

Chapter 4 – The building work:

You may want to consider then as to why are we labouring to build houses here, and gain wealth, work by sweating, working overtime and trying to save/accumulate money to buy houses and lands, and name them after ourselves?

We know the Lord Himself will build the houses of the saints, and give it to them to inhabit and look after. If the Lord is going to give you a house, or give you everything to build a house, you can imagine what that house may be like. It might be quite lavish but practical; it may not even have a roof if it is not going to rain. It is not the features that make these houses so special, but the way in which they may be built.

We see in the building of the tabernacle, the Lord raised up skilled workmen to assist Moses in its construction. He provided the materials and the skilled workers for the different tasks.

Exodus 25:9 *According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.*

Exodus 25:40 *And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.*

We see in the building of the Temple, David was given the pattern by God, and asked to build or pass on the plan to Solomon.

1 Chronicles 28:11,12 *Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:*

The building was according to the plan that God gave to David; it was followed precisely by Solomon in its construction. The materials were pre-formed and then brought to the site because the site work was purely an assembly of all the parts. This fits in with God's plan that there will be no sweating in our labours. It also fits with God's commandment that no one working in the tabernacle or the Temple (i.e. the priests and Levites) should have sweaty garments. They are to always clean when working in the presence of God.