



Before the THRONE

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Psalm 127:1

“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman *stays awake* in vain.” Psalm 127:1

What endeavors are you currently attempting in life? Are you building a family, a career, a ministry? Who is doing the building anyway? Is it God or is it us? At what point do we initiate by acting in faith and at what point do we wait expectantly upon God’s initiation? “Except the LORD build... they labour in vain...”

It seems men are always swinging from one extreme to the other. Grace verses law – faith or works – eternal security or perseverance of the saints – the sovereignty of God or the free will of man – and so it goes. The Lord on the other hand has made it clear, “I am the LORD, I change not.” (Malachi 3:8; also Hebrews 13:8). We are in danger of watering down any of the great truths of the Kingdom when we only look or attempt to discern with our human understanding.

It has been said, “The Lord is the never-changing, ever-changing God”– meaning His character never changes but from our perspective as finite beings, His Being so vast, so unfathomable, that our minds at times cannot grasp more than one or two thoughts or facets of His character and ways without running into apparent contradiction.

Son, you must build, you must act in faith trusting God’s help and direction. Remain ever dependant upon Him for His mind and strength in your building. The leading of the Spirit is essential. Should strife become evident in your building, or the peace of God leave your labour, should the grace to build no longer seem evident – stop... reevaluate... seek God. Ask yourself, “Am I building alone or am I building with the LORD? What is the Spirit saying to me at this moment?” Once His peace is restored to your heart, then and only then, should you proceed in your efforts.

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