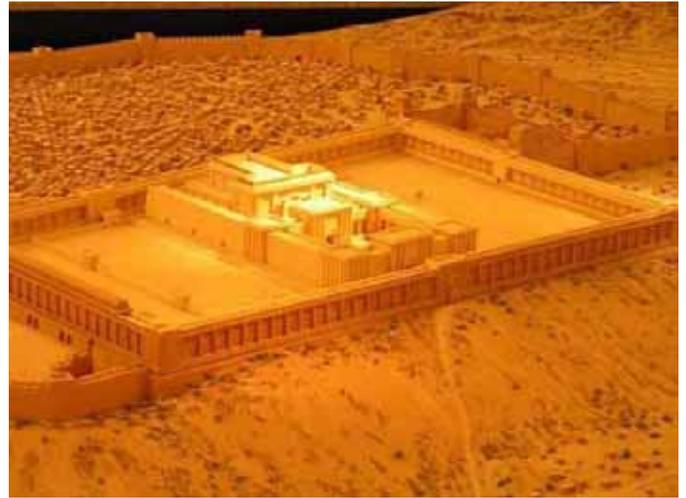


*"And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods. But Who Is Able To Build Him An House, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before Him?" 2 Chronicles 2:5-6 KJV*



Solomon was so wealthy; silver had no value. *"And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: It was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon."* He amassed massive quantities of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, and stone to erect the Great Temple, but He knew it would only be a token to the Omnipresent God Who Inhabits the universe! In his dedication prayer Solomon said, *"Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let Thy Word be verified, which Thou Hast Spoken unto Thy servant David. But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have built! Have respect therefore to the prayer of Thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before Thee: That Thine Eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof Thou Hast Said That Thou Wouldest Put Thy Name there; to hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant prayeth toward this place."* Believers are immersed in Christ. *"Therefore if any man be IN Christ, he Is A New Creature:"* It requires several cleansings to completely rid a container of its original contents. In the jungle, we had "running" water. The river ran by our house and you had to "run" to the river to get it. We had to dip and rinse the pail in the river several times, allow the impurities to drift away, and then fill the pail. The analogy doesn't completely fit the believer's immersion in Christ, but the idea is the same. God is not a reservoir, He is a flowing Spring of Living Water of infinite supply for *"whosoever will come,"* but you have to come to Him. Each believer is a *"Lively Stone"* Built Upon The Foundation no man can lay, Which Is Jesus. The Master Builder Proclaimed to Peter, *"Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* The *"Rock"* He referred to was Himself. Peter had just said; *"Thou Art The Christ, The Son of The Living God!"* The Psalmist wrote, *"Thou Art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my Salvation."* By Holy Spirit Inspiration, Paul wrote, *"Being confident of this very thing, that He Which Hath Begun A Good Work in you Will Perform It until the Day of Jesus Christ: For It Is God Which Worketh in you both to Will and to Do of His Good Pleasure."* Believers are Built By God, using *"gold, silver, and precious stones"* of Faith, so our *"Lively"* Substance brings glory to Christ. Jesus Declared, *"I Am The Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing."* Substance is acquired *"by hearing...the Word of God."*

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Bring honor, glory, to the Lord?  
It's power gives a gift divine,  
Making me His jewel that shines. –CGP

*"As many as received Him, to them Gave He Power to become the sons of God; even to them that believe on His Name."* God's Word Gives Power to believers enabling *"Peace Which Passeth all understanding and Joy Unspeakable and full of Glory!"* If you've yet to know This Peace And Joy, know this; it's only obtained by obeying God's Word. Many know, but few *"hear"* God's Word. Obedience is the trowel of Truth.

*"For other foundation can no man lay than That Is Laid, Which Is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11 KJV*