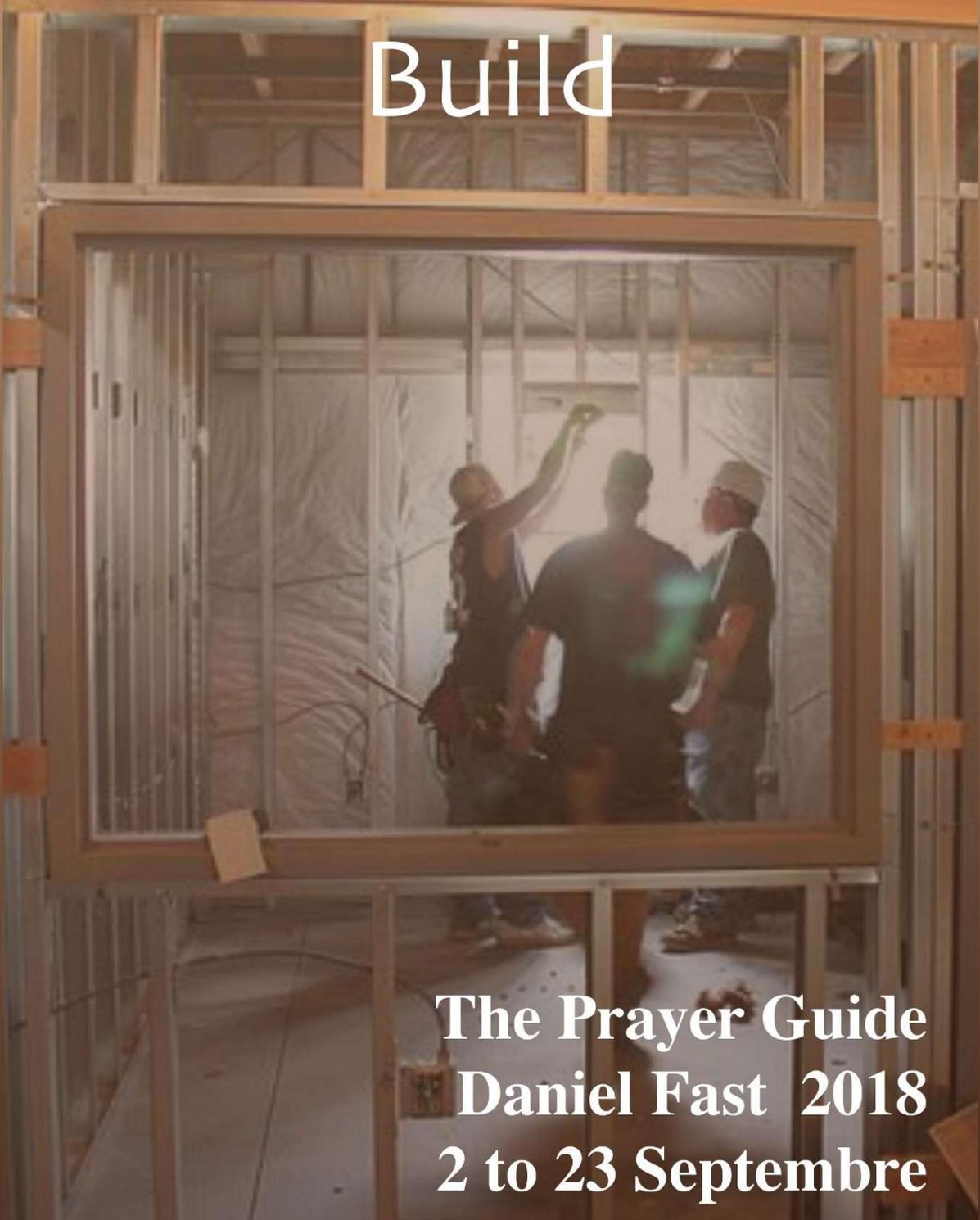


Arise and Build



**The Prayer Guide
Daniel Fast 2018
2 to 23 Septembre**

Introduction to the Daniel Fast 2018

Arise and Build

***“The God of heaven, he will prosper us;
therefore we his servants will arise and build.”
(Nehemiah 2:20)***

Welcome to the Daniel Fast of 2018. The theme for the DF 2018 this year is: ***Arise and Build***. The text from Nehemiah chapter 2 will serve as our point of reference throughout the Fast.

The days of Nehemiah were very similar to ours. The Jewish people had been taken into captivity in Babylon. The prophet Daniel correctly calculated that they had come to the end of the 70 years of exile prophesied by the prophet Jeremiah.

There were three waves of returning Jewish exiles during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. The first wave occurred about 536 BC and was led by a priest named Zerubbabel who was accompanied by two prophets: Zachariah and Haggai. The second wave occurred in 458 and was led by Ezra. He oversaw the rebuilding of the temple and the re-establishment of the priesthood. The third and final wave occurred thirteen years later. It was led by Nehemiah and resulted in the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem and the restoration of the city as the capital of Israel.

Nearly one hundred years passed from the time that God first declared the end of the captivity to the last and final call to go back home. Despite all that was written in Scripture, despite all the calls of the prophets, the vast majority of God’s people NEVER LEFT BABYLON! The Biblical concept of “the remnant” comes from this period of time when the percentage of God’s people responding to divine destiny was in fact very small.

There have always been two different kinds of Gospel messages preached since God brought His Church into existence. The first message begins at the cross of Calvary as the price that heaven had to pay for your sin; and ends with your great recompense being in heaven. The second message begins with how much God loves you unconditionally no matter what kind of choices you make; and it ends with the

promise that if you just give Him a small corner in your heart He will make your life on earth much better.

The vast majority of Christians living in the west have believed the second message. This is why our churches are so void of true integrity and divine authority. I believe this message reflects the seduction of Babylon.

Christianity without the cross is a Christianity without Christ!

It is never easy to leave Babylon. Ever since man was first exiled from the Garden of Eden, the majority of people have always chosen Babylon over Jerusalem. And whereas that might be the nature of man, it is NOT the nature of God.

God says, "Come out from Babylon, and be separate. Do not even touch what I consider to be unclean. And I will receive you and will be a father to you. And I will make you my sons and daughters in the earth." (See 2 Corinthians 6:17,18)

The first exhortation of the DF 2018 is to arise. This means you have to consciously leave everything that God considers bad for you. Most of your friends and family members will not understand your decision. But you must decide that following Jesus wherever He goes is better than living comfortably in compromise.

The second exhortation of the DF 2018 is to build. This means that you will begin to build a lifestyle and a character that reflect the culture of heaven and the nature of God. This means that as the Lord opens the right doors for you, you will begin to build these same values in your family, your relationships, your church, and even in your work place.

You cannot be neutral about this time of prayer and fasting. God is calling. So,

Arise and Build!

Robert BAXTER

➤ Week 1 :

Sunday, 2 September 2018

***Nehemiah 2:19-20 - "But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that you do? will you rebel against the king? Then answered I them, and said to them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem."*(NKJV)**

On this first day, I want to challenge you with an important question: Why are you doing this Fast? Are you doing it just because everyone else in the church is doing it? Or are you doing it because you sincerely believe that God wants to do something in your life through this Fast? Unless your response is the second, this Fast will only be a three-week vegan diet for you, and nothing else. However, if you believe that God wants to do something important in your life, then He will respond to your faith!

One thing that I have learned anything in my walk with Christ it is that anything worth building will cost you a high price. If it comes easy, it is either not authentic, not durable, or it is not from God.

The second thing I have learned in my walk with Christ is that the seduction of the devil causes you to believe that you can receive the promise from God without paying the price that God demands.

Finally, the biggest thing I have learned about myself is that I get tired of having to pay the price. The constant call from God to walk before Him with integrity, to walk with others in love, and to walk in the presence of demons with authority, while at times, not seeing this bear much fruit can be very demoralising. This is why our challenge is not only to fight the next battle, it is to build something that will last beyond our lifetime.

The Jews who left Babylon to go to Jerusalem were leaving a life of comfort and prosperity for a life of hardship, deprivation, threat from hostile adversaries and separation from most of their friends and family who did not return. But they did so because of a vision to rebuild the temple and the city of God. It is the vision to build

something for future generations that will always inspire you to act out of a position of courage rather than the pursuit of comfort.

Prayer :

Ask God today to give you a clear vision of what He wants you to build in your life and through your life. He will always start something on the inside of you that will, through time, manifest on the outside. Make that your prayer today. And give yourself to the Spirit during this time of fasting.

Robert BAXTER

Monday, 3 September 2018

Nehemiah 4:6 - "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together to the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."

When Nehemiah first arrived in Jerusalem, the Temple had been rebuilt, but the walls of the city lay in ruin. The enemies of Israel and the Jewish people were growing in number and increasing their threats. Nehemiah understood that to truly prosper, one needed to insure one's protection.

In the story of creation the very first thing that God told Adam to do was to build a wall of hedge of protection around the Garden (See Genesis chapter 2 and 3.). The fact that we find the devil in the middle of the Garden speaking to Adam's wife in chapter three is some small indication that Adam hadn't succeeded in building the protective barrier around his home.

In the covenant of salvation, God has blessed us with so much: forgiveness, adoption, power, love and eternal life are just a few of the wonderful aspects of our "Garden of Eden. " As good as this life is, and as powerful as it can be, it must be protected. And that is our responsibility as children of God.

The picture of Jerusalem in the time of Nehemiah gives us the picture of many Christians today. The Temple of God is built in their heart, but the walls around their soul are torn down and the devil seems, at times, to have free access.

Just as it was for the enemies of Israel in the times of Nehemiah, so too it is with the enemies of our soul today. They didn't attack Jerusalem because of the Temple. They began to rise up against the people of God when they saw the wall being built. The

enemies of God knew that rebuilding the wall of protection would keep them out of God's city.

In the same way, the devil is going to come against you in every way imaginable to keep you from building the proper walls around your heart and soul. And this is where you need to find the "heart to build." You must be determined to do whatever is necessary in order to erect and maintain the walls of protection around your life: work as hard as you need to work, study as hard as you need to study, be as transparent as you need to be.

Prayer:

- The first prayer I want you to pray today is one in which you declare your intention to build the wall of protection. It will be high, deep and thick. It may take years to finish. But you will have a wall.
- The second prayer is to ask God to continually give you the heart that is needed to get the job done. Talk is cheap. Action costs you something.

Then, as soon as you finish your time of prayer, write down in the margin of your prayer guide the steps you need to take to begin building the wall of protection around your soul.

Robert BAXTER

Tuesday, 4 September 2018

1 Cor. 6:12 and 17 - "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are useful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything. 17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him."

The Daniel Fast is always an opportunity to take stock of our personal lives before God. As time passes and we are exposed to the things of this world, useless things can accumulate, in our hearts as in our homes. God seeks to make of ourselves, and consequently our house, His habitation. Have we made enough room for His presence? Have we expelled carnal things to replace them with prayer, worship, and the proclamation of His living word?

There are some tips to remember if we want to build the atmosphere of heaven: Nothing is NEUTRAL. Everything contributes to either evil or good. It is time to do an inventory. The things we have neglected in the past should no longer be neglected if we want to build the atmosphere of heaven.

Now is the time to examine everything we let into our "house": our hearts and our homes! Let's be aware of tangible things as well as intangible things. For example, if a smoker comes to my house, I kindly ask him to take his cigarette outside. I can do the same with my toxic attitudes. If a fly arrives at my place, I look for the fly swatter! I can do the same with my unhealthy thoughts.

If we let the Holy Spirit guide us, we will be able to "sweep clean" our hearts and the atmosphere of our homes all "pollution" and replace those elements that are pleasing to God and to others. Maybe there are some books or DVDs to throw in the trash? Do not be surprised if the Lord indicates certain tangible objects, but especially certain reactions. He wants to replace them with the mentality of the kingdom of God.

Atmosphere depends on the elements present and elements absent. It's up to us to watch what we let in, and what we have to remove. The effects on our soul and on our families will be measurable! By the sanctification of our hearts and our homes, the atmosphere heaven will feel welcome.

Prayer topics:

- Ask God to reveal to you everything that can prevent the atmosphere of heaven from settling in your home.
- Repent of any compromise, covetousness of the eyes or flesh, and pride.
- Receive the grace of God to live in an environment of faith and holiness.

Kathryn Baxter

Wednesday, 5 September 2018

Hebrews 11:3 - *"By faith we understand that the universe was formed by God's word, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."*

Today I would like to underline the importance of confessing the Word of God in our lives. Unfortunately, when we use the word "confession", the first thing that often comes to mind is the confession of sin.

Thinking this way is not incorrect, simply incomplete. In no way do I want to minimise the importance of confessing sin to the Lord. If you have unconfessed sin in your life, let me encourage you to confess it to the Lord so that you may be forgiven and purified from all unrighteousness.

According to the above verse, we need to realise the power of God's word, for it was by His word that all things were created. There are 3 important points to retain:

1. All things created are subject to the Word of God
2. The Word of God has power to create
3. The Word of God has power to transform.

These three points are a catalyst to motivate us to confess the promises of God in our lives, because the Word of God has the potential to change everything.

However, simply repeating the Word mechanically without thinking and without ensuring that it is anchored in our hearts will not necessarily release its full power. The Bible reveals that the mouth speaks out of the abundance of the heart, and that the Word of God should be in our hearts and in our mouths.

So let us take the time to fill our hearts with His Word: by listening to it, studying it, meditating on it, memorising it, and by reading the Bible. Let us fill our hearts with the Word of God until it is overflowing from our lips through our confession of His promises!

Let's make a decision that, starting today, we will:

- Spend time in the Word of God so that it will fill our hearts.
- Begin to confess the promises of God in our lives.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be disciplined, to remain in the Word of God, and to confess His promises in your life.

*** If you already have this habit, I encourage you to continue**

*** If you don't have this habit, I encourage you to begin today**

*** If you used to have this habit, I encourage you to reestablish it today**

Samuel CAROOPEN

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Thursday, 6 September 2018

2 Chr 7: 14-15 - "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."

In view of the current condition of our generation, which is hurting, sick, broken and blinded, have you ever felt frustrated, helpless, or even grieved? This was the case for Nehemiah, who was so saddened that he spent many days grieving when he received the answer to his questions about Jerusalem.

But there was one thing in particular that drew my attention in the response given to Nehemiah in verse 3 of chapter 1: "They said to me, Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

For the people of God at the time of Nehemiah, the fact that the walls and doors of Jerusalem were broken down was the worst thing that could happen!

The walls and doors represent the primary security and protection of a city, the means of sparing the people from attacks of potential enemies, and avoiding the intrusion

and aggression of bothersome and dangerous animals, that could come to kill or steal or destroy. Without walls and doors, we are at the mercy of any adversary. As the people of God, we need to realise that no matter what we are building, the work must begin and continue through fervent, constant prayer and intercession.

In the same way today, our wall and our protection are ensured through our faithfulness and perseverance in prayer and intercession so that we can build in a permanent way the work that God has called us to build, for the good of our generation and that of the generations to come.

Let's decide this year that we will build effectively, with one hand doing the practical work to advance the Kingdom and the other hand holding the sword, which represents both an offensive and defensive weapon that God has entrusted to us through prayer.

Prayer:

Father, today I want to rededicate my life to seeking Your face, and to building the wall of protection, by my constant intercession for what you have called us to build in our church. Lord, I want to be among those who are building for the future, and who want to see You heal our nation. Teach me how to use the weapons that you have made available to me. Amen.

Jean-Pierre PLACIDE



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Friday, 7 September 2018

John 15:12 - “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

A friendship based on mutual interests is an opportunity to sharpen the interests of the other person. In fact, you can grow and develop thanks to the involvement of the other person in your life. God uses friendship not only to transform us but also to make us more like Him.

In **Prov 17: 17** we read: “*A friend loves at all times, and a brother shows up in times of adversity.*” In friendship, the act of “loving your neighbour” is far more than a concept. It means staying by their side if they are depressed following a disappointment, or if they are elated at getting a new job.

That is one reason why many churches emphasise small groups or home groups, or what we call cell groups in our local church. These groups, quite common in Christian circles, allow deep relationships to be built among members.

I recognise that in my own life, I didn't really make friends simply by coming to Sunday services. I made friends by participating in different cell groups, or by organising weekend retreats as I've been doing for the last 4 years. Some of my friendships were formed at these retreats. The objective of these weekends is to allow people to know each other more and to build friendships. It is not, however, the event that changes our lives, but the friendships developed that transform us. Jesus said to his disciples in John 15:15 - “I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you”. Friendship with Jesus and closeness to His heart transformed a group of ordinary men into a group of people who changed the world.

Recently a man of God said that friendship was not a gift; it is something that is built, that is constructed. Friendship doesn't develop by itself; it takes work, and sometimes it is costly. Friendship is not a convenience, but the fruit of our selflessness.

Prayer points:

- Thank the Lord for the friends that He has placed in our life. Bless them in prayer today.
- Pray that your friendships grow in truth and transparency, that they be rich, and that they would help you make progress in your daily life.

Regine PLACIDE

Saturday, 8 September 2018

Isaiah 61:1 and 4 - "...the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to prisoners ... 4 They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations."

In this text, we see the mission of the Messiah Jesus: heal, set free, bring life. Those who believe in Him can rebuild and re-establish what was destroyed by the devil.

It is the nature of man, created in the image of God, to want to build, to construct. First of all, he builds his own life, with the material that his family and his environment furnish. In this regard, it is interesting to note that in Hebrew, the word "ben" which means "son" comes from the root word "banah" which means "to build."

Upon these family foundations, each of us build our life according to our choices and our circumstances.

When we come into the Kingdom of God we realise that we've been deceived by the devil, the Father of Lies, in many areas of our lives and that we need to correct our ways. It is the enemy's lies that often hinder us from fully experiencing the truth of God's Word: His love, His faithfulness, His protection, His interest in us...sometimes we believe in our heads but not in our hearts. Fear, sadness, rejection and insecurities are ready to pounce on us as soon as we experience difficulties or traumas, despite our best efforts to get rid of these things. Therefore we need to identify these lies and renounce them. Then as we proclaim the truth of God's Word, we rebuild our faith in Jesus who is our cornerstone. In this way we demolish fortresses and begin to build according to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Whatever your past, your internal state, your current situation, don't be discouraged! God's greatest desire is to see your life restored and built according to His plans of peace, plans for your welfare to give you a future and a hope.

Ask Him today what is currently hindering your progress or impeding your spiritual growth: He will reveal it to you by the Holy Spirit. Mature Christians around you can also help you in this area. You will then be able to experience this wonderful promise: "repair and restore the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations." (Isa. 61:4)

Sylvie CUQUEJO

➤ **Week 2**

Sunday, 9 September 2018

Matthew 16:18 - "And I say also 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."

Congratulations on finishing the first week of the Daniel Fast 2018. As we set our eyes on the second week of the DF 2018, I want to draw your attention to the work that Jesus began to build roughly 2000 years ago, which He is trying to finish today. I am speaking about His Church.

Jesus loves His church. He gave Himself up on the cross for her. He is working hard, day and night, to bring her into the fulness of His glory. And He is going to return soon for her to present her to His Father. And she will be without stain or blemish. She will be glorious, a perfect reflection of her Saviour and Lord.

Being a father has taught me so much about the love and perseverance of God. When my girls were small they cried a lot, made messes in their diapers, woke up in the middle of the night, got fussy and at times, made my life very difficult. But my love for them was not based on what they could do for me. I brought them into the world because of love.

When I look at the Church of God today I wonder at times: "God, how can you love that?" God doesn't love the Church because of what she can do for Him. He loves the Church regardless of what she does. Nevertheless, His vision for the Church has not changed an iota since the day Jesus spoke those words over the apostle Peter: "I will build something against which not even hell itself can prevail!"

You are a living stone in that Church. The Church itself can never be more glorious than the individual stones that constitute her. How do you build a glorious Church? By shaping one glorious stone after another.

There are two places where you are called to demonstrate the grace of God. As a citizen of His kingdom, you are called to live out your salvation in the world. You are called to be a light on a hill and the salt of the earth. People should see you as a living epistle. The second place you are called to demonstrate the grace of God is within the

local expression of His Church. This is your spiritual family: the good and the bad. By living out your sonship in the local church you grow spiritually, discover your spiritual gifts, learn how to love as God loves, and discover God in ways you could never imagine.

Jesus is building His Church. Become a part of what He is doing. When another stone hurts you in some way, don't just withdraw yourself from the edifice. Simply add more of God's mortar of love between you and that other stone.

Pray today for the local church:

- Pray for those who hurt others.
- Pray for yourself to be a part of their healing process.

Robert BAXTER

Monday, 10 September 2018

Lev. 23:1-2 "The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed festivals, the appointed festivals of the Lord, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.'" (I invite you to read the rest of chapter 23 in your Bible).

These are the feasts of the Lord: the Sabbath (Day of Rest); Pessah (Passover); Unleavened Bread; Firstfruits; Shavuot (Pentecost); Yom Terua (Feast of Trumpets); Yom Kippour (Day of Forgiveness); and finally Sukkoth (Tabernacles).

The feasts, or in Hebrew "moadim", literally mean "times set apart", a date fixed for an encounter, a solemn convocation...God comes and God invites! It is the time of visitation, the time for His Son, the day of rejoicing!

The feasts are a time of revelation and a move of God on the earth. They serve as a reminder of what He has done, and of what He will do for us!

Exodus 13: 8 - *"On that day tell your son, 'I do this because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'"*

Luke 22:19 - *"Do this in remembrance of Me."*

In the international church with each nation's different culture, there are rich and numerous formes of church services, events, meetings, conferences, concerts, festivals and get-togethers to glorify God. The Lord loves all these forms of celebration

and the calendar dates that we choose. So why do we ignore HIS calendar, HIS dates, HIS biblical culture? Do we love what He loves? Or are we under the law? David answers: "I delight in your commands because I love them." (Ps. 119: 47)

Our Abba-Father wants all His children to share special times. The former feast (which He commanded to His people Israel and through which He revealed Himself) is renewed by the precious power of the Spirit; the darkness has lifted!

Dinner is ready, the table is set, the people of God prepare themselves to enjoy the feast face to face with the Creator and Savior Jesus-Yeshua, in the unity of love for one another, surrounded by the wonderful light and truth of Christ.

Colossians 2:17 - *"These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ."* **Let's celebrate the feasts in His light!** His culture and His divine appointments are for us!

For most Jews, the Messiah is still hidden in the feasts. John 7:11 *"Now at the feast, the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, "Where is he?"* We are not looking for the Messiah at the feast, we are already with Him, He is here!

John 7:37 - *"On the last and greatest day of the feast (Sukkoth), Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."*

Let us celebrate the feast and drink of His Spirit! Lachaim! For life!

Let's pray that His will be done through the feasts, for Israel and for us!

Jacques BROQUET

Tuesday, 11 September 2018

Matthieu 7:7 -11 - "Everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

In "the Sermon on the Mount" where these verses appear, the context refers to what family life for the children of God should be like, as they walk out their faith under the Lordship of Jesus. We pray "let your Kingdom come." Since the Kingdom of God knows no limits, where does it begin first? His Kingdom must first come in the areas of your life that are not yet under His rule and authority.

One example is in the area of education, including academics: Is Jesus reigning in this area, which you no doubt consider vital for your life whether you are being educated or whether you are receiving an education? So if Jesus is not reigning, who is?

This is a legitimate question, not because it has to do with morality or what is “good or evil,” but rather a question of life or death as in the case of Moses’ parents. *“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.”* (Heb. 11:23). Do you tell your child, your pupil, your younger brother in Christ, that he is beautiful? To what extent do you discern how beautiful he is in the eyes of God? Do you hear the cries of the heart of the child who desires with his whole being a solid education that would be a source of life and a source of joy, following the example of those who “cry out to their mothers in the streets of the city, ‘Where is bread and wine?’” (see Lam. 2:11-12).

Start to see, beyond only your child, the beauty and the calling of God on this generation. Make choices with that in mind because through the next generation, there will be a future and a hope!

Let’s pray for the following topics:

- Forgiveness of our sin towards our parents and our children.
- That every family would find the grace to accept and execute the mandate to educate their children.
- For our youth, their families, their schools and their churches.
- Christian schools (such as “l’Ecole Les Sarments-93” starting this month; see www.dessinemoiuneecole.org).

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Wednesday, 12 September 2018

Deuteronomy 7:6 - "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession."

Zechariah 12: 2 - "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem."

It is good to love what God loves, and throughout the Bible God expresses, how much he is attached to Israel. The various editions of the Bible translate "cegullah" as "belonging" in the above verse of Deuteronomy 7:6, but have failed to render the notion of "valuable property, special treasure" contained in the Hebrew root of the word. God loves his people, even if they who do not always love Him in return. But who could throw the stone at Israel for not loving God when the nations themselves come together against His people and Jerusalem? Yet, in attacking Israel, these nations hurt themselves because "he who touches Israel touches the apple of his eye" (Zechariah 2:8).

We all remember the first suicide bombings in Israel, as well as attacks on the car ramming the crowds, followed by the knife attacks. The countries of the West were feeling safe, and even defending the motives of terrorists... until the awakening took place. What attitude are we to adopt against the chaotic events on the international scene? First of all, here are some spiritual principles that will help us gain momentum: God is looking for intercessors for Israel, who, like Abraham, will stand in the gap to intercede, and to whom God will reveal His divine plans.

Pray:

- That His people will rise and intercede. Let us remember the severe punishment that God inflicted on the Amalekites who had prevented the passage of the Israelites during the Exodus.

- For the nations to make a passage for Israel to their Promised Land.

Let us also remember that at the end of time "all nations will be assembled before him. He will separate one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and he will put the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on his left. (Matthew 25: 31-33).

- For our nation, so that it will be a sheep nation.

Stephanie DUTERTRE

Thursday, 13 September 2018

Jude 1:20-21 - “But you, beloved, keep building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.” (World English Bible)

Jude was the half-brother of the Lord Jesus. We don't know much about him, and the letter he wrote is only one chapter long. Yet in this shortest of books in the Bible we have the final exhortation about building: keep building up yourselves.

The Greek word translated here as « keep building up » is the word: epoikodomeo. The sense conveyed by this word is: to continually, over time, build upward upon something already well-established.

This is the great challenge for all of us. Regardless of where you may be in the Lord, regardless of all of the great things God has already done in your life, you never, ever, stop building upward. You must always be challenging yourself to change, go further, become stronger, be more mature and have more of Jesus. The only moment you can stop and feel like you have finally arrived is when your body stops living on this earth and your soul is ushered into the very presence of Jesus in heaven. Until that time, you never stop building!

For the child of God, nothing is more precious than his faith. It is by faith that you became a child of God. Faith brought you to the grace of God. Faith brought the power of God's word into your life. Faith is the connection between you and the Holy Spirit. Nothing is possible without faith.

So the brother of Jesus tells us that we should continue to build upward upon this most holy faith. Regardless of obstacles and difficulties, we continue to build upon this faith that is more precious than gold.

Today marks the half-way point in the Daniel Fast 2018. I want to encourage you to take a moment right now and ask God these questions:

1. What are You wanting me to build in my life right now?
2. What tools do You want to give me to make that possible?
3. Who can teach me how to build, or what kind of training can I receive in order to build this?

If for any reason you have decided to stop building, or if you have lost the desire to build, I believe there is a special grace of God available to you today.

Ask God:

- To meet you.
- To renew in you the vision to build something that would bring Him glory. This is the time to arise and build.

Robert BAXTER

Friday, 14 September 2018

Luc 8:19-21 - *“Now Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.”*

The gospels often speak of family, and in them we discover that Jesus Himself had a family. Today as well, each of us are born into a family. But the notion of a family is not always easy for us to apprehend. We speak not only of a welcoming family, but also of a reconstituted family, a dysfunctional family, on a one-parent family...So this raises the question, how can we live out the idea of being a family as a Christian in the “family of God.”?

It is helpful first of all to note that in Hebrew there is only one single word that is translated “house” or “household” or “family”. It is the word that designates the place where one lives. It is one thing to have a place where you are a visitor or a host, but it is quite another thing to call that site the place of your residence or your “dwelling place.”

The prayer of the apostle Paul for the Ephesians is the following: “...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith and that you would be rooted and established in love.” (Eph. 3:17). Paul is asking God in other words to dwell in them and that they would dwell in Him. He had said earlier in his letter: “You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.” (Eph. 2:19-21)

In fact, we belong to several families. Obviously there is the natural family in which we were born, but we also belong to a spiritual family, the house of God. Without ceasing to belong to our natural families, we physically separate ourselves from them when we establish our own families. The new family formed by a young couple, however, does not exempt them from developing their own sense of belonging to a large human family as well as to the spiritual family that is the Church.

In the same way, the "Family of Horizon Churches", while part of the larger family of the house of God, is called to develop in the image of a young couple who founds his family in perfect continuity of the posterity of the extended family.

Let's pray:

- For the "Family of Horizon Churches" so that this little network can find its true family identity and accomplish God's plans.
- For ourselves, that we may all individually find our place in the family, in the dwelling place of God.

Daniel STOCKY

Saturday, 15 September 2018

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

This passage emphasises the importance of biblical training necessary for attaining maturity in Christ.

In the Hebrew tradition, training in the scriptures was simultaneously theoretic and practical, compared to the Western mindset which accentuates primarily theory. Instruction according to the heart of God is meant to provide the believer not only with knowledge, but direct application as well. During his earthly ministry, Jesus invested his time in teaching and instructing his disciples so that after his departure they would be able to continue the mission. Once they were baptised in the Holy Spirit, the disciples gave themselves to the teaching and preaching of the gospel in order to make disciples, who would in turn make other disciples from generation to generation until today.

In our local church in 2015 was created CFH (*Centre de Formation Horizon, or Horizon Training Centre*) to pursue this biblical model of making disciples. Its goal is to accompany born-again Christians in their spiritual growth, to equip them for building a solid relationship with the Lord Jesus, and to help them find their place in the body of Christ.

This coming September 22nd, the new semester of the discipleship school will begin and will last two years. A commitment to this program requires a thirst for God, a passion for the kingdom, a certain amount of perseverance, and a readiness to die to self.

We are living in exceptional times and we need Jesus and His Word to be the cornerstone of our faith. It is necessary to pay the price in order to build a solid foundation of our faith for the times ahead. The discipleship school is one way to do so.

Today, take a moment to examine your heart and your objectives.

Prayer:

Lord, I don't want to be among those who are tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. I want to be a man or woman on whom you can count. Lead me this year, show me in which areas I need to be trained, or further trained, in order to see your Kingdom come, in Jesus' name!

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➤ **Week 3**

Sunday, 16 September 2018

Nehemiah 2:19 - "But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that you do? will you rebel against the king?"

Every hero needs an adversary. Think about heroes in the Bible. We don't remember them because of their talents, their good looks, their personal charisma, their money, nor their position of power. We remember them because of the adversary they had to overcome. The bigger the adversary, the greater the victory, and the more inspiring the story.

In the time of Nehemiah, Israel was surrounded by a host of adversaries. Sanballat, whose name means « begotten of the moon-god » was the governor of Samaria. Tobiah, a Hebrew name meaning « the goodness of God » was a descendant of Lot, the nephew of Abraham. And Geshem, the only Arab mentioned in the Old Testament, was the leader of the Arab tribes at that time.

These three enemies of Israel are what I call the unholy trinity. And sooner or later we will all have to face them in our lives.

Sanballat represents someone who holds legitimate authority over us, and is convinced that we are evil in some way. Tobiah represents someone who is close to us, a friend, a member of our family. Instead of being on our side, they chose the side of our enemy. Geshem represents the one who is just making the most of a favorable opportunity for his own promotion at our expense. Sanballat has his trained soldiers; Tobiah has his spies; and Geshem has his mercenaries. Each one comes against us with a different strategy and plan of attack. But the goal for each is to make us stop building!

Who is coming against you at this moment? What battles seem to be looming on the horizon of your spiritual landscape? Are your enemies taunting you, distracting you from your mission, or simply wearing you out with their unfounded accusations?

Friend, we are all in the battle together. Each of us is battling the enemies of our souls.

So let me encourage you with this:

1. Stay focused on the mission God has given you. Don't get distracted by the threats. Don't drop your weapons of warfare and your tools for building. Stay committed to the job God has entrusted to you.
2. Don't allow fear to arise in your heart because of the size of the enemy. God specialises in bringing the biggest, ugliest and strongest enemy against you to show His power to the world.
3. Finally, never allow the enemy to see that you have lost your joy. Though you may struggle, and though you may need prayer from a brother, never allow the enemy to see it!

Let him hear faith in your words, confidence in your heart, and joy in your song.

Robert BAXTER

Monday, 17 September 2018

John 7:37-38 - "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive..."

The best way to build the atmosphere of heaven is to release from the depth of your heart this river of praise and worship. Practically, we can develop good habits that will completely change the atmosphere in the places where we live, where we visit, where we work.

For example:

a) Contemplate Jesus: to focus constantly and intentionally on the Lord himself, as the psalmist said: "I ask the Lord one thing, which I long for: I would like to live all my life in the house of the Lord. Jehovah, to contemplate the magnificence of Jehovah, and to admire his temple. For he will protect me in his tabernacle in the day of trouble; he will hide me under the shelter of his tent; He will lift me up on a rock. And already my head rises on my enemies who surround me; I will offer sacrifices in his tent, to the sound of the trumpet; I will sing, I will praise the Lord. "

b) Seek God every day: knowing that He is always there, we ask the Lord: "Show me where you are in this situation" and when we recognize Him, we submit to His lordship.

c) Protect your heart: King Solomon explained it well in Proverbs 4: 23-25 -"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you." Be particularly attentive to what fills your heart," for from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. "(Matt 12:34). Question to ask: Which well do I drink? What source is watering my soul?

d) Make worship a LIFESTYLE and not a Sunday morning activity: Do not let the river dry up. Your personal worship should be daily, and should include times of magnifying God, extolling His Majesty, listening to His voice and studying His Word. Incorporate singing and dancing in front of His throne to honour your King every day.

Prayer topics:

- Consecrate your eyes, your ears, your mouth and your heart to the Lord
- Pray to recover your first love: desire the presence of God above all!
- Ask the Lord to rain His Spirit to fill your river until it overflows.

Kathryn BAXTER

Tuesday, 18 September 2018

Psalm 26:8 - "O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells."

In July 1995, Bon Berger settled into 215 avenue du Président Wilson, and we have been renting these facilities for more than 23 years! For the last few years, we have dreamed of buying the building and transforming it into an activity center of 4 or 5 storeys with a major section reserved for the church and its various ministries.

In this vision, we wish to develop more rooms for Children's Ministry, a professional day-nursery, a social grocery store, a Christian school (in cooperation with the ADMUE), a place for young entrepreneurs to get started, apartments, a cafeteria, a bookstore, a reception area...and more.

After several consultations, notably with the Protestant Foundation, architects and specialists, it became clear that above and beyond the enormous expense, that our first challenge would be to acquire the building. Nevertheless, the vision remains in our hearts and we are in faith that it will come to pass in the coming years.

At the present time, we have sent to the owners a proposal of 900 000 € and we are awaiting their response. Through this bid, we are seeking to keep this place of worship

in La Plaine Saint-Denis, where the Lord led us 23 years ago, well placed and so close to Paris. This project is carried by our entire church, shared by all its generations: initiated by one and probably pursued by the next.

Now is the time for us to believe together and mobilize in order to apprehend this land so that it will forever be engraved as a place for God. We look forward to seeing more miracles promised by God for this building.

By becoming owners, we will be able to achieve the renovations we dream of, to make the building more functional, more attractive, and more welcoming. A new era will begin!

My friends, the time has come for us to “arise and build”, even in a very concrete sense.

Prayer points:

Pray for the favor and divine intervention of God for this project, especially:

- Wisdom, strategy, and relevance for the progress of this bid
- Openness on the part of the owners regarding the amount of the purchase
- The financing (church contributions + a building campaign + a bank loan)

Philippe GABLIN

Wednesday, 19 September 2018

Leviticus 23:26-28 - “the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, On the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. And you shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.”

This day is without question the most solemn day on the Jewish calendar. God told Moses that there was one day in the year when the high priest would go into the Holy of Holies and offer up a sacrifice to cover the sin of the people. This was a sacrifice of blood, because without the shedding of innocent blood, there can be no forgiveness of sin.

The phrase “afflict your soul” literally means to deal harshly with it. Through this commandment, God was establishing the divine cooperation between heaven and

earth. The work of God in us is to forgive us of sin, and to give us the power against temptation. However, our part is to search our soul diligently to see if there is any sin there.

There are those who, through a religious spirit, afflict their souls so much that they never lift their faith high enough to see the many blessings that God has already given us. There are also those who excuse their sin, cover it up, or put the blame for it on someone else. They may ask for forgiveness, even repeatedly, but they rarely change.

For real transformation in your life, you must have absolute faith in the power of God to release you from sin and its power. But you must also, with the help of the Holy Spirit, examine your soul and find what is not pleasing to the Lord.

We don't try to change ourselves in order to win the favour of God. Rather, because we have already undeservedly received His favour, we seek to let that favour produce change in us in a manner that glorifies Him.

In anticipation of our final prayer meeting of the Daniel Fast 2018, let me encourage you today to enter into the spirit of Yom Kippour. For those of us who are in Yeshoua, every day is Yom Kippour, for Jesus shed His precious blood to wash away our sin and to free us from all unrighteousness.

Pray today:

- That God would help you do a thorough examination of your soul to see if there is yet anything specifically that He wants to release you from.
- As well, please pray for the Jewish people around the world, that their eyes would be open to their Saviour and Redeemer.

Robert BAXTER



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Thursday 20 September 2018

Acts 10:38 - *"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."*

When we consider this verse concerning our Lord Jesus, we realise that one of His objectives on the Earth was to do good wherever He went and to bring healing and deliverance to all who were prisoners of the enemy of our souls.

In other words, Jesus came to announce the "Good News of the Kingdom of God" for all humanity.

It is for this reason that He passed the baton to us, his disciples, so that we in turn would go from place to place as He did, doing good and healing all who are oppressed of the devil. This is our mandate; this is part of our mission as children of God. Sometimes as Christians, we expect the great evangelist of worldwide renown to come to our church in order to win souls.

But I believe that we are totally missing the plan of God for the lost if we see this as the only means to evangelise. Worse than that, many of us believe that the call to announce the good news is destined only to a certain few among us.

God the Father has given to us the ministry of reconciliation, and I believe that it is the task of each one of us to discover the gifts and talents that God has put in us to reach the lost, in our families, in our neighbourhoods, in our schools, in our work place. May God be able to manifest Himself wherever we go, so that the light in us may enlighten and draw ever soul that hungers and thirsts to know God.

Prayer:

Father, I thank You that you have given me the ministry of reconciliation. Show me, with the gifts and talents that you have placed in me, how to do the work of an evangelist in every place that You lead me. I also thank you for the miracles that will accompany me, for You have made me a witness to my generation ...

Jean-Pierre PLACIDE

Friday, 21 September 2018

Malachie 3:10 - "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

In this verse, God exhorts us to take good care of His house by being faithful to bring all of our tithes, so that there would be food in abundance. This is a picture of a church where each member is spiritually nourished, each member benefits from the church's different ministries and services, each member is welcomed in an adequate public place where teams are designated to oversee his comfort and security, and each member has the opportunity to participate in different activities of the church and enter his destiny in God. This verse clearly expresses that we are asked to bring our tithes (and offerings) to ensure the proper functioning of the church and to anticipate its needs. By doing so, we members, become co-labourers, co-participants, and co-responsible for the church of God and particularly its works and outreaches.

The challenge of finances is a daily event for a church that has numerous projects and goals!

If today every member of the our local church, *le Bon Berger*, were to tithe every month (not yet the case), the church could not only provide for its needs, but also support its main pastors and allow the hiring of other full-time pastors as well as other employees for the various ministries, departments, and services. Just imagine: all these full-time teams for the church and all that could be done in all areas: social, business, teaching, training, evangelism, etc ... The church would also more easily be able to buy the building (see September 18th in this guide). In a word, with more resources, the church could develop so much further the work of God.

Does God want us to do more for Him? Absolutely! To realise this, more means are needed.

Does God want us to trust him? Absolutely! For this, we must obey his Word!

The Bible is very clear about finances; as you know it speaks a lot about this subject, both in the Old Testament and in the New. The Word of God says that the one who provides for the house of the Lord will be blessed in return. It cannot be clearer!

Let us, then, be a congregation filled with responsible members who honor the Word of the Lord, in order to shine the glory of our God in our church.

Pray for:

- This new year to be a year of financial abundance and growth for the church, for its works and outreaches, for each member, and for his family.
- Each member to be faithful with tithing in order to HONOR God.
- A church able to pursue multiple projects for God's work without financial constraint.

Philippe & Hacina GABLIN

Saturday, 22 September 2018

Acts 2:46: - "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."

In this passage, we see Christians who are supportive of one another, happy to be together, and aware of their part in accomplishing the vision. Despite their diversity and their number, they were united: with one mind and one heart, regenerated in Christ-Jesus.

Our commitment to the universal Church comes into effect only after our genuine conversion to the Lord Jesus. The following step, which comes out of a desire to please Him, is water baptism, a sign of our commitment before God, before heavenly authorities, and before man. From that point on, we become a living stone ready to be added to a local church.

The next step is to ask about becoming a member of the church where the Lord has led us. Coming to a service every Sunday is in and of itself insufficient for a true member of a church family. Membership also means supporting the vision of the local church as the believers did in Acts 2:42-47, and understanding how that particular church functions. Then meeting the church leaders, discussing with them, and informing them of our desire to belong to the congregation is the next thing to do. Commitment as a member means contributing to the good health of the church family, participating in its works, and sharing the responsibility for its well-being. So

if you are reading these lines during this period of fasting, ask yourself 3 questions and allow the Lord to examine your heart:

- Why am I in this local church? Have I found my place here? Pray and ask the Lord to speak to you, to show you what He expects of you. Commit yourself entirely to Him and to His will, and give Him the reins of your life.
- Do I approach others in church easily, or do I wait until someone comes to speak to me?
- If I am convinced that I belong here, in what area of service should I invest, so that I can enjoy participating in the vision of this church?

Brothers and sisters, let's be aware that our commitment in the Body of Christ through membership in a local church is simply a reflection of eternal life that we will enjoy with our Lord, according to John 14:2.

Jean-José CUQUEJO

Sunday, 23 September 2018

Luke 21: 5-6 - "Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

Congratulations on successfully finishing the Daniel Fast 2018! I am sure that God has done some wonderful things in your life, as He has in mine.

Before the coming of Nehemiah to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls and repopulate the city, Ezra had already rebuilt the temple. After the foundations of that temple were laid, the people came together and worshipped the Lord (see Ezra 3). The young people, who had been born in Babylon, rejoiced in the fulfillment of the promise of the Lord. But the elders, who had been born in Israel and deported to Babylon, remembered the greatest of the Temple of Solomon and they wept over how small and modest this new Temple would be in comparison.

This very small temple built in the time of Ezra, was modified and enlarged many times over the centuries. However, it was king Herod the Great who undertook one of the greatest building projects of his day and built the structure that Jesus would have known. It was considered one of the wonders of the world. It was built with white

stone, overlaid with gold. Pilgrims coming to the city would literally see the Temple, like a light on a hill. The disciples even talked about how magnificent the temple was. (Luke 21:5) You can imagine the sense of shock when Jesus suggested that he would rebuild the temple in three days! (Of course, he spoke of his bodily resurrection.)

The times surrounding the ministry of Ezra and Nehemiah were difficult for the children of Israel. They went through many deprivations that their Jewish brethren who remained in Babylon didn't go through. Nevertheless, they persevered in their calling because they sincerely believed that their sacrifices would make a positive difference in the future. And this is indeed what happened.

As we bring the Daniel Fast 2018 to a close, I want to ask you a simple question: What will you build today that will make a difference tomorrow? Whether you build something in your character, or something in your family, or something in your local church, will it become something much greater in generations to come? It may look small and insignificant right now. But perhaps, someone will come after you who will build upon the foundation that you sacrificed to build.

Never despise the days of small beginnings. Build with a view to the future. Even if you are part of the next generation of leaders who will soon rise up and lead the Church of God, cultivate now a vision for the generation after you. You may inherit a foundation; so be careful how you build upon it. And make sure that the generation which follows you will be able to build upon what you have added to what you inherited.

I want to encourage you to take a moment, before you put this prayer guide aside, and write down your vision for how your life will make a difference in the generations to come.

Thank you for following this Daniel Fast 2018.

Now, Arise and Build!

Robert BAXTER

