



SERMON NOTES

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Title: Advent of the Spirit age

#3 in the series on the Spirit Filled Church

1. Review

- a. The greatest commandments: love God with everything and love our neighbors
- b. The Spirit is absolutely required for us to lead holy & pleasing lives for God, to lead lives of abundant life.
- c. Know who the Holy Spirit is; no matter denomination or theology, He is the presence of God.

2. Advent of the Spirit age

- a. God's ultimate purpose;
 - i. Ex. 9:16, "*But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.*"
 - ii. Is. 12:4-6, "*And in that day you will say: 'Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!'"*
- b. Master Plan, modeling, and strategy
 - i. From a man to a family to a nation to the world
 1. The "one" is extremely important but he is not end-goal. This is the problem of individualistic or nationalistic faith, it opposes the KOG perspective.
 2. This serves as a model for us as individuals to impact ever increasing circles.
 - ii. Therefore we find "*scale models*" throughout biblical narrative that enable us to grow and expand.
 1. The Tabernacle: its role and organization
 2. The Ark of the Covenant: its purpose and procedures
 - iii. Jesus as the Tekton
 1. Mark 6:2-3, "*And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, 'Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?'*" So they were offended at Him."
 2. Mt. 16:15-19, "*He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'*" Simon Peter answered and said, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" Jesus answered and said to him, "*Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is 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 Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*"

3. Dan. 2:34-35, 45, *"You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth... the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."*
4. 1 Pet. 2:4-5, *"Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

c. The Holy Spirit equips us to be the Church

i. God has plans.

1. Heb. 11:1, 10, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... For [Abraham] looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God."*
2. Jer. 29:11, *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*
3. Eph. 2:10, *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."*

ii. Everyone has a task.

1. Eph. 4:16, *"Christ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."*
2. The Tabernacle requires that many different people fulfill their tasks so that it may function rightly. 1 Chr. 9:17-34
3. Eph. 4:11-13, *"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;"*

3. Take-aways

- a. The Spirit of the living God dwells within us as disciples, but is He in control?
- b. The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever.
- c. God has employed scale models and basic principles that teach and guide us.
- d. God is establishing His global Church and is using us as His building stones.
- e. The effective working of every part is required for the growth of the body.
- f. Don't just be a tent, be the Temple.
- g. God has a plan, therefore determine to be a part it.