

God's Creation of His Temple

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This sermon that is now going to be given toward the end of this year's Feast of Tabernacles is one that reflects so very fully, more fully why we are here at this Feast. At the beginning of the Feast there was a section of scripture that was read toward the end of the sermon entitled, *God's Temple Established*. That is the purpose for this sermon being given today.

This sermon is entitled, *God's Creation of His Temple*.

We will first review those incredible verses that were covered in that sermon, *God's Temple Established*. Revelation 21. I marvel as I'm going into this and thinking about what was covered here recently in the sermon series while I was going through all these sermons for the Feast, and seeing the direction of so much of what we've been covering. It is about God's temple. It is about the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is about everything that has to do with what is pictured and foreshadowed, if you will, in the Feast of Tabernacles: the beginning, finally, the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. I find that immensely exciting and immensely inspiring because God leads and guides and directs the sermons that are given. He gives us those things that are to be given on the Sabbath and on holy days and in this Feast of Tabernacles.

So I'm excited because we realize as a Church where we are in time. We know that we're getting so very close to that time when Jesus Christ is returning and coming and a great resurrection as God has been preparing and molding and fashioning people for 6,000 years to enter into His family. Jesus Christ was the first of the firstfruits. Jesus Christ's very father was God, but for all of us we are fully human in the sense of having mother and father who are all physical and that's what the Kingdom is being made of, made from, made out of, in that respect, those who have been on the earth for this past 6,000 years in various ages and various situations in life, and they're about to come to this earth to govern the world, to take away man's government—because man can't govern himself—and to establish God's way of governing in life starting in the family because the Church is going to be established.

I'm thinking about all those things that are happening or getting ready to happen, if you will, because what is happening now in the Church and those things that God is giving to us to understand more deeply, as we've just recently gone through the series about marriage, that's the building block. That's the building block for the world. It starts with families, families that are to go out, and first of all a husband and a wife to become one, to work to become one unique family unit, and then all families as they begin to learn, as people begin to learn and desire to apply God's way of life in their lives. Awesome what the potential is for society and for the world and for nations around the world all under one government, one Kingdom.

So the things being established in the Church are those things that are going to be taught and adhered to as far as life is concerned, the balance, more of the greater balance that God is giving, and then obviously, into the Millennium Jesus Christ is going to give so much more to lead, guide, and direct the Church, but everything is being geared toward this period of time. Everything is coming together in the world around us preparing now in a very great and a mighty way for what's ahead of us.

Again here, this Feast very much picturing that because God is excited. Jesus Christ is excited about this period of time, that we're almost there. We can't fully grasp the depth of that excitement because they have it far, far, far more than what we do of those things they have worked on for so long, God especially even more so.

So let's pick this up in Revelation 21, some of the story here as God is helping us to even have greater balance here in what we read and to understand the timing of things being spoken of in a better way because, candidly, through time and even within the Church, Philadelphia and Laodicea, these things haven't been fully grasped nor understood. So much of it is looked upon in physical ways, of things that we can't comprehend and understand, so what we can't understand on a spiritual plane we tend to hold on to that which is physical in thinking. What is it going to be like? What is it going to look like physically? Not understanding that so much of what is given to us is about all that which is spiritual by design, by purpose.

Revelation 21:1—And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away; and there was no more sea. Again, this is going to be spoken of a little bit more here on the Last Great Day, this fulfillment, this kind of thing that's going to take place on the earth and what it means, but it's a process, and just like in construction there is a process of building something that takes time, and certain areas certain things are done first, certain things with a foundation and then certain areas of the structure that go up first in order to be able to fill in other things later on. So this is the beginning of a structure that's being erected and brought to the earth and eventually will lead to this verse being fully accomplished.

...and there was no more sea, in other words, no more vastness of humanity that's swallowed up in so many nations, governments, and divisions of people. So that's where it's headed. That's where it's going, but it's progressive. Just like a building, it's progressive. Certain things are accomplished first. God has given progressive revelation through time, progressive understanding through time that progresses forward and so is the building. There are certain parts that are done quickly, and in that respect as far as what starts from the beginning in the Millennium and that which continues on throughout the Millennium, continual building, preparing for greater construction that's going to take place.

And then **verse 2** and it says, **And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** So this is something that's reflected in all who become a part of God's family. There is that which, in that respect, as it talks

about "a holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven." What does that mean? Well, we tend to look at something on a physical plane, something that's coming from heaven and it's hard for people to understand the things that are being spoken of here, but everything that has to do with what new Jerusalem is all about and the holy city, it's that which comes from God. It's that which God is building and that which God dwells in, His temple, the creation of His temple and what it means that makes that temple possible. So it speaks of this "new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." So what is it about? Well, it's even about more than that. It's about that which is able to be brought into a spirit family and what it means then when God begins to dwell fully forever in a spirit family. These are the things being spoken of here, "...prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." In other words, who is this? Well, we understand that for the firstfruits what that means, the first phase of a construction that takes place at the beginning of a Millennium. We recognize, as we talked about on the very first day, the marriage supper of the Lamb. Well, everyone who becomes a part of the family of God has that final time, that unique time that it finally happens, when we're finally fully born into the family of God, but even more so received of God at that particular time and the process begins because of what we've gone through. We've gone through human life, have become transformed to the degree that God says, in essence, because of the transformation of our thinking and that spirit essence in us, "Now I know you," and then we can be changed and when that time of change comes and we're given spirit life then we are finally as a bride prepared for her husband. That takes time and it takes time to bring it all together.

But when God brings about the resurrection, when He brings about those things, it comes down from heaven. It is God by His great power that He resurrects people unto life once again, into spirit life, what an awesome time, but in different phases: at the beginning of the Millennium, just before it begins, at the end of the Millennium, and then at the end of the Great White Throne.

And I heard a great voice coming out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle (the temple) of God is with mankind, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. So this is incredible. Again, this is a process and it begins powerfully so at the beginning of the Millennium. It takes on a whole new dimension at the beginning of the Great White Throne as it's increased and made greater and mightier at that particular time. So it's speaking of a time that "God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." In the Millennium, we understand that phase of it, that God will, because of the Kingdom of God, Jesus Christ and the God family being on earth, will be among them in ways that have never existed on this earth. Then the Great White Throne will be even greater. Then finally after that it's accomplished, it's fulfilled.

Then on down to **verse 9** it says, **And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven plagues, the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come here and I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.** So we've gone through these things.

This is what we're looking back at and having brought back to our memory here now toward the end of the Feast. We focused on these things very much so at the beginning, but now at the end all by design so that we can receive more of the excitement, the anticipation that's there, waiting, knowing it's so close, and the excitement that's mounting that we're almost there, to understand indeed there are yet battles ahead of us and we're to go forward fighting those battles. We have a great commission in front of us to fulfill and to complete.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, that high mountain, the Kingdom of God, the government of God. ...and he showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, because the power and the might comes from God and the beginning of it does descend out of the heavens, the 144,000 when they first come, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like to jasper stone, clear as crystal, trying to describe things that we might be in awe of and grasp more clearly in our own minds, anyway, in a better way in our own minds because we really can't picture things of a spiritual plane because we can't see it. So things are given here physically to be able to picture something in a physical mind in a spirit world, in a spirit life. So it gives us like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; and had a wall great and high, and twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel*. So again here, we've understood this for some time now at the end here, the remnant Church has, to understand here that it's not about specific nations in the sense of the twelve tribes and that everyone has to come out of those twelve tribes. It's about those who come into and have the name of and carry the name of the twelve tribes just as all that will contain the name and have the name of Israel over it because all are being brought into a spiritual Israel, into a spiritual relationship with God. So God uses names that have meaning, and so forth, to bring everything together and to have structure and order in an awesome way, of things that He has chosen and given in a physical world as a type, a small type to prepare for that which is going to be accomplished and fulfilled later.

Verse 21, on down even a little farther. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; with each of the gates being a single pearl. Now, that's hard to picture. It's hard to picture physically let alone spiritually the beauty, the majesty, the glory. That's what God wants us to see, the majesty, the glory, the beauty of something in a spirit realm. ...and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. It's like gold but you can see through it, things we can't grasp on a physical plane. And I saw no temple therein: no temple therein. Why? For the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. Awesome, the power, the might, and what this means. For everything that comes into the temple, that becomes a part of the temple, here they are the temple. They are what make the temple. The power of God's spirit. We only taste a bit of that as we're able to worship in the temple now because of God's spirit and because of that which we're able to have in our life through the impregnation of God's holy spirit, and then receiving a continuing supply of the spirit in our being. We use the expressions then, as John explained them,

of God abiding in us and Jesus Christ abiding in us and we abiding in them. Once it's complete it is the spiritual temple because they're in all of it. They are the temple.

It says, **The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. Awesome! And the city had no need for the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did fill it with light, and the Lamb is the light thereof.** So again here, using things in description of a physical plane to help us to understand there's something that's far, far greater and that which is in a spirit realm we cannot grasp. There is that which is not affected by a physical world around it any longer; it's spirit. The life of it and the light of it is something that is spirit that comes from God, as it say here, "for the glory of God did fill it with light." We don't understand that, that power and that might and that spirit, and not just spirit, but God's holy spirit. "...and the Lamb is the light thereof." Things that we can begin to grasp and hold on to now that we cannot fully comprehend, but we are beginning to see spiritually and comprehend those things even in a deeper and greater way with greater appreciation and anticipation.

So this holy day season is very much about what God has been planning from the beginning of all creation. It is indeed about His family and He teaches us much about it's make up and the structure in the terms of a temple and a priesthood and how it all works.

So let's go back, all the way back to 2005 and focus a little on what God revealed to His Church during the Feast of Tabernacles. I am indeed in awe and inspired by the fact that so many of these things toward the end are things that God has revealed and the truths that He has given have so much to do with the temple, have so much to do with understanding that is given to us that we never had before, because we're getting close to that time of fulfillment and so God is giving more. Greater understanding. It has everything to do with the Feast of Tabernacles. So what an appropriate, awesome time to give these things.

I think back about 2005. I personally am very moved by that time because on August the 5th I had my first big heart attack and a triple bypass. It took me a while to recover from that. As I was coming from that, that point in time here, to think about a book that began to come to pass, that began to be worked upon. And at the same time, through that period of time, up to the Feast of Tabernacles, God was unveiling and revealing things on such a powerful plane about Himself and truth about His Son that He was going to give to the Church. This is the beginning of God opening up our minds to far greater understanding of things concerning His temple and the structure that is there, things necessary to comprehend in order to have right understanding and appreciation of what He's been doing, is doing, and has been planning for so very, very long.

So all the way back to 2005, things that only God could bring to pass, things that only God can reveal and give in such incredible depth because I look at those sermons. I think back about those sermons, sermon after sermon after sermon after sermon ending on one incredible sermon about Melchizedek and what it meant.

So going back to 2005 to focus a little bit on what God revealed to His Church during the Feast of Tabernacles because that was about revelation that God had reserved for this end-time, for His remnant Church. How blessed are we and for the preparation of the next great phase of His temple becoming manifest to the world?

So the first account of where God begins to reveal the most basic structure of His family and His temple is in that story of Melchizedek. Let's turn to the beginning of that story back in Genesis 14. While you're turning there think about the meaning, the name Melchizedek "My King is Zedek," which is a compound of two words, "king" and "righteousness." So it reflects, it portrays, it reveals very powerfully so the kind of rulership, the kind of reign, the kind of priesthood, the kind of desire God has for His family, but that which will lead, guide, direct His family forever. So this Melchizedek was known as the King of Salem. We understand what that means, "salem," which has to do with peace, so King of Righteousness and King of Peace. To me it's an awesome thing.

So in Genesis 14 this begins with a story of certain kings who made war with the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah and it came to pass that these invading kings took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their supplies of food, and went their way, but they also took captives, and Abram's brother Lot was taken captive. So let's pick up the story at this point here in **Genesis 14:14—And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.** You know, in those times because of the way the world was, and in this case here Abraham being as blessed as he was with all the wealth and riches that he had and worked, and God has blessed him in, and thinking how great this was they had to be prepared for people who would come in and try to take what they had, different areas of the world the way human beings are and always have been. So their servants, or his servants, weren't just trained in some of the various areas of taking care of things on an agricultural plane or as a matter of livestock and caring for them in that plane and all the other areas of work and so forth to sustain and do the things of what Abraham had in his possession, in his wealth, but were trained in battle, trained to be able to go out and defend or do whatever they needed to do to protect this.

And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, struck them down, in other words, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is at the left hand of Damascus, left side of Damascus. And he brought back all the goods. Again here, so this is a battle that took place, of warring, fighting that took place, and when it says they struck them they struck them very powerfully so, and God had given him favor and he brought back all the goods, and he also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

Verse 17—And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's valley. And Melchizedek King of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God. It just breaks into a story here. It doesn't give a lot of history.

People have wondered about, have had different ideas about who this is, what it's about, through different parts of Christianity, if you will, and Judaism, and they haven't really known nor understood who this was, what it was, what God was doing, where did He come from?

Verse 19—And He blessed him, and said, so this individual had the ability, the authority to bless, to bless, to give blessings to Abram. It wasn't just a saying. There were things that were there and he was making it clear that Abraham, Abram at this point, had been blessed, was being blessed and that God had done this. Abram knew it, that he'd received such favor and ability to accomplish all this, that it was God who gave the favor, that it was God who gave the victory, and he gave it to the one who made it possible. So He said He blessed him. **Verse 19—And He blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God**, because the Most High God Abraham worshipped and sought to obey. He learned from his great, great, great, great, great, going all the way back, grandfather Noah about this great God and about what had happened before the flood and the making of the ark and bringing everything through and he believed; he believed Noah and God worked with him.

So it says, **Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth**. So making it clear here that everything belongs to the Most High God. ...**and blessed be the Most High God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand**. So it's communicating to Abram in a physical plane by someone standing there before him in a physical manifestation and saying these things to him. Now, we know who that was, but the world doesn't recognize nor comprehend who it was or why this was given, yet this is the first great indication, the first great beginning of a revelation here that God began to give of a purpose and a plan He had about Melchizedek, about a priesthood, about something that He was creating and going to give to mankind.

So he said here, **and blessed be the Most High God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave Him tithes of all**, speaking here then of what Abram did; he gave tithes to this Melchizedek. To give tithes, we understand today that tithes are to be given to God's true Church, and we understand about tithes that were to be given back in Israel, in the time Israel was established, and we go back to the time especially of Saul, and David, Solomon, recognizing that people brought in their tithes year by year and ever how they had it set up by their systems of government and agriculture the way it was and so forth. But people tithed and gave those things to the priesthood because it was the Levitical system that had been established that all these tithes were to be paid to. God made it very clear to Moses when He established the Levitical system and told him how tithes were to be paid. They were to be paid to Levi because Levi wasn't given any possession of lands and so forth; they were given the tithes to take care of the priesthood, to take care of a tribe who would serve as priests, if you will, of God and God's service for the benefit, for the help of teaching His way, of working those things having to do with the temple and the like and the worship of God for Israel, for a physical people.

But this happened long, long before. So Abram here gave his tithes to this one individual, Melchizedek. There's no other history here you can go back farther to find out about. There's not

anything said here more, but to realize that for this to happen Abram understood that he, in what he did and what he said, represented everything having to do with God because he was from God. He was of God. He represented God here on earth. But we know that it was far more than that. It's far more than just representing God.

So no people, nor God's Church, again, have known who this Melchizedek was, who was the King of Salem and priest of the Most High God. To very clearly answer this we need to go to the book of Hebrews. It's amazing; these things are here. It's just we've never really grasped nor understood and received them as we should have. Let's go over to Hebrews 7. When God finally does give truth to us as human beings, because it takes His holy spirit, and once He gives His spirit to us and we see it its just clear. That's why I love the magazine that Mr. Armstrong was inspired to give it the name, *The Plain Truth*. God's word, when He reveals something, it becomes plain. It's not complicated. It just becomes plain. It just fits into place and everything fits into place and make the truth greater, more beautiful, easier to grasp and comprehend.

Hebrews 7:1, it says, **For this Melchizedek, King of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him, and so He had the power, the authority to bless him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of Righteousness.** That's what Melchizedek means. That's what I mentioned earlier, the compound word and what is contained there in the meaning of it. **...and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;** Isn't that amazing? It's just spelled out to us. It says first of all his name by the very interpretation of what the word means is King of Righteousness. Who is the King of Righteousness? Who is the King of Salem? Who is the King of Peace? It should be so clear, and because of past ideas and not having fully come out of this concept of the trinity, God took a particular amount of time going ahead and just letting Philadelphia and Laodicea continue to grow and worship Him without this knowledge, without this understanding. I think back in time that there are so many through time who haven't been given all understanding. They don't have to have all understanding of all things, all truth to grow, to be transformed, but how blessed are we when we come to a point like this and we're able to add more and more and see more and more and be better equipped. We're just awesomely blessed.

So again here, this Melchizedek, King of Righteousness, King of Salem, which is King of Peace, **without father, without mother, without descent...** So it should be so clear right there. **...neither having neither beginning of days, nor end of life.** There is only one that this could be, "having neither beginning of days, nor end of life." That which human beings cannot comprehend. Melchizedek was God Almighty. Melchizedek was a physical manifestation of a means whereby God chose to lead, guide, and direct, and teach Abram. That's the incredible story here, of something where God began to reveal before there was ever a Levitical system, He began to reveal the importance of Melchizedek, the importance of a priesthood and the need for a priesthood in the temple that would be of such power, that would be of such importance - King of Salem, King of Righteousness. Awesome!

So **without father, without mother, and without descent**. So there was a time that the Church was still in captivity, still in bondage to part of the trinity. It had come to understand that the holy (especially in the King James version which says "Holy Ghost") that it wasn't a being. Mr. Armstrong correctly began to refer to and to show that this was the power of God, the holy spirit, that it was that which came out from God, from the being of God that gave and reveals those things on a spiritual plane that which is true and right spiritually and it wasn't a separate being. So, so much of the Church was still allowed to believe something, because that had been lost and it wasn't to be fully restored until the remnant Church was given at the end of the seven eras of God's Church. So what an incredible thing to understand here, "without father, without mother." Not a second being in the God family "who was without father, and without mother, and without descent, and having neither beginning of days nor end of life," because God makes it very clear He was the only one who existed. He is the Father, something that was always strange. How could one call Himself the Father if the other just gave up of his own power to become a Son, and those things that did not fit in any fashion or form on a physical plane nor spiritual plane make sense. So God has revealed those things to us toward the end.

So, **neither having beginning of days nor end of life, was made like unto**, beautiful here what it says, **was made like unto**, who made Him, **like unto the Son of God**. God did. God did. God manifested that which was fully Him on a physical plane to teach, to guide, to direct, to be a High Priest to Abram, if you will, at this point in time because it wasn't about the world, it was about what He was doing and how he was getting ready to prepare a people that would come through Abraham, His own Son who would be of the lineage of Abraham and on and on it goes. So that which God was going to prepare and do as far as time went on and the establishment then of Israel and all the things that would follow that would begin to lead to and finally begin to teach things on a spirit plane of things that God has been planning and preparing for a long, long time, but giving things on a physical plane that people can deal with because they're physical, that people can relate to because they're physical.

So, **one made like unto the Son of God; abides a priest continually**. Awesome! So there was that need, as God is showing here, in His Kingdom there must be such a priest that will be there always. This is the beginning of God revealing the importance of one made like unto who would become forever from that point forward not just the Son of God but be Melchizedek. So we have learned a great deal because we're the only ones who have been given this, and the Church that was scattered does not comprehend this. As a whole they would think that you're rather nuts for believing it because they just don't understand; they just don't grasp it.

So although God's remnant Church understands what will be stated next in scripture the world, and again, the Church that was scattered after the Apostasy, do not believe, nor understand these clear verses. It's important that we go back to them. It's important as a result of some of these things now being able to be put on YouTube and in the future here that there be those of the scattered Church, first and foremost, who are going to be able to receive this as God draws them

to it, as time goes along and they are going to be able to have that ability for a period of time, for a short time to be able to come to grips with some of this and to begin to acknowledge some of these things of where God is, of what the truth is about Him and about His Son.

So though we might know these things it's important that we review them and go over them and have them so deeply embedded in our mind that there is no doubt. Because you see, I think of people who have left. I think of ministers who have left of recent times who had this, who were given this, who knew these things. What do they do? What does a person do when they've come to the point of seeing and knowing and believing that there has always and only been one Great Self-Existing God Almighty through time and that everything else comes out from Him including His own Son who had a beginning? It began with physical life and a physical begettal as God Almighty gave begettal, a begettal life, formed the life inside of the womb of Mary, the first as it began in life, not a physical father, but God created in the womb a being of physical components and the like as any other child, but God was the Father for He had to create him and bring this to pass on a physical plane and that life then that grew of the very word, of the being of God and so many things that are incredible to begin to comprehend and understand as God reveals some of these things to us.

So it's a marvel, it's a beautiful thing to go through this and read and be reminded of some of these things, that Jesus Christ had a beginning. When we understand these things it gives greater meaning to what Jesus Christ's life was all about and what he went through. He wasn't as though he were a god, some kind of a god along side of and equal to the Great Self-Existing Eternal God, Yahweh Elohim, and that somehow that he lived a physical life because that takes away from the truth. That takes away from the truth. He was a physical human being who looked to his God, his Father in all things and understood that everything came from his Father. So, anyway, that which is false in life always distracts and hurts or robs people from what is true and the beauty of what is true. When people learn to receive and accept and have that ability with God's help to receive what is true it's a beautiful thing, it's an inspiring thing, it's an uplifting thing, it's a powerful thing.

We're going through this again, some of these verses that are very plain, because it's quite obvious that there are many who have left, far too many, and many in the ministry who knew better, who rejected these things, who once believed them.

Isaiah 45:5—*I am the Eternal*, Yahweh. God identifies Himself. "I am Yahweh." "I am the Eternal Self-Existing One," as we have come to know and understand. **I am the Eternal one, and there is none else.** Isn't that amazing? As this was given to Isaiah He's making it very clear in the time of Isaiah there's nobody else. There's nobody else. There's no one else. There is no one else. "There is no Elohim beside Me (except for Me)." That's what the word means, "and only Me." That's what the word means in Hebrew. "There is no one else in Elohim except Me, Yahweh," and yet people reject it, don't accept the clear word of God. Awesome! They really can't even accept this without God's help.

I am Yahweh, the Eternal one, and there is none else. *There is no Elohim* (there is no God) beside/except Me. I clothed you, though you have not known me. So here again God speaking to Judah, God speaking to Israel and frankly to mankind, that they may know Me, or that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is none beside*, and this in the Hebrew also contains the meaning of, again "except; without; apart from." That there is none apart from or without Me. I *am* the Eternal, and *there is none else*. So again here, no one else. How much clearer in language can you get? There is no one else! There is no one else in Elohim and the time of Isaiah no one else. Now, later on there was. Jesus Christ. Once the wave sheaf was waved, upon God's acceptance, he became part of Elohim. He was accepted. He was received as High Priest and in to the God Family.

Verse 12—and the previous verse here speaking of Yahweh it says, I (Yahweh) **have made the earth, and created man upon it**. So people shouldn't be confused when they read things back in Genesis, but people are because God has to reveal some basic things just like this, but you know them. How blessed are you to have these things in your mind? Sometimes we don't grasp the value of what has been given to us to see and to grasp and to hold on to because there are thousands and thousands and tens of thousands before you who have lost so much of what God had given to them in their minds to see and to understand. There are thousands and thousands and tens of thousands who have fallen asleep, who can't see nor comprehend even so many of the things that were given to them of the 18 Truths that God gave through Mr. Armstrong.

I (Yahweh) **have made the heaven and the earth, and created man upon it**. God did it. God Almighty, the Self-Existing Eternal Living God did it. He and He alone did it. *...even My hands have stretched out the heavens, and all their hosts have I commanded*. So everything that has come into being God has commanded it. Everything is of God - first from God. Powerful. Strong.

Verse 18—For thus says the Eternal (Yahweh) who created the heavens; God (Elohim) Himself, because there wasn't anyone else. It was just God, Yahweh Elohim. He makes it so very clear here in these verses and in so many others as well, but here especially. **Elohim Himself who formed the earth and made it; He has established it, He created it not in vain**. You know, it wasn't created in chaos and confusion as when it talks about in Genesis when God came upon the scene and had to remold and refashion and separate the darkness from the light and allow the light of the sun to once again come through to the earth so that the plant life could be created and grow, and so that animal life could be created and grow, and so that mankind could be created and grow and live on the earth. So He says, **He didn't create it in vain, He formed it to be inhabited. I am the Eternal (Yahweh), and there is none else**. How much clearer can anyone be? That just blows my mind how that there are things that are given on a physical plane, in that respect, that people just can't receive because this is written, it's there, but who can receive it? It's a marvel. It requires God's help to receive it. But this is so clear.

I have not spoken in secret. No one in the Protestant world, no one in the world of traditional Christianity will accept this. No one, in that respect, can receive it. **I have not spoken in secret,**

in a dark place on the earth. I didn't say unto the seed of Jacob, Seek Me in vain. I the Eternal speak righteousness. Why? Because He's the King of Righteousness, the King of Righteousness. Melchizedek is from Him. Melchizedek comes out of Him. Melchizedek is what God gives, and gives to His family to bring us unto Him. Awesome! So He said, I the Eternal speak righteousness; I declare things that are right, only God can tell us that which is right and if you do what is right that will give and produce righteousness. There's only one way of life; it comes from God Almighty and it's right, it's true.

Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you *who are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save. So that's what happens, people look to things that aren't true. Even in traditional Christianity and what they have formed and made. They don't understand, but soon they will.

Verse 21—Tell you, and bring *them* near; and let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has told it from that time? *Haven't* I the Eternal? So it's only God Almighty, the Eternal that's revealed what is true and right. ...and *there is no God*, there is no El in this case is the word, *beside*, in other words, without or apart from *Me*." There is no God except for Me, apart from Me." He said, "I am God. I am the only God." ...a just God, a just El, and a Saviour. His desire is to save mankind, to bring mankind into His family. ...*there is none beside*, in other words, *except only Me*.

Look unto Me, and be saved, or become saved, all the ends of the earth. For I *am* God, and *there is none else*. So that is given through the prophet Isaiah. Very powerful. Very straight forward, right down the line, wham-wham-wham! And yet who receives it in what it called Christianity?

So when Melchizedek is described as the King of Righteousness and the King of Salem, which is the King of Peace, we know of whom it's speaking. How blessed are you to know such a thing? I'll tell you what, we need to pause when we go through things like this and think about how richly blessed we are. The world's eyes are blind to such basic and sound truths, to such basic things about the Great God of the universe, let alone His plan and purpose. The Church that was scattered? They are blind to these things, cannot see them, has not yet had their eyes opened up to this. They didn't know it, didn't see it in the time of Philadelphia nor Laodicea. How blessed are you to see it? Do we grasp sometimes what we've been given?

You know, it's easy to get discouraged in this physical, carnal world. I think about the sermon given here about experiencing good and evil, and we experience a lot of evil and in human life that can sometimes take its toll and it weighs us down and we can become discouraged and begin to be doubtful about certain things. Everybody goes through that process, but it's stuff like this, it's truth like this, it's reality like this that should lift us up, that should strengthen us, that should embolden us, if you will, to understand how incredibly blessed we are. For if your eyes see this

and you're able to hold on to this how blessed are you? Do you know who you are? Do you know what you have been given? Is there anything that should discourage you, that should dissuade you from the truth and the beauty of the truth that God has given to you? Do you grasp what you really have just in this truth alone?

Let's turn over to **Psalm 47:1—O clap your hands, all you people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph**. You know when it says to come to the Feast of Tabernacles and rejoice? It's just by knowing this, knowing something like this that we should rejoice inside. You know, I just have chills going up and down my spine here just thinking about this and reflecting upon some of this, of how awesome it is, how beautiful it is, and how moving it is to be able to see such things, to "clap your hands, all you people; shout unto God," you know, in a spiritual plane. It doesn't mean it has to be physically. You can do it in your own prayers. You can do it as you rejoice when we sing songs in services and so forth, when we have that opportunity, just to rejoice inside and let that flow out then in other actions in the way we think and the way we act toward others around us in this world and, especially, amongst those of the household of God.

...**shout unto God with a voice of triumph**, you know, with the boldness we should have knowing that we can be on our knees or we can stand or we can be driving, at any time we choose, and we can pray unto the Great God and He hears us. Yahweh Elohim and His Son Jesus Christ hear us. What an awesome confidence and beauty of life that we're able to have, to be able to understand how blessed we are and to rejoice in that.

For the Eternal One Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. He's the King. You know, He's the King of Salem. He is the King of Righteousness first and foremost. **He shall subdue the people under us**. You know, if you ask people in traditional Christianity who is the King of Kings, if they have any idea anyway, but even in the scattered Church it would be about Jesus Christ. No, God is first and foremost. That has been given to Jesus Christ, will be given to Jesus Christ, because that hasn't even been established yet over all the earth, to become King of kings, but he's going to carry that because God gives to him His government. Awesome!

He is a great King over all the earth; He shall subdue the people under us; and the nations under our feet. So that's a process that begins with the Millennium. **He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He loved. Selah**. You know, the plan and purpose God has for a nation He calls Israel, a spiritual one. It's not made up of strictly physical Israelites by any measure, but including all, all nations, all people, all languages throughout time.

God is gone up with a shout, the Eternal with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. That's something to rejoice inside about, especially in spirit within the truth when we're before God. When we thank God, when we are on our knees and thank God for everything we have, for everything we see this should fill us more. **For God is the King of all the earth**. Beautiful verses. **Sing praises with understanding**. Who can do that? We can do that. How blessed are we that we can do that, that when we read something

like this and literally sing, or do so spiritually on a spirit plane because of what comes out of us because of what we feel, the rejoicing, the excitement, the gratitude, the thankfulness to God to do so with understanding, to pray with understanding. How awesome is that?

Verse 8—God reigns over the heathen. God sits upon His throne of holiness. What does that mean? The God of righteousness, yes, the King, the King of all the earth, the King of Salem and the King of Righteousness. He sits upon the throne of His holiness. That's all about righteousness and power of righteousness. Indeed King of Peace, King of Salem, King of Righteousness.

So Jesus Christ, again, reveals who the Great King of Salem is right over here in Matthew 5. It's Jesus Christ himself in verse 33. We've talked quite a bit about this here before the Feast even, of all the things revealed in Matthew 5 and the beginning of Christ's ministry and those things he began to reveal on a spiritual plane of things that people had not understood, and couldn't understand then either, or even afterward without God's help. But again here in **Matthew 5:33**, it says, **Again, you have heard that it has been said of you of old time, You shall not forswear yourself, but shall perform unto the Lord**, clearly speaking here about God Almighty. That's what he's saying. **...your oaths. But I tell you, Do not swear at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne, nor by the earth, for it is His footstool, neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.** Who is he talking about? Not about Himself. He's talking about God, His Father. He's talking about our God. So he refers to Him as Lord, in these verses, he refers to Him as King in these verses, and again here, beautiful, beautiful, because it's about the King of Peace, Jerusalem, for the city, it's the city of the Great King. How is it coming about? How is it constructed? How is it being made? By God Almighty who is over it, God Almighty who is creating it and bringing it to pass. Beautiful.

Next we'll turn to the book of Hebrews. Hebrews 7; let's turn over there. The purpose for Melchizedek is even revealed. We've come to see this even more deeply. In the beginning it wasn't as easy for people to see because this was a change in thinking because the thinking in the Church had always been that Melchizedek was Jesus Christ. No, he didn't have life until he was born of Mary. We learn then that this was a physical manifestation of something that God used and spoke through this physically manifested being to teach about something very great that was to come who was made like unto the Son of God for a purpose, to show the need for a priest to abide forever in His temple, that would be a matter of that which would lead and teach and guide about God's way of life unto God Almighty. Again here, the purpose of Melchizedek is revealed right here in Hebrews 7 which has to do with the first and primary structure of God's priesthood, His government and the first and primary building of His temple.

Hebrews 7:15—And it is yet far more evident: for after the similitude of Melchizedek there arises another priest, so that was a priest, but there was a need, it says here. "Similitude" is used here this one time and means "in the likeness." That's how it's used here, similitude, and it comes from a word that means "to be like; to be similar; to resemble." Again here something had to come to pass that would be a High Priest of God, separate from God because that was just a

manifestation and to lead to that there was to come in time one that would be after the likeness. He did this only as a manifestation of something like unto the Son of God that would come later because this was all about what would come later. God wasn't intending to ever have Himself be and exercise and work as, through, in that respect, Himself, to speak with mankind and work with mankind as a high priest, but He had a high priest manifested as a type, as something that foreshadowed, as something that looked forward to and was made in the likeness of the Son of God, to be like the Son of God that would come later.

So in Hebrews 3 here it makes it very clear that after the similitude of the likeness of Melchizedek there arises another priest. So it wasn't Melchizedek, it wasn't the same by any measure; it's someone else that had to fulfill this, someone that had to become Melchizedek in reality and in truth. **Hebrews 3:1** it says, **Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; who was faithful to Him, God Almighty in other words, who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who has built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone; but He who builds all things is God.** So all the glory goes to God Almighty. Everything comes from God. God is creating Elohim. God is creating His temple.

And Moses truly was faithful in all his house, as far as serving Israel and recognizing this is God's house, this is God's nation, God's people. So it says here, **Moses was faithful as a servant**, serving God Almighty. That's what it says here, "And Moses truly was faithful in all his house," God's house. You know, God's people, speaking of Ancient Israel "as a servant," you know, to do God's will, God's purpose, to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, **for a testimony of those things which were spoken after; but Christ as a Son over His house**, over God's house. So Christ as a Son over His house, **whose house are we**. So we're actually a part of the house, of God's house, of God's structure, and that's what it's talking about here, a beautiful example here. Moses served as a servant, but we are a part of the house, a part of the structure which is far more than being a servant, as Moses was a servant in the house we're a part of the house. Incredible here what is being said and what is being given here about a royal priesthood, in essence, if we understand it and starting with the Apostle and High Priest of our profession," as it says, "Jesus Christ." So it should be clear that God has done so much to set the foundation of His temple in and through Jesus Christ, His Son, and that he would become our High Priest forever, one after the similitude or likeness of Melchizedek, but not that Melchizedek back then. Here is one who is separate upon whom Melchizedek, or the priesthood, has become established.

So Jesus Christ is the first of the firstfruits of the Family of God, of Elohim. He is the High Priest of the Kingdom of God. He is forever! Forever! You only see one occasion in the Old Testament then in an interaction with Abraham, but you don't see it afterwards. You see something instead, a physical priesthood that was established, the Levitical system, and then God making it very

clear later on when Jesus Christ came that that system was done away, the sacrificial system was done away, the Levitical system was done away. Incredible!

So again, Jesus Christ is the first of the firstfruits of the Family of God, of Elohim. He is the High Priest of the Kingdom of God. He is the one whom God will make King of kings in His Kingdom, in God's Kingdom because He gives His government, all authority, to Jesus Christ. He's the cornerstone, Jesus Christ, of the temple of God. These are beautiful things here that God has given throughout scripture.

Let's turn over to Revelation 7, because Melchizedek is the first revelation about the structure, the basic structure, as just mentioned here about the cornerstone, the building of the temple that God is creating and bringing to pass. It is all done in and through and upon, if you will, Jesus Christ. Everything is established upon and through him. So beautiful things that God has given here to see on a spiritual plane through the kinds of things we've been covering here. So that first phase was to reveal the need then for a priesthood in God's Family, in God's Kingdom, and that wouldn't come for a long, long time, until there would be a High Priest on a spiritual plane, indeed the Son of God. So he was made like unto the Son of God, but not the Son of God. The Son of God came later and was molded and fashioned into that position of High Priest.

Revelation 7:2. Here is the next great phase, and candidly, that next great phase in the construction of the temple is one we focused upon in the Feast sermon entitled, *The Marriage Supper of the Lamb*, so it's going to be good to review just a little bit of some of these things here because this is the next great phase of the construction of the temple. The first phase began to be revealed in the revelation of Melchizedek that had to come, that had to be established, the cornerstone, the High Priest of the temple. So God did that all the way back there with Abram before He established the Levitical system.

Revelation 7:2—And I saw another angel ascending out of the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Do not hurt the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. That's an interesting thing when you look at it, certain things that were not to take place until God would say, "Now I know you." **And I heard the number of those who were sealed: and a hundred and forty-four thousand were sealed of,** or as it is here, "in or among," "of," in that respect, **all the tribes of the children of Israel.** Again here to become that as far as a spiritual structure is concerned, 144,000 in/among the tribes of the children of Israel, to have those names in and among the tribes, but it's not about "of" "out of" those tribes, that they had to be of that lineage physically by any measure.

Again, this is something that God has revealed to the Church that, again, only we know and can see and understand what God has given to us, that which is very clear. The 144,000 was not something to come out of the time of Philadelphia, nor, obviously, out of Laodicea looking at it being so scattered and asleep as it is and so small, but that's what the understanding was at one

time. On the contrary, God's made it very clear it's over 6,000 years and that this number is the exact number, 12 times 12 thousand, 144,000 - absolute perfection, perfection in the structure and the making of a spiritual temple. 12 times 12 thousand. Awesome! Awesome to see and to understand and to know such things. How blessed are we that these things can be so clear in the mind? So it's telling them here that there are certain things to be done, not to hurt the earth and the trees and certain things that were not to take place until specific things had taken place in the sense of the sealing of all 144,000.

Now, I'm going to say something else now that I haven't really wanted to go into because I don't fully understand it, but I believe that this is what God has given. It's not for us to worry about nor to go into great depth about, but just to watch, and in time to come to grasp and see on a greater plane. Because of what transpired in 2008 and what God was planning for at that particular time a sealing and a finality, if you will, of a sealing - we didn't grasp fully all that process and as time went along we didn't know what had happened in mid-2008 before we ever got down to a time that we thought the count had begun and certain events had taken place, because God had already determined that it wouldn't be 2012, but that we would go through all that and more—seven additional years past that—as a Church. There are those who may have had opportunity, but because of what they did were rejected. Now, God could have brought about certain conditions and so forth in people's lives if it still happened in 2012, but God didn't because of certain things in their life or whatever it might have been. The point being is that the sealing may not have been completed back then, but is something that is being completed now and may have been, as a whole, completed by now. At some point here it will have been completed.

Everything has changed. That's why the book *2008-God's Final Witness* has a kind of outline to it about certain things that will take place and certain things that are going to happen in a very speeded up process, but the magnitude of it and the fulfillment of certain things have been prolonged over a different period of time. We're living in that final period of time. So there are others who have been given opportunity to become a part of a sealing that otherwise wouldn't have had that same opportunity. You think of the scripture, "Let no man take your crown?" It doesn't mean that someone couldn't have come to the point in time where they could become a part of the Kingdom and God continue to work with them and mold and fashion them, but there are some things and certain conditions of life that if God allows them to come to pass and someone is tried in it that their time will be later on, perhaps living on into the Millennium and having opportunity to become a part of God's Kingdom then at the end of the thousand years because they will die during the Millennium, or some who even die and must be resurrected in the Great White Throne. God has that kind of power. But the point being is they have to complete the process and go through what they need to go through, be awakened out of their spiritual stupor, and some who will come to repentance. There are things here that I don't understand and you cannot understand until God gives it.

But God is showing us to a degree here that there are some things that did change and there are some who have been given the opportunity. Some who had opportunity to become a part of God's government earlier on who have not been fully rejected yet, in the sense they have been allowed to go to sleep and do some very foolish things, and will have opportunity later on, but they have things that they have to learn because of what they did and because of an example. There are vessels to honor and there are vessels to dishonor, and sometimes God allows certain things to happen in people's lives to teach great lessons.

So I don't want that to be a sermon of itself, but there is a lot there, and there is a lot that I don't know yet. So much has changed and God is not giving us everything at this point in time in this new phase of the seven years that we've been going through. We're to follow and we're to learn and we're to step out and do what we need to do. There's a commission that we must fulfill and accomplish and do and perform and things will come to pass, but things are a little different now because there is so much flexibility in things that can take place and things that can happen. Even in this world and the potential for some to enter into the Millennial period. But even here, for those who are going to be a part of 144,000 at a time when we didn't know but believed the full sealing had been completed, this is to let you know that there were others to be added because others were rejected from the government, not from God's Kingdom, just like all those who are scattered, the Apostasy, not all have been rejected. They're just asleep. It's God's choosing of when anyone can be brought into His family. That's God's choosing and God's righteous judgment.

Let me read it again, **And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying... This is when things begin to happen and certain things are held back, and then they're released and things begin to happen. Saying... Do not hurt the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of those who were being sealed: *and* a hundred *and* forty-four thousand were sealed among, as it is, in the tribes of the children of Israel, into those twelve names.**

Verse 9, on down, After this I looked, and, behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, kindred, people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Verse 13—And one of the elders asked, saying unto me, Who are these who are clothed in white robes? And from where do they come? And I said unto him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, continued to battle and to fight, to repent and to seek God's favor and help in their life and the forgiveness of sins through our Passover so that we can indeed be accounted as righteous before God. For it's only in that, by obeying God and believing God that it's attributed to us for righteousness' sake. Not that we are righteous, but we're growing in it, we're growing more and

more at-one with the mind and being of God Almighty and His ways. ...**washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.** See, through forgiveness of sins, through repentance.

Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and that process is all during ones physical life. It never ends. We continually have to battle; we have to fight all the way to the end. ...**and serve him day and night in His temple,** in His temple. Powerful! A part of the temple. See? Awesome! Not just worshipping in it as we do now, but now in His temple, serving in the temple. ...**and He who sits on the throne shall dwell on/upon them,** as the word is. It's what God's going to do in His life and the life of His Son that brings the temple alive, that gives it life forever and forever. **They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore,** the great marriage supper, feasting from then on, feasting on a spiritual plane with God forever into age-lasting life. ...**neither shall the sun light upon them, nor any heat. For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.** What an incredible story here of something on a spiritual plane that God fulfills, that God does, that God accomplishes.

So in this Feast of Tabernacles we're focusing upon the meaning of this time that God has given us that leads us into the Millennium. It's when the Kingdom of God becomes established upon this earth. That Kingdom comprises the first great construction of God's temple. At this time Jesus Christ, the High Priest, made after the similitude of Melchizedek, and the 144,000 in God's temple will become fully established in God's holy mountain, Mount Zion. It's an awesome, beautiful thing. We are so close and the excitement and the anticipation God is sharing with us as we're able to share a little bit of that, as we're physical human beings and can receive this spiritually. To what degree we can we're inspired, moved, and motivated, and excited by it and rejoice in it indeed. For we are so very close. But that anticipation and that excitement from God is so far, far beyond anything we can know or experience, but God shares it with us showing us where we're going and what's coming and what's soon to take place.

So for the conclusion of this sermon we're going to review part of the sermon given at the Feast of Tabernacles in 2010 entitled, *The Creation of Elohim*, and build a little bit upon that. It was here that God revealed the last, the final great truth that He would give mankind throughout its entire 6,000 year history before His Kingdom would become established on earth. It was the 57th Truth and given to God's Church in this period known at the end-times.

Psalms 132. I marvel at this, brethren. How many things? How many things have been given to us in the Feast of Tabernacles? How many things God has given during this period of time because of what it pictures and where it leads? How many things as we are approaching so quickly that period of time that God is preparing His Church to experience, to know, and to understand?

Psalms 132:8—Arise, O Eternal, into Your rest. God has worked so long to bring this first phase about, so long to finally bring a time when Satan could be kept away from all of His creation,

until he's dealt with, a time when finally His government can lead mankind, finally, a time when only His truth is going to be taught on the earth. **Arise, O Eternal, unto Your rest**, into Your rest, peace, rest. I think about what it says in Hebrews there about that rest. It's so important to understand about the importance of that seventh day, that final thousand years. ...**and the ark of Your strength**, or "of Your gathering," because it's what God brings together and gathers together. So this is a prophetic reference to God's rest that's gathered together in His strength, in His power, that He does. Candidly, it's a reference to His holy spirit and the power contained in it from Him, His power to produce what's being created by the holy spirit, His family, the spiritual family. God can create things on a spirit realm. He can give spirit life, but that which is brought into and in unity and oneness with, at-one, and something that happens on a spirit plane where God Almighty dwells in human beings forever. Not just receiving His spirit, if you will, at different times and at different levels in different ways in human life but now forever in spirit life.

Verse 13—For the Eternal has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for His habitation. God's power and God's spirit, His holy spirit, His being, His mind, His life, His word that dwells in us in ways that we cannot yet comprehend, so His habitation, His dwelling place.

Verse 14, it says, **This *is* My rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.** There is so much more here that we do not yet know, that has not yet been given to us, that when God reveals these things in greater depth and detail to us will be so awesomely inspiring, and especially for those who are in Elohim. There is so much beyond to be able to receive that we cannot take in, we cannot be able to contain in these bodies in these minds, that will so inspire and so motivate and so strengthen us in life that's soon to come when God dwells in the manner that He will, Him and His Son in the temple.

So God is going to dwell in His temple, in Zion, which is His place of rest. It is the Family of God. It is Elohim. God will always dwell in His family as His place of rest and the family will dwell in Him. We only have a taste of this in physical life with the impregnation of His holy spirit, only a taste of it. This is accomplished, again, by His great power which is of the holy spirit. He has power of spirit and of things to do in spirit, but the holy spirit, that's Him, that's of Him. That's of His being, of His mind.

Well, now it needs to be stated again that we need to be certain that we grasp that God's spirit is to be understood in two ways when we speak of God's spirit because in times past we have used these terms very loosely talking about God's spirit when speaking of His power. So I've made a little distinction here, and I think we know it far more readily now, but these things we've talked about in times past, but they need to be deeply understood and we need to be very careful how we use them. So we need to have a deeper understanding of what it means to be able to differentiate the two definitions or distinctions that need to be made when speaking of God's spirit.

One is about His power, which includes His power to create all things in a spirit realm that are composed of spirit essence and His power to create things in a physical realm that are composed of physical elements. This includes His power to sustain life in spirit beings and in physical beings. It's about His great power, but that's not the holy spirit, but it is spirit, about His power. So it's about the power of God Almighty, that He will produce things according to His will.

But the second, which must be differentiated from that power of God's spirit that He does things by and produces by His will, but the second is to understand God's power that it's a matter of the holy spirit. This is the power of life that reveals and produces, that communicates the Word of God, the truths of God, the very mind of God, the very nature of God to other minds, to our minds. It's the power to unite as one on a spiritual plane in harmony, oneness, unity of spirit, in the ways of God, in the ways of peace, in age-lasting agape. It's God's love. This power emanates from God and contains the very nature, the Word, the truth, the Logos, if you will. Agape, the love of God, the ways of God that come from the very mind and being of God. That's said such a mouthful there of things that scattered groups do not comprehend, don't even come close to comprehending.

How blessed are we to know what we know? To see what we see?

So it is in the understanding of this second usage of the power of God's spirit when spoken of in terms of the holy spirit, the spirit that communicates, reveals the mind of God that will make the Family of God, the Kingdom of God a reality because it's that power that must dwell in us once we are changed from mortal to immortal, from physical to spirit and brought into God's family. It's this life then, the life of God the Father and Jesus Christ dwelling in us always in ways that we have never experienced like this with this kind of power, because we can't contain it in physical life anyway. So we have a portion, a measure of it that we're able to experience in life, but so much more when we are the temple.

So again, it's that power and life and it emanates from God in the power of the holy spirit that we're able to be begotten of after baptism and the laying on of hands. We are able to be begotten of and then born of the holy spirit, of the very mind and being of God Almighty, of God's nature in complete unity of spirit into life everlasting. It's a beautiful thing accomplished by God's spirit.

So I'm going to read this truth #57 in closing here, in what was given to us, the last great and powerful truth that God has given to us, and how blessed we are to see this one.

57 (7) Through the power of the holy spirit, Almighty God will “dwell” IN His Family into everlasting life, and they will dwell IN Him.

We've never understood that until God gave it to us, until God gave it to us as a remnant Church. We never grasped and comprehended how the temple exists. We believed that there would be a temple. We believed about those things about Jesus Christ who is the first of the firstfruits and the cornerstone and the 144,000 that would come into, become a part of that temple in the

Kingdom of God, but to understand how it functions, to understand what makes that possible, we didn't grasp it. We didn't grasp that God the Father and Jesus Christ would dwell in us and we in them forever, into age-lasting life. We never grasped those things, that that's what it was all about, that this is where God's going to dwell, never to be cut off from God.

...Almighty God will “dwell” IN His Family into everlasting life, and they will dwell IN Him. This will be accomplished through the power of the holy spirit that emanates from God and in the lives of all who are in the God Family. And this will be a perpetual and continuing process into everlasting life.

Once begotten of God's holy spirit, the flow of that spirit can be suppressed and completely removed (cut off) from a begotten person's life.

God dwells (abides, lives) IN the life of a spirit begotten person (of the holy spirit here) and they therefore dwell IN Him. Through the power of the holy spirit, the life (nature, truth, Word, and way of life) of God begins to dwell in a begotten person's life (in the spirit essence given to the human mind), helping to change the very way one thinks and lives, from that of selfishness and pride to that of outgoing concern and love toward others.

What an awesome thing to see.

This power however is suppressed and sometimes cut off because of sin, and God will not dwell in sin. Once given spirit life in a resurrection from death (or physical life) to spirit life, this process of God dwelling in a “born” person's life (no longer begotten), and they in Him, will never cease nor be interrupted, but will be perpetual and continuous into everlasting life.

Not many know that. Not many see that. Not many are able to believe that. How blessed are you to be here at this Feast of Tabernacles, to be able to be in this time period, to rejoice before God and to see such things that He wants to share with you about that which He has been preparing for so very, very long now throughout the ages.