instrument of prayer in the hands of God that the fellowship becomes perfected, as Jesus said:

John 17:23 "I in them and You in me – that they may be completely one, so that the world will know that You have send Me, and you have loved them just as you have loved Me"

in it we see the accumulation of the Word in:

John 17:10 “Everything I have belongs to you, and everything You have belongs to Me, and I have been glorified by them”.

A perfect relationship between a Son and a Father. We then must seek to attain the same relationship, where everything that we have belongs to God, so that everything that God have can belong to us, but as long as there is still the self-will, self-success and selfishness there is no perfect fellowship. One example we find in the New Testament is the apostles as they received the promise of God on the day of Pentecost – Jesus commanded them to wait:

Act 1:4 “And having met with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to await the promise of the Father which you heard from Me”. In obedience they waited in faith through prayer until they received the promise.

In John 20:17 Jesus replied “... I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God”

Jesus confirms and personalizes our relationship to God, it is our Father as it is His Father. But if we do not grow into full maturity – If we are not conformed into the image of the Son we cannot inherit. We cannot receive the glory. Conformity into the image of the Son is equal to obedience

Rom 6:16 “Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to him whom you obey; whether it is of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness.”

The gospel is an invitation from the Godhead for us to share the fellowship that the Father and Son share with one another. New Testament Greek word for fellowship = Koinonia = sharing in common perfect pattern of relationship to which God wants to bring us. John 17. We have been invited to share in the same relationship that God the Father and God the Son have together. One thing is clear about this relationship: God the Father and God the Son have everything in common; neither withholds anything from the other, likewise if we want to share within this fellowship we cannot withhold ourselves. We must surrender ourselves and act according to the will of God.

The perfect sharing of all things, perfect fellowship; is the perfect pattern of relationship into which God wants to bring us.

Matt 18v19 “Again, I tell you the truth, if two of you on earth agree about whatever you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.”

Question: What is the limitation of what God will give? Is there anything we cannot have if this House is complete? However no pattern is simple. Here is the condition to the fulfilment of the pattern.

We can ask anything (according to God’s will) and God answers Matt 7v7-10

Ask – Listen – Obey (2way)

James 1v 22 “become doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

2 Corinth 1v20 “For all promises of God in Him are yes and in Him Amen, to the glory of God by us”. We are the instruments to bring glory to God.

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

As mature children, and in the name of Jesus Christ, we enter into the presence of God where we receive.

Looking at the tabernacle as the perfect pattern, in the Holy of Holies in the very presence of God, there was :

10 commandments – Why? you must love God and your neighbour as yourself – includes all commandments-means divine guidance, not knowledge but life as Peter said unto Jesus:

John 6:68 “Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”

also we see in

Acts 5:20 that the angel of the Lord told the apostles to “Go! Stand and speak all the words of this Life to the people in the temple” These Words they received through divine revelation.

Rod of Aaron – means divine authority, as in Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power, the Holy Spirit coming upon you. And you shall be witnesses to Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the end of the earth”

Manna –divine provision, the Lord will supply.

Rev 7v15b “..He who sits on the throne will dwell among them” the end of true fellowship with God.