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3- Choosing a Builder (the Son) ... Luke 6:47-49

Building is like a church building committee I read about...

A certain congregation was about to erect a new church edifice. The building committee, in consecutive meetings passed the following resolutions:

- 1. We shall build a new church*
- 2. The new building is to be located on the site of the old one.*
- 3. The material in the old building is to be used in the new one.*
- 4. We shall continue to use the old building until the new one is completed.*

Source unknown

There are horror stories of people who have all their plans to build and all their financing lined up to build a home that then got involved in a morass or a quagmire of a situation that would take all the resolve they had to eliminate. It would take all their mental, physical and financial resources to resolve. Simply, they chose the wrong builder. They chose someone who was not honest and misrepresented themselves to the home builder.

Luk 6:47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately

it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

I- Choosing a Builder:

From our text it is obvious that one of the two houses probably had different builders. One knew what he was doing the other did not. Beloved anyone can build a chicken coop but we are not building chicken coops. We are building lives. Not everyone can build what is needed. Not all builders are qualified. One of the houses stood and the other crumbled.

There are two different entities that want to run our lives. One certainly does not have our best interest at heart and one does. Whom will you chose?

One wants to build upon a solid foundation one wants to build on sand. One is good at building lives while one is an expert prison builder.

II- Beware of the Con Artist:

As we stated in the introduction we must be on high alert for con artist. We call them shyster, crook deceiver, defrauder, fake, impostor...well you get the point.

Oh, I know you might say I am in charge of my own life. Really, have you really thought about what basis you make decisions upon. Many times, it may look like you and act like you but there is a hidden puppet master pulling the strings.

Toward the end of the fourth and the beginning of the third century B.C. there was a very famous architect by the name of Sostratos. The king of Egypt used him in order to build the famous beacon light of Alexandria. The king's purpose in building this beacon light was that the

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ships might find their way into the safety of the port. When the building was completed, architect Sostratos chiseled his own name on a stone that was part of the building. He did not want it to be readily visible and so he covered it with mud and whitewash. On top of that he wrote with gold letters the king's name so that when the waves hit the mud it would wash it away and his own name would appear.

Source unknown

Now beloved we need not look very far to see that Satan is nothing more than a con artist. He wants men to think they can control their own destiny. He has placed his mark hidden from view until the waves of life crash against it.

In the garden he deceived Eve. **Genesis 3:1** *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

Now that did not go so well for mankind did it? Look at the world in which we live and you will see that this deception was not in mankind's best interest.

He attempted to deceive Christ by false promises. **Matthew 4:8-9** *Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.* Jesus was being offered what Satan could not deliver because it was not his to give.

III- Check out His References:

Paul speaking about the hindrances to God's work spoke in a couple of places. **1Th 2:18** *Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.*

2Co 4:4 *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Now notice the less than glowing recommendation that Peter gave to him. **1Pe 5:8** *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

Notice what Jesus had to say about Satan. **John 8:44** *...He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

Christ also called him a wolf that scatters the sheep in **Joh 10:12** *But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.*

Well we do not need to tarry on this point any longer. I trust you understand that Satan is not one that we can trust to build our lives. He is a destroyer not a builder.

Now let's notice the references of Jesus the One I submit should be our builder.

First, let's notice Christ was spoken of by the Prophets. Now, space nor time allows us to exhaust the verses that could be brought to bear to give proof of this.

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Let us notice only a couple from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

Now that is certainly a good reference. He is most certainly qualified to be our builder.

Let us notice one more reference for Christ. He was given a glowing reference by the Father. Notice the following:

At Jesus' baptism by John: **Mat 3:17** *And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* (Also see **Mar 1:11** and **Luk 3:22**)

Then on the Mount of Transfiguration in **Mat 17:5** *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.* (Also see **Mar 9:7** and **Luk 9:35**)

Peter testifies of the glowing reference of the Father in **2Pe 1:17** *For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

Beloved no higher recommendation can be given then this.

IV- Look at Some of His Other Work:

When you build a house many times you will asks to see or have seen some of the work the builder has done. This work speaks volumes about where you want them to build your house.

The drug addict lives in the street, needle marks running up and down their arms. They eyes bloodshot and mind blurry. They trusted the wrong builder. They trusted that the liar was telling them truth but discovered it to late many times.

Notice the contrast with Satan and Jesus. Jesus said in **John 10:10** *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

The strongest argument for the Gospel of Christ is the personal testimony of someone whose life has been changed by it. Charles Bradlaugh, an avowed infidel, once challenged the Rev. H. P. Hughes to a debate. The preacher, who was head of a rescue mission in London, England, accepted the challenge with the condition that he could bring with him 100 men and women who would tell what had happened in their lives since trusting Christ as their Savior. They would be people who once lived in deep sin, some having come from poverty-stricken homes caused by the vices of their parents. Hughes said they would not only tell of their conversion, but would submit to cross-examination by any who doubted their stories. Furthermore, the minister invited his opponent to bring a group of non-believers who could tell how they were helped by their lack of faith. When the appointed day arrived, the preacher came, accompanied by 100 transformed

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persons. But Bradlaugh never showed up. The result? The meeting turned into a testimony time and many sinners who had gathered to hear the scheduled debate were converted. *Source unknown*

V- Does His Work Stand the Test of Time?

When architect Sir Christopher Wren designed the interior of Windsor Town Hall near London in 1689, he built a ceiling supported by pillars. After city fathers had inspected the finished building, they decided the ceiling would not stay up and ordered Wren to put in some more pillars.

England's greatest architect didn't think the ceiling needed any more support, so he pulled a fast one. He added four pillars that did not do anything -- they don't even reach the ceiling. The optical illusion fooled the municipal authorities, and today the four sham pillars amuse many a tourist.

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Beloved, we are told that the enemy is bound for a place that it known as hell. The Word of God says in **Matthew 25:41** *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.* This is spoken of as eternal death.

The life built with Christ as the builder however will only begin with death of this body. Paul stated in **Philippians 1:21** *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*