

"The Holy Residence."

Psalm 84

John 6: 56-69.

There was a young prince who refused to spend much time in the Royal Palace. This became truer once he became emperor. He desired to stay moving to improve his country and empire. His citizens were very poor. And his nation was behind the other great nations in education, technology and trade.

The young emperor dressed as a common citizen and traveled by foot to the West. He visited the German kingdoms where he hired farmers to move to his country to improve agriculture. In Switzerland, he invited Reform ministers to come and preach in his Court and countryside. The Emperor invited them as he admired the Calvinist belief that God would bless those who discovered the talent He gave them if it would be put to good use. It was a belief he believed would encourage the poor to learn a trade once vocational schools were opened.

The Emperor's tour proved even more successful. He worked incognito as a Rotterdam and Amsterdam shipyard carpenter where he learnt shipbuilding- even building a boat for himself as well as sent Dutch carpenters back to his land to build ships. Yet his European Grand tour's greatest highlight were visits to France and England. The emperor employed the finest architects and professors from Paris to return to with him to build a new palace and university as well as scientists and bankers in London.

By the new century's beginning in 1700 CE, the young emperor had built a new capital, Saint Petersburg, and Russia, his nation, had become a rising power with a strong educational, cultural, and economic foundation. Peter The Great was the emperor. And he remained a leader who spent little time in the palace. He wanted the people to know he was always amongst them to help improve and strengthen them. For Peter the Great, his royal home was everywhere. Where the people were, he would also be.

A similar story occurred 4,000 years earlier. Yet its' aftermath continues producing Divine Blessings. It was about the Divine Emperor and Architect of the Universe- God, The Father.

King Solomon dedicated the Great Temple Of The Lord in Jerusalem. He stood outside the Temple, faced the crowds, extended his arms outwardly,

raised his head to Heaven, and offered a Prayer on the People's behalf. Solomon did so as a Cloud that had followed the High Priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant into the Temple, reappeared outside. The Cloud hovered over the people then expanded out across the Holy Land and into foreign territory. Solomon understood the Cloud's meaning. It was God's Everpresent Spirit.

Solomon Then Thanked God for the Cloud's message. He exclaimed in front of the people His and The People's Gratitude for the Holy Message. The Lord had reminded them through the Cloud's movement that He was a God whose Great Spirit, even a Large Temple Made With Hands could not contain. The One True God Would Not Stay In His Earthly Palace For Long.

This is a Blessing often taken for granted as well as overlooked. God Loves Us So Very Much that He is Everywhere We Are. That is why He and Jesus both tell us still in Spirit through scripture to Have No Fear-They Are With Us Forever. Both Father and Son will Never Leave Nor Forsake us. God's, Holy Spirit Will Guide Our Life Journey-Giving Us Lesson Messages along the way. And Jesus Christ, The Good Shepherd, Will Guide Our Hearts.

Others will then witness that Our Hearts are also Dwellings for The Kingdom of Heaven which is the Spirit of God and Saviour's Love. In fact, God and Christ always begin their Earthly Visit in Our Hearts. The Heart is Our Own Personal Temple. It is also God's Heavenly Residence Centre on Earth From it, comes all our actions both good and bad. That is why Jesus always says that He Stands At Our Heart Doors and Knocks. Yet it is our duty to let him inside. Once within, Christ will Guide us In Love To Be More God and Neighbour Loving. We will become Christlike.

Worship Houses are the Lord's Holy Residential Crossroads. Father and Son are present there to Rest and Feed Us Holy Love Wisdom through The Pastor and fellow members. Then They Move On To Touch Others , Elsewhere. They Command Us To Do The Same. God and Jesus Won't Be Stopped Now or Ever. They are on The Move to paraphrase a 70s disco hit. Best of All, They Give Us Living Bread To Feed One Another Everyday. Yet The Bread From Which We Will Always Be Nourished Is The Love With Which God and Jesus Place In Our Hearts. It is not Bread we can See or Taste With Our Mouths. We Taste this "Heavenly Love Bread" with Our Hearts.

The Holy Residence is thus Everywhere. Heaven Above Houses God and Christ's Ruling Thrones. Yet Their Residence Never Ceases To Expand. It is

Everywhere We Feel and Share Their Love: The Heart, Worship Houses, Daily Lives of Each Other Into Which We Are Sent Throughout The World As Well As In The Talents God Gives Us To Bless On His Behalf And In Christ's Image. We Ourselves Are Holy Residents As We Are God's Children And Thus Members Of The Holy Royal Family. Therefore, Let Us Tend To Our Holy, Royal Residential Duty: Love As God Loves Us.

Amen.