

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

GOD'S HOUSE

Hebrews 3:4 "For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything."

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. (John 1:1-3) God and His Son Jesus are the builders of everything.

Included in the "all things" of God's creation the Bible refers to Jesus building a house. Peter wrote this concerning this house, "As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5) St. Paul wrote regarding those who live in this house, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22) And, 1 Timothy 3:15 says "God's household. . .is the church of the living God. . ."

To the Corinthian Christians St. Paul wrote, "You are the temple of the living God" (2 Corinthians 6:16) and " . . . God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple." (1 Corinthians 3:16-17) You, therefore, are a sacred house, created by the nailed pierced hands of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is the foundation and cornerstone of this house. In Him it has its existence. Because of Him nothing can destroy it.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, keep me ever secure on You the Foundation of my faith and eternal hope. Amen.

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the Solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;

In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain:

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;

When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain:

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,

Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne:

Refrain:

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