

Building Bridges

Job 22:21-30

*“Building a Spiritual Bridge to Satisfy
Our Lives”*



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Our theme for this year is “Building Bridges.” Last week we considered several principles:

- Bridges are built to remedy a problem
- Building bridges requires a plan
- Built bridges results via perseverance

CHRIST CAME TO BE THE REMEDY FOR OUR PROBLEM

Jn. 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and **that the world may know that thou hast sent me**, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

- The Creation – Purpose

Isa. 43:7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory**, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

- The Calamity – Problem

Rom. 3:23 For **all have sinned**, and **come short of the glory of God**;

1 Tim. 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief.

- The Change – Provision

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be in Christ, he is a new creature***: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

CHRIST CAME ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOD'S PLAN

- The Plan was in Place BEFORE the Foundation of the World
- The Plan was Preeminent for the Lord, to Fulfill God's Word

CHRIST CAME REplete WITH PROVISIONS FOR OUR PERSEVERANCE

Jn. 17:14 **I have given them thy word**; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 **I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world**, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 **They are not of the world**, even as **I am not of the world**.

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- The Scriptures

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- The Sanctification

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- The Sending

Jn. 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, **even so have I also sent them into the world**.

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Lu. 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for **a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**

I. THE PATH FOR SATISFACTION, 22:21-23

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A. We Must Cultivate a Spirit of Purpose –
“**Acquaint now thyself...**”

1. The Sphere of the Present – “...now...”

2. The Sense of Perception – “...thyself...”

B. We Must Center the Savior as Preeminent -
“Acquaint now thyself **with him...**”

Col. 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that **in all things he might have the preeminence.**

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- Receive the Word, Job 22:22

Job 22:22 **Receive**, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and **lay up his words in thine heart.**

- Return to Worship, Job 22:23a

Job 22:23a “If thou **return to the Almighty...**”

- Remove from the World, Job 22:23b

Job 22:23b “...thou shalt be built up, **thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.**”

II. THE PROVISIONS FOR SUCCESS, 22:21

Job 22:21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and **be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.**

A. The Privilege of Peace – “...at peace...”

Jn. 14:27 Peace I leave with you, **my peace I give unto you:** not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Jn. 16:33 These things **I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace.** In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

Rom. 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but **to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.**

B. The Provision with Peace – “...**thereby good shall come unto thee.**”

Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what *is* that good**, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Rom. 12:9 *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; **cleave to that which is good.**

Col. 1:10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work**, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Thess. 5:21 Prove all things; hold **fast that which is good**.

Jas. 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth **to do good**, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

III. THE POSSESSIONS TO SAVOR, 22:24-30

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A. The Premise, 22:24a – “THEN...”

B. The Prosperity, 22:24b – “...shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir...”

Job 28:12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?

16 It cannot be **valued with the gold of Ophir**, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

C. The Protection, 22:25

22:25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

D. The Prayers, 22:26-27

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PRAYER

**is a bridge
from your mess to
God's Rest.**

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E. The Proclamation, 22:28

22:28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

F. The Promotion, 22:29

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G. The Purity, 22:30

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Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us **accepted in the beloved.**

Conclusion

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Isa. 48:22 *There is **no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.***

Isa. 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins** have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

8 **The way of peace they know not**; and *there is* no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Phil. 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for **I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.**

Heb 13:5 **Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have:** for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

7 And **the peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, shall **keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**