

SERMON SERIES: **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **A House for the Lord**

TEXTS: **2 Samuel 7:1-17; Eph 2:19-22**

SERIES INTRODUCTION: *Church, this spring let's go beyond "spring cleaning," and take aim at doing some repairs, renovating and remodeling on God's House, the church!*

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION: *Before we get into specific areas we can work on, let's make sure we have a clear understanding of the Lord's House ...*

A HOUSE FOR THE LORD, THEN (2 Samuel 7:1-17)

1. David's plan: To make _____ a great house (7:1-2)
2. The prophet Nathan's _____ light (7:3)
3. The Lord's _____ light (7:4-11a)
4. The Lord's plan: To make _____ a great house! (7:11b)
5. The two future sons of David (7:12-16)
 - ✧ *NEAR:* _____, who would build the _____
_____ Jerusalem (1 Kings 5-8)
 - ✧ *DISTANT:* _____, who would build the _____
_____ Jerusalem (Isa 2:2-3; Mat 3:2; 4:17; Mat 16:18-19; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1-2)

[NOTICE: His House = His _____ = His _____]

6. What was true of God's House THEN, is also true of God's House NOW: The Church is not _____ plan to build a house for God, but _____ plan to build a house for us! (Mat 16:18-19)

[Today, there are too many _____, with a plan of their own; and, too many _____ to encourage them. And what a mess they've made! 1 Cor 1:9-13; 3:11; 14:33; 2 Tim 2:19]

A HOUSE FOR THE LORD, NOW (Ephesians 2:19-22)

1. We are built _____ to this House (Eph 2:19; 1 Pet 2:4-6), which is a _____, to which we all _____!
2. We are built _____ the One Foundation (2:20; 1 Cor 3:11; 2 Tim 2:19)
3. We are built _____ to be "a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (2:21-22; 1 Pet 2:4-6)
 - a) *So, we _____ His House (1 Cor 3:16-17; 2 Cor 6:16; Heb 3:6),*
 - b) *and a _____ for God to live in (John 14:23),*
 - c) *until Jesus _____ and takes us all _____ to His House (John 14:2-3)!*
4. In the meantime, we are here to build _____ His House! (Eph 4:11-16; Mat 28:19-20)