

SERMON SERIES: **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **A House for the Lord 2**

TEXTS: **Ephesians 2:19-22**

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 GOD a great house (7:1-2)
2. The prophet Nathan's GREEN light (7:3)
3. The Lord's RED light (7:4-11a)
4. The Lord's plan: To make DAVID a great house! (7:11b)
5. The two future sons of David (7:12-16)
 - ✧ *NEAR: SOLOMON, who would build the TEMPLE IN Jerusalem (1 Kings 5-8)*
 - ✠ *DISTANT: JESUS, who would build the CHURCH FROM Jerusalem (Isa 2:2-3; Mat 3:2; 4:17; Mat 16:18-19; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1-2)*
[His House = His KINGDOM = His CHURCH]
6. What was true of God's House THEN, is also true of God's House NOW: The Church is not OUR plan to build a house for God, but GOD'S plan to build a house for us!

[Today, there are too many DAVID's, with a plan of their own; and, too many NATHAN's 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 God's _____, to which we all _____!
2. We are built _____ the One Foundation (Eph 2:20; 1 Cor 3:11; 2 Tim 2:19; Eph 4:4-6; Mat 7:24-27; 15:13-14)
3. We are built _____ to _____ together! (Eph 2:21; Acts 2:44; 5:12b; Heb 10:24-25)
4. We are also built _____ to be "a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (2:21-22; 1 Pet 2:4-6)
 - a) *So, church, 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; 2 Cor 6:16-17),*
 - c) *until Jesus _____ and takes us all _____ to His House! (John 14:2-3)*
5. In the meantime, we are here to build _____ His House! (Eph 4:11-16; Mat 28:19-20; 1 Cor 3:9-17)
 - 1) *To build in the right _____*
 - 2) *To build with the right _____ (John 15:16)*
6. But don't forget, since we are His WORK _____ (Eph 2:10), and called to be His WORK _____ (2 Tim 2:15), we must be WORK _____! (Isa 64:8; Rom 8:29; 12:2)