BUILDING THE HOLY HOUSE OF GOD

"In whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:21).

The Holy Nation of God

- *"You are no longer strangers and aliens but fellow citizens with the saints" (19a).*
- *What does this mean?*
  - *They became a people set apart from all others.*
  - *They submitted to the authority of their King.*
  - *They enjoyed the benefits of citizenship.*
  - *They became fellow citizens of the kingdom.*
  - *They could anticipate future glory for the kingdom!*

The Household of God

- *". . . and of the household of God" (19b).*
- *What did this mean for the Ephesians?*
  - *They had the privilege of knowing God as Father.*
  - *They enjoyed the right of access to the Father.*
  - *They knew Jesus as their elder brother; they were heirs of God and fellow heirs with Jesus.*
  - *They were to live and obey as the children of God!*

The Habitation of God

- *"You also are being built together into a dwelling of God" (22).*
- *Again, the meaning for them and us:*
  - *We are living stones built on a solid foundation.*
  - *We have Jesus as the cornerstone of our building.*
  - *We, the stones, are 'fitly framed' together.*
  - *We grow into a holy temple in the Lord.*
  - *We become the dwelling place where God lives!*

There is a habitation, built by the living God,
For all of every nation who seek that grand abode.
A city with foundations, firm as th'eternal throne;
Nor wars nor desolations shall ever move a stone.
Within its pearly portals, angelic armies sing,
With glorified immortals, the praises of its King.
O Zion, Zion, I long thy gates to see;
O Zion, Zion, when shall I dwell in thee?

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