



THE HOUSE OF GOD

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THIS IS THE CHURCH Series

In the book of Ephesians, a letter written to the church in Ephesus by the Apostle Paul, there is so much written about the mystery of God's plan in heart for the CHURCH—which includes you and I.

The second message in our series, *This is the Church*, is **THE HOUSE OF GOD**. And the heart behind it was, *God is renewing some things*. And some of the things we're talking about, you may have heard before, but *it's important that they be brought to your remembrance*

👉 **so you can step into them and maximize the promise of God in your life.**

That's the heart behind it. So, we're doing this in a way that, even if you are brand new, that you can understand what it means. What is CHURCH like? What does it mean to be part of GOD'S CHURCH?—Last week we learned why we need CHURCH. Today we're going to talk about the HOUSE OF GOD.

Paul is writing to Timothy, relating to the CHURCH of Ephesus. And he goes...

*1 Timothy 3:15 but if I am delayed, I write so **that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.***

There is **certain protocols and manners and ways that we function in, and conduct ourselves in GOD'S HOUSE which is the CHURCH**. When we talk about the HOUSE OF GOD, we're actually talking about the CHURCH.

We learned last week that the Word CHURCH comes from the Greek Word *EKKLESIA* where people would be called out in Greek City-States—the cities that were states—and people from various industries and lifestyles, government, politicians, business leaders, educators would be selected and called out, and invited to gather together, usually in these arenas. And then they would have a preacher come that would preach and share all these *REVELATIONS*—not necessarily from God, but from the realm of the spirit—because to *PREACH means to be a medium that interacts with the Spirit realm*. And they would usually set up an altar in front of everybody, whatever god they represented, and then *they would begin to disseminate knowledge and insight and revelations from the realm of the spirit*. And the people in the audience—the leaders, the people in society—would be like, “Man, That's good. We can apply that to our family, to our education, to our legal system. We can apply it to our government. We can apply it to certain policies. And they would take these insights and they would apply them in their everyday life and in their culture.

That's HOW CULTURE WAS CREATED. **It was the *EKKLESIA* that set the tone of culture**. And the *EKKLESIA in those times was also the Legislative Assembly of the city and state*. That's how the Legislative Assembly concept came forward. In other words, there was rules and laws that were put into motion by coming to what they would call CHURCH or the *EKKLESIA*.

So when **Jesus** began to refer to **the CHURCH**, He borrowed the term (*EKKLESIA*), and **referred to the CHURCH as an *EKKLESIA***. But except we were called out of the world, and in a sense, we spiritually do the same thing—

➡ **WE WILL COME TOGETHER and HEAR FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT**—And often times,

➡ **A PREACHER (or Minister, a Teacher) would MINISTER THE WORD OF GOD TO US.**

That's what we do. We minister the WORD OF GOD which is already set up by God and established in heaven. But God wants to see it occur in our everyday lives.

👉 **That's how we are supposed to set the tone of culture—set the tone of our society.**

That's what we ought to be doing as CHURCH.

That the big picture- We ought to MINISTER TO THE WORLD that we live in.—However, we sometimes live in a world where the world is trying to set the tone of whether CHURCH should be or not, and how it should be, and how it should operate.—That is not God's Plan or God's model.

So it is important that we understand what GOD'S CHURCH IS.

➡ THE HOUSE OF GOD is the CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, the pillar and ground of truth.

➡ We should be DISSEMINATING TRUTH and LOVE and the GRACE of God

We need to have TRUTH. What's why we got to speak up. If we don't speak up as GOD'S CHURCH in the Western world today, we're going to lose our freedoms.—And there are a lot of groups and entities that would love to shut down the VOICE OF GOD'S CHURCH. That's why it's important that we get even more bolder and we speak forth. Because if we don't, then we're already silenced. They want to silence us.

These other agendas want to shout down the voice of...

So what is the CHURCH? THE CHURCH IS THE PILLAR. It's a ground of TRUTH.

Where did this word HOUSE OF GOD first come from? I'm going to go to verse 16 onwards—but what you find in Genesis 28 is you hear the story of Jacob. Jacob wasn't such a good character. He had some flaws.—How many can relate? Maybe you can relate to Jacob. Jacob had some flaws. He was a bit of a trickster. He was a deceiver. He was very cunning though, and very sharp—but there was something deep in his heart that God could look upon Jacob's heart. And He knew that Jacob still had something for God in him.

1:17:01ff

Jacob is running for his life and then he came to a certain place, fell asleep there and found himself in the HOUSE OF GOD

Genesis 28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

When you come in the HOUSE OF GOD you might not expect it, but something will happen to him. You become more aware and conscious of your heavenly Father when you come in the HOUSE OF GOD.

This is the first mention of the HOUSE OF GOD.

The stone Jacob is sleeping was not comfortable. ..

Genesis 28:17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

The HOUSE OF GOD is the GATE OF HEAVEN.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is ..

Heaven can have constant interaction with earth. And earth can have constant interaction with heaven.

If you're a part of the HOUSE of GOD you're a representative of heaven

Genesis 28:18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.

Jacob made an offering and called that place BETHEL, meaning *House of God*

Genesis 28:19-23 And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, 21 so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God. 22 And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

When we come to God's HOUSE

— We begin to DREAM AGAIN

— We become a LIVING STONE

-> We must have a HOME and a FAMILY

There is something unique in you

When you're in God's House you realize, This is my family

Genesis 32:22-32 And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. 23 He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. 24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "**I will not let You go unless You bless me!**" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. 30 So **Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."** 31 Just as he crossed over Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. 32 Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank.

Jacob wanted that Blessing to come on him and for his lineage.

Genesis 35:7 And he built an altar there and **called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.**

Jacob goes back to that place where he first met God. —It is the exact same stone, but now He had another encounter with God. He found his way back.
God said, you still have to come back into the HOUSE.

Once you become part of God's HOUSE, you also become a LIVING STONE in the House.

Hebrews 10:25 **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, **but exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

There's always some who don't believe that.
The CHURCH is an ENDTIME Thing

Isaiah 2:2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the Lord's house
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And all nations shall flow to it.

Nations = Unbelievers should be flocking to the CHURCH.
God is looking for a BRIDE who is also a CHURCH.

If Nations are to come to the House, there needs to be a HOUSE.

God saying, MY HOUSE is above all other houses. People want to come up to that mountain.
People saying, I want to come to the Gates of Heaven. The world is a Gate of hell.
Heaven has gates, and hell has gates.

JESUS is building His CHURCH.

JESUS is making His CHURCH a glorious, beautiful Bride. He is going to mature His Bride, His Church. —God is going to make you a different person. You understand who you really are.

Genesis 35

When Jacob goes back to the HOUSE OF GOD, God reminds him of his real identity

Genesis 35:10 And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; **your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name.**" So He called his name Israel.

God reminds him, This is who you are! You're not a trickster anymore.
God is bringing out your DESTINY and your CALLING.

You can have heaven on earth (in your marriage).

When you come into GOD'S HOUSE you learn...

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And you get sharpened
Heaven's about *Forgiveness*
Heaven is full of *Humility*

Micha You're to cut some blood.

That's a good thing! That's a sign that you're still alive.

Jesus is committed to building His CHURCH and to complete His MISSION and reach the whole world.—

THE MISSION DOESN'T CHANGE

The Question is ➡ Will you be a part of it?

Matthew 24:14

PRAYER

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