



Season of Preparation: Prepare the house of the LORD

2 Chronicles 5-7

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Isaiah 59:19

¹⁹ So shall they fear

The name of the LORD from the west,

And His glory from the rising of the sun;

When the enemy comes in like a flood,

The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.



2 Chronicles 20:20

²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”



Isaiah 60:1-2

¹ Arise, shine;
For your light has come!
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.



How do we prepare?

- 1) Preparation needs to happen before the next season arrives.
- 2) Preparation needs to be suited for the next season.



Pentecost: Holy Spirit & Fire filled the house

Acts 2:1-4

¹When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Dedication of the temple: Glory filled the house

2 Chronicles 5:11-14

¹¹ And it came to pass when the priests came out of the *Most Holy Place* (for all the priests who *were* present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions),

¹² and the Levites *who were* the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—



Dedication of the temple: Glory filled the house

¹³ indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying:*

*“For He is good,
For His mercy endures forever,”*

that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD **filled the house** of God.



1 Corinthians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.



1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.



Eph 2:18-22

¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,

²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



1) It starts first from our heart (2 Chro 6:7-8)

- ⁷ Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ⁸ But the LORD said to my father David, ‘Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart.
- Deut 6:5 – Love Him with all our heart.
- Psalm 119:2,10,11 – Seek and obey Him with all our heart



Deuteronomy 6:5

⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.



Psalm 119:2, 10, 11

² Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!

¹⁰ With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.



2) Present ourselves as the 'sanctified' sacrifice (2 Chro 5:6)

- When Solomon had finished praying, **fire came down from heaven and consumed** the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.
- Rom 12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
- Heb 10:10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God



3) Remember His covenant and commandment

2 Chronicles 5:10

¹⁰ Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put *there* at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they had come out of Egypt.

2 Chronicles 6:11

¹¹ And there I have put the ark, in which *is* the covenant of the LORD which He made with the children of Israel.”

- Jesus is our mediator of the new covenant (Heb 9:11-15)
- Holy Communion – 1 Cor 11:25



4) Keep praising and thanking the LORD

2 Chronicles 5:13

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