

## ***The Resting Place of God***

### **I. KING DAVID’S VOW**

- A. King David had a longing heart for the presence of God in his life. He is a picture of the heart every believer should have for God. It’s that burning desire for God that nothing else can satisfy! So many are satisfied with too little. David’s vow is an example of what the posture of our heart should be.

***“LORD, remember David And all his afflictions; <sup>2</sup>How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: <sup>3</sup>“Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed; <sup>4</sup>I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids, <sup>5</sup>Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.” (Psa. 132:1-5)***

- B. Isaiah 55:3-4 speaks of David as a witness (example) to the people of the earth. He was a sign and a wonder and a demonstration of the value system of the kingdom of God.

***“Give ear and come to me, hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples” (Isa. 55:3-4).***

- C. David was an example of how God deals with weak people that are truly repentant. He was a revelation of tenderness, kindness, and the mercy of God. And he was an example of what the Lord is searching for in the hearts of men. He was a man after God’s own heart.
- D. David made an actual vow to not live “business as usual” until God had a dwelling place on earth. David knew that God burned with passion to manifest himself in and through His people. He would not pursue his own comfort when the Lord was not resting among the people of Israel.

### **II. GOD’S RESTING PLACE**

- A. God’s resting place is the manifestation of the glory of God. The word glory is “Kabod” meaning weighty, heavy, the tangible presence of God through the Holy Spirit. It is the glory of Christ being experienced and expressed by humans. *When the glory of God is dwelling with people, shadows heal people, there is unity, and the knowledge of God is poured out<sup>1</sup>*

***“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh” (Acts 2:17).***

- B. When God is resting with a corporate people, His power is manifest openly which involves the gifts of the Spirit being present in fullness. God’s resting place is where we are no longer striving against Him but are living in 100-fold obedience and agreement with His heart.
- C. God’s resting place is **corporate** and **geographic**. There are records of transformational awakening taking place in regions of the world because God has a resting place among His people where His glory and revelation can be poured out. Our job is to “steward” it and fan it into flame (2 Tim. 1:6).

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<sup>1</sup> The Priesthood – David Bradshaw

### III. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF THE RESTING PLACE

- A. In the O/T there was only one true resting place: The Holy of Holies. Only the high priest could enter in once a year. It was the place of God's mercy seat (where the blood was applied for the sins of the people). The Holy of Holies was a gloriously dangerous place.
- B. **Moses and the people in that generation** experienced the manifest glory of God and breakthrough with power on a regular basis.

*“Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp. <sup>8</sup>So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. <sup>9</sup>And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. <sup>10</sup>All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. <sup>11</sup>So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle” (Ex. 33:7-11)*

- C. **The Apostles -- Acts 2:** An open heaven on the early church. God rested on 120 people in the upper room. The posture of everyone's heart was to wait on God and seek His face for the promised Holy Spirit. This resting place was the culmination of the ministry of Christ himself. The mission of Christ, *“As I was sent, so send I you”* was accomplished through the Holy Spirit finding a resting place on His church.
- D. **The end-time prayer movement** will release the consummation of David's vow, as zeal for God and His house will consume the heart of people through worship and prayer. The dimension of power that is about to be released upon the church is unprecedented – beyond our current ability to comprehend.

*“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.” (Acts 2:17-19)*

*“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony [with power] to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matt. 24:14).*

### IV. BUILDING THE RESTING PLACE

- A. In the context of today, God has called each of us to participate in building the resting place of God in our homes and region. First, through building the house of prayer, *“My house shall be called a house of prayer” (Is. 56:7)*. Secondly, by developing a *“ministry unto the Lord”* lifestyle (Acts 13:2). When worship/adoration is our first priority, the resting place becomes a reality. Thirdly, through regular prayer and fasting. Ministry to the Lord with prayer and fasting sustains a resting place for the Lord in a region. May we desire the presence of Jesus to build a resting place here!