

THE MASTERCRAFT: “CRYSTALIZE AND EXPAND YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE”

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TEXT REVELATIONS 21 & 1 PETER 5

REV. 21: ¹And I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.

²² And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

²⁴ And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it (*the people you have influenced*).

Brethren, two-week ago, we were reminded that:

“OUR HOUSE NEEDS TO BE FILLED WITH THE FRAGRANCE OF PERFUME” (John 12:3)

We Understood That What This Means Is That We Should Bring The Word of God Into

Our Temple, Each Person’s Body is a Temple of the Holy Ghost. (1 Corinthians 6:19).

And then allow people to smell the perfume and willingly come into the house – the person wearing a perfume does not quite smell it, others do.

We are learning from Revelation 21:1 that at the end of our journey here on earth, our temple disappears and only the temple of God shows up & stands.

However, those who have managed their temple properly, here on earth, will enter the temple of God as kings with glory and honour (v24). And bring the glory of those they have influenced with them. Jesus did the same (John 17:6-19).

Jhn 17:9 “⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.” ¹⁰...glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ ...they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. **Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name...**

Our temple is, therefore, not meant for us alone. We are to **influence others** and bring them into our temple to build it out into a nation. Our ability to build our nation makes us “king” of that nation.

Rev 21:26 says “we shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into the temple of God.”

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1 PETER 5: 2-4

² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Brethren, what it then means is that God has already mapped out some flock for us to influence. And He reveals them to us as we demonstrate willingness.

Therefore, while we are bringing the word of God into our temple, that word is not just for us but also for the flocks that God has put under our care. This means we

must always think beyond ourselves and use the word of God in us to influence as many people as possible. We should **crystalize (know)** the people we impact and continue to **expand** this sphere (members of our nation).

In Rev 21:24, John said “And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of the Almighty temple : and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.”

God will enable us to save nations, if we are willing. The nations we save will walk in the light of the Almighty temple with us.

What weapons do we need to build/expand our influence?

A. 1 Peter 5:6 - HUMILITY

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He will lift you up in due time.

Isaiah 11:2 "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on you-the Spirit of wisdom & understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

B. 1 Peter 5:8 – BE ALERT

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. John 10: "10 devil comes only to steal, to kill and destroy".
James 4: "7 Resist the devil, & he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you".

C. Romans 1:16 – BE BOLD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to all who believe.
2 Tim 1:7-8 "7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 8 So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. (NLT)

Conclusion,

God has made each of us a temple; let us go crystalize and expand our sphere of influence so we can make heaven with the glory and honour of nations.

- **Speak God's word boldly (draw wisdom from God's word for your everyday conversation.**

“When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they recognized that these men had been with Jesus.”

- **Showcase the power of God in your life:** occupational success & character (You are the light of the world. Lamp lit and cannot be hidden ...Matthew 5:14-16)

- **Be deliberate about building your nation:** Nurture, encourage and coach the nations you bring into your temple. Get them to the point that they can believe Jesus and confess Jesus, because they have seen His work in your life.

GOD BLESS YOU!