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1 Kings 6:7

“And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.” 1 King 6:7

What is this about? Why was it so important that the sound of men working with tools not be heard while the temple was being assembled? As with so much of the Old Testament, we see such wonderful types – or pictures – of our new life in Christ! “For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourself, it is a gift of God – not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9) As temples of God ourselves, and as such, we must still choose to allow the work of God within our hearts. But none-the-less, we must cease from the noise of our own works – our own attempts to climb our way to heaven or the human efforts and striving to attain acceptance with God!

“There remains, therefore, a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from His.” (Hebrews 4:9-10).

Amidst the flurry of your religious busyness watch and listen carefully that you are not bringing your “noise” into the building of the temple. Rather the sounds you should be hearing are “God Who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13).

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