

Who Built Your House?

Ponder: Choosing the right builder

Scripture: “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psa. 127:1, NKJV).

This psalm is attributed to Solomon, who built the Jerusalem temple according to the plans that God gave his father David (1 Chron. 28:11-12). But more than that is involved in saying the Lord built the house. Solomon knew that without the Lord’s blessing upon him, the temple, his family, Jerusalem and the rest of his kingdom, and upon everything else, the entire effort would be in vain.

A congregation I once served decided to sell the parsonage and pay me an allowance to buy our own house. We looked at numerous places, none of which suited our needs. One home we viewed was brand new, but had been built by a contractor known for cutting corners and building on the cheap. We didn’t even seriously consider that one! Finally we had a house built by someone we knew and trusted to do a good job. But even if we had the best-built house in the country, it would be pointless if we didn’t rely on the Lord to bless not only that house, but our family and everything else about us.

In Matthew 7:24-27 Jesus spoke the parable of the wise and foolish builders. The wise man built his house on the rock, while the foolish man built on the sand. So there is a sense in which we build our own house – that is, we decide whether or not to trust and obey the Lord’s word. The foolish man building on sand is like that contractor cutting corners and building on the cheap. A house like that will disappoint you! But if we’re wise, we will trust and obey; and in one sense you could say then that the Lord is building our house because, like Solomon, we’re building according to the plans God has given. Of course Jesus wasn’t talking about a physical dwelling place, but rather the life we choose to live, founded on the bedrock truth of His word.

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Song: “The Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock”

Prayer: Father in heaven, nothing we do is any good unless we are following Your will and You are with us. Help us to wisely build on the rock. In Jesus’ name, Amen.