

SCCC – BUILDING THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE

S - Scriptures

“David said, “My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the Lord should be of great magnificence and fame and splendor in the sight of all the nations. Therefore I will make preparations for it.” So David made extensive preparations before his death.”

C – Consideration

The aged King saw his death approaching, and God didn't allow him to build the Temple in Jerusalem. His zealous heart for the Lord was so intense he called Solomon, his son and, “gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the LORD and all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the temple of God and for the treasuries for the dedicated things.” As Moses received divine instructions to build the Tabernacle, so also David received to build the Temple. Having the foreknowledge of the structure, “He provided a large amount of iron, and more bronze than could be weighed. He also provided more cedar logs than could be counted. David, speaking and instructing his son, said, “I have taken great pains to provide for the temple of the Lord a hundred thousand talents of gold, a million talents of silver, quantities of bronze and iron too great to be weighed, and wood and stone. You have many workers: stonecutters, masons, and carpenters...Now begin the work, and the Lord be with you.”

C – Commitment

David, moved not by legalistic motives, but entirely by love for his God, decided to get most of his treasures he had acquired and used them to build God's Temple. He could have left the work in the hands of his son, however, he wanted to make sure that everything would be ready; therefore no excuse would hinder the Sanctuary from being erected. It brings to mind the time I worked as a chef. I remembered preparing all the ingredients for our diverse Italian menu ahead of time, for the line cooks to work; otherwise, as the customers ordered their meals, they wouldn't get it. But, David, taught me something else. He showed me that before I die, I can help build things in God's kingdom that I had dreamt of doing, but I didn't. As he did, I can also offer my earthly treasures to the younger “Solomon's” who are in different parts of this world, building the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth. I don't just dream about it, but I should do it. In the end I will be wise as David, or foolish as Jesus shared in a parable, “Then I will say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry!” ’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. Then who will own what you have accumulated?’ This is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich toward God.”

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, help me see the Spiritual temple in construction by the Holy Spirit in this world, and give whatever You gave me to help build Your church in the nations. Deliver me from the foolishness of greed, and give me the understanding to lay up for myself “treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen!