

Matt. 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, ***The stone which the builders rejected***, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

1Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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In building the temple of Solomon the stones were entirely prepared at the quarry, so that when they were brought to the place of building the workmen had only to place them in position; the hewing, squaring and polishing had all been done. "And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stone-squarers. So they prepared timber and stones to build the house." "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building." 3SP 36.1

Not an instrument was to be used upon the stone when it was brought to the place of building. One stone of irregular shape was brought from the quarry to be used in the foundation of the temple. But the workmen could find no place for it and would not accept it. There it lay unused, and the laborers passed around it or stumbled over it, greatly annoyed by its presence. Long it remained a rejected stone. But when the builders came to the laying of the corner-stone, for a long time they searched in vain for a stone of sufficient size and strength, and of the proper shape, to take that particular place and bear the great weight which would rest upon it. Should they make an unwise selection of a stone for this important place, the safety of the entire building would be endangered; they must find a stone capable of resisting the influence of the sun, frost and tempest. Several stones had been chosen at different times; but when subjected to the pressure of immense weights they had crumbled to pieces. Others would not bear the test of sudden atmospheric changes, and were therefore pronounced unfit for the place. 3SP 36.2

***But there lay the stone so long rejected by the builders;*** it had endured exposure to the air and to the scorching rays of the sun without revealing a seam or the slightest crack. Storms had beaten upon it, yet it remained the same. The attention of the builders was finally attracted to this large stone, and they examined it closely. It had already borne every test but one. If it could bear the

test of severe pressure they decided to accept it for the corner-stone. The trial was made to the satisfaction of all. The stone was accepted, brought to its assigned position and found to be an exact fit. 3SP 37.1

In prophetic vision Isaiah was shown that *this stone was a symbol of the Saviour of the world*. He says: "Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken." *Carried down in prophetic vision to the first advent, the prophet is shown that Christ is to bear trials and tests* of which the treatment of the chief corner-stone in the temple of Solomon is a symbol: "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste." 3SP 37.2

God in infinite wisdom chose the foundation stone and laid it himself. He called it a "sure stone;" *the entire world may lay upon it their burdens and griefs, yet it can endure them all*. They may build upon this stone with perfect safety. *Christ is a "tried stone," and never disappoints those who trust in him*. He has borne every test imposed upon him. He failed not in the wilderness of temptation when he endured the pressure of Adam's guilt and that of his posterity. He came off more than conqueror of the powers of evil. He has borne the burdens cast upon him by those who, falling upon this rock, have been broken. In Christ their guilty hearts have found relief. Those who make Him their foundation rest in perfect security. 3SP 38.1

Note: He is our Pattern, Example. 1Peter 2:21; 1Tim. 1:16; Titus 2:7; Obey God not Not Men, neither Doug Batchelor, President or pastor for they have placed themselves above Gods Word. Here in changing the Sanctuary from Tent to a Temple we have another lesson added.

Solomon received wisdom from God. Yet Solomon did not find among the workmen of his nation and religion those qualifications, that fine skill, that he deemed essential to carry forward the work of building a temple for the God of heaven. He was therefore obliged to send away for workmen, men who would do justice to the responsible work entrusted to them. *God was the designer and men were the executors*. There was a head, a leader, and *the men were brought in under him to follow his directions*. There was no discord, no strife; every man wrought until the stones were brought out of the mountains *so perfectly hewed and chiseled that when brought to the building they came together* without the sound of ax or hammer. 4LtMs, Ms 23, 1886, par. 11

The stones were not prepared for their respective places just as they were about

to be laid in the wall of the temple; all the fitting and planning was done previous to their being brought to the place of building. ***So it is that all the hewing, fitting and polishing of character must be done during man's probation. When Christ shall come again to earth it will not be to purify and refine the characters of men, and to fit them for Heaven.*** His work then will only be to change their corruptible bodies and fashion them like unto Christ's most glorious body. **Only a symmetrical and perfect character will in that day entitle men to the finishing touch of immortality.** 3SP 40.2

Earth is the quarry and the work-shop where men are to be fitted and refined for the courts of Heaven. As the stones composing Solomon's temple came together in the wall a perfect fit, without the touch of ax or hammer or any other instrument, so will the resurrected saints, and those who are alive at the time of his coming be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, each one fitted for the great change and taking his proper place in the temple of God's love. 3SP 41.1. 1Peter 2:6; Eph. 4:16; Matt. 21:44\*

Note: Here is why the Church is not the Bride—the bride is arrayed with the saints.. 1Cor. 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ***ye are God's building.***

1Cor. 3:16 Know ye not ***that ye are the temple of God,*** and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, ***him shall God destroy;*** for the temple of God is holy, which ***temple ye are.***

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Rev. 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 **And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

Jonh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would

have told you. ***I go to prepare a place for you.*** 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Rev. 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, ***the tabernacle of God is with men,*** and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. . . . 9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, ***Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*** 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and ***shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem,*** descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, and had 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:*** 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of ***the twelve apostles*** of the Lamb. . . . 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And ***they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.***

Christ came to restore in man the image of His maker DA 37.3

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“Jesus proceeded to show His hearers” in the sermon on the mount Matt. Chapters 5-7 “what it means to keep the commandments of God—***that it is a reproduction in themselves of the character of Christ.*** For in Him, God was daily made manifest before them.” MB 55.1

Heb. 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, ***I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;*** 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. . . . 26 For if ***we sin wilfully*** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of

judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the **blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified**, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Note: "their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Rom. 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness ***for the remission of sins that are past***, through the forbearance of God;" Those who Teach or say you can't keep the Ten Commandments have not the Father nor His law written in their hearts. John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; **whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him:**

" . . . ***Through Christ a door of hope was opened***, that man, notwithstanding his great sin, should not be under the absolute control of Satan. Faith in the merits of the Son of God would so elevate man that he could resist the devices of Satan. Probation would be granted him in which, through ***a life of repentance and faith in the atonement of the Son of God***, he might be redeemed from his transgression of the Father's law, **and thus be elevated to a position where his efforts to keep His law could be accepted.** SR 46.3

The body is not kept under by many professed Sabbathkeepers. Some have embraced the Sabbath whose minds have ever been depraved. And when they embraced the truth they did not feel the necessity of turning square about and changing their whole course of action. They have been for years following the inclinations of an unregenerate heart, and have been swayed by the corrupt passions of their carnal natures, which had defaced the image of God in them and defiled everything they touched; therefore their entire future life would be all too short, at the longest, to climb **Peter's ladder of Christian perfection, preparatory to their entering into the kingdom of God.** But there are not many who feel that they cannot be saved by a profession of the truth, unless they become sanctified through the truth in answer to the prayer of our divine Lord to His Father: "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth." 2T 479.1

**Christ is the ladder that Jacob saw**, the base resting on the earth, and the topmost round reaching to the gate of heaven, to the very threshold of glory. If that ladder had failed by a single step of reaching the earth, we should have been lost. But Christ reaches us where we are. He took our nature and overcame, that we through taking His nature might overcome. Made "in the likeness of sinful flesh" (Romans 8:3), He lived a sinless life. Now by His divinity He lays hold upon the throne of heaven, while by His humanity He reaches us. **He bids us by**



***faith in Him attain to the glory of the character of God.*** Therefore are we to be perfect, even as our "Father which is in heaven is perfect." DA 311.5

Rom. 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, ***or of obedience unto righteousness?*** 17 But God be thanked, that ye ***were*** the servants of sin, but ***ye have obeyed from the heart*** that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

## Only You can make you Sin.

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

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Note: Pastors teach you can not keep the 10 Commandments and by extension or thereby you can't be holy, righteous, or perfect, Why do they teach this? Their Carnal Mind is not subject to the Law of God. Rom. 8:7. Who's leading them. " . . Satan had declared that the law of God could not be obeyed, . . . " DA 761.4.;PP77;COL 314.4" . . He sought to prove that the righteousness of God's law is an enemy to peace. . . " DA 762.3;GC592;7BC915. " . . . Yet the very means by which Christ established the law Satan represented as destroying it. Here will come the last conflict of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. . . " DA 762. See PP 365.1 above. " Matt. 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: If you can't keep the ten commandments then you can't keep the 4th. James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. "many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy" Doctrine "kindled from the hellish torch of Satan," TM 409.3; 411.2;

There are many who try to blend these two systems, ***using the texts that speak of the ceremonial law to prove that the moral law has been abolished; but this is a***

**perversion of the Scriptures.** The distinction between the two systems is broad and clear. The ceremonial system was made up of symbols pointing to Christ, to His sacrifice and His priesthood. . . But concerning the law of Ten Commandments the psalmist declares, "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89. And Christ Himself says, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law.... Verily I say unto you", making the assertion as emphatic as possible "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:17, 18. . . . { PP 365.1}