

THE ONE THING

One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in his temple.

(PSA 27:4)

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

(Jas 1:5-8)

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

(Heb 11:5-6)

- **"Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke? "Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house; when you see the naked, to cover him; and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? "Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; and your righteousness will go before you; the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. "Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry, and he will say, 'here I am.' If you remove the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness,**

- **(Isa 58:6-9)**

WE NEED TO LISTEN

- "Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you; O Israel, if you would listen to me! "Let there be no strange god among you; nor shall you worship any foreign god. "I, the LORD, am your god, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I will fill it. "But my people did not listen to my voice, and Israel did not obey me. "So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, to walk in their own devices. "Oh that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! "I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- (Psa 81:8-14)

BUILD HIS HOUSE FIRST

- **"Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your panelled houses while this house *lies* desolate?" Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "consider your ways! "You have sown much, but harvest little; *you* eat, but *there is not enough* to be satisfied; *you* drink, but *there is not enough* to become drunk; *you* put on clothing, but no one is warm *enough*; and he who earns, earns wages *to put* into a purse with holes." Thus says the LORD of hosts, "consider your ways! (Hag 1:4-7)**
- **'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the lord of hosts. 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD of hosts. 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts.'" (Hag 2:7-9)**

HIS HOUSE – A DWELLING PLACE

- **"The eternal God is a dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; (Deu 33:27a)**
- **Jesus answered and said to him, "if anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my father will love him, and we will come to him and make our abode with him. (John 14:23)**
- **He who dwells in the shelter of the most high will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust!" (Psa 91:1-2)**

MAKE YOUR LIFE AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE FOR HIS PRESENCE

- **Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving *and* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting an His faithfulness to all generations. (Psa 100:2-5)**
- **Who may ascend into the hill of the lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (Psa 24:3-5)**