

The Silver and Gold He Had Dedicated

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David's provision for the temple shows his zeal for God's work and his desire to make a lasting impact, and it foreshadows the global purpose of God to gather souls from every nation and kindred to form a spiritual house, a holy Temple in the Lord.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 8:11, Ephesians 2:19, Hebrews 7:25

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the significance of David's dedication of silver and gold for the temple, illustrating how our contributions, even if indirect, are recognized by God. He highlights that while David could not build the temple himself, his preparations enabled Solomon to complete the work, showing that our efforts can benefit future generations. Meyer draws parallels between David's spoils from victory and how we can use our own struggles and failures to aid others in their spiritual journeys. He also points out the prophetic nature of the temple, indicating that people from all nations will contribute to the spiritual temple of the Church, reflecting God's inclusive plan for salvation.

Transcript

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of all nations which he subdued. 2 Sam. viii. 11.

DAVID might not build the temple, but he was bent on making provision for it. Indeed, Solomon had never been able to do as he did, unless his father had gathered these stores of gold and silver. Thus other men labour, and we enter into their labours; but the accomplished building is credited by God to each. He does not forget David when Solomon's temple stands complete. The reward is proportioned to each man's service, according to his share.

It is a glorious thing when we not only defeat our foes, but get spoils out of their overthrow which we can use for the service of God and man. It is as possible for us as for David. Out of our failures, temptations, mistakes, let us get the power of helping and directing others. In death Jesus won the keys of death and Hades, and the power to become a merciful and faithful High Priest; and now He ever liveth to make intercession for his people (Heb. vii. 25).

But the main lesson of this chapter is the foreshadowing of God's purpose, that Gentiles should contribute to the building of his Temple. What was literally true in the case of the temple of Solomon, is spiritually true of the heavenly Temple, the Church. From every nation, and kindred, people and tongue, souls are being gathered, who form a spiritual house, a holy Temple in the Lord. The whole world is destined to contribute to that structure, which is being prepared secretly and mystically, but shall ere long be manifested in its full glory. It is very interesting to get this suggestion from the chronicles of a nation so exclusive and haughty as the Jews. "They shall come from the East and West . . . "

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