

THERE IS A HABITATION

Introduction

- 1) The song *There is a Habitation* speaks of an eternal habitation built by God
- 2) “Habitation” – a dwelling place; a place to live, a house, home, or settlement
 - a) “Inhabitant” – someone who lives in or occupies a place
 - b) “Habitat for Humanity” is an organization that seeks to provide people with a place to live
- 3) The spiritual concept of a habitation is important for both man and God (Ex. 15:11-13)

I) **The Habitation of Earthly Nations**

- A) *Acts 17:26* – God determined for the nations of men the pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation
- B) This speaks of the providential work of God in the affairs of nations
 - 1) There is little that a person can do to affect or change the affairs of nations
- C) Man must trust God’s wisdom and seek His kingdom and righteousness in whatever time and nation they are found (v. 27)

II) **God and His Habitation with Men**

- A) God does not need temples of men as a habitation (Acts 17:24; 7:46-50)
 - 1) God is too great to be confined within His creation (1 Kgs. 8:27)
- B) But there is a place for God’s name and glory to dwell among men (1 Kgs. 8:10-13, 27-30)
 - 1) The temple represented that God is present among men – His glory, name, blessings, etc.
- C) The *temple* was not a literal dwelling for God, but represented a relationship/fellowship between God and His people (Psa. 26:6-8; 27:4-5; 122:1)

III) **The Present Habitation of God with Men**

- A) The Word became flesh and “dwelt” among us (Jn. 1:14)
 - 1) Jesus – *Immanuel* (“God with us” Matt. 1:23)
- B) Man is able to dwell with God today through Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:6, 23)
 - 1) The church of Christ is the “house of God” (1 Tim. 3:15)
- C) Christians are a holy “temple” built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit (Eph. 2:19-22)
 - 1) The church is our Mount Zion today, and prepares us for our eternal habitation (Heb. 12:22)

IV) **Our Eternal Habitation**

- A) We look forward to being clothed with an eternal habitation (2 Cor. 4:16–5:2)
 - 1) The resurrected body will be immortal and incorruptible (1 Cor. 15:42-44, 53-54)
 - a) Just as our souls are now clothed with a body that reflects the corruption of this earth, at the resurrection that same body will be changed to an incorruptible nature to clothe us for an eternal and heavenly existence
- B) The eternal dwelling of the faithful will be a place of righteousness and complete fellowship with God – a heavenly city, a new heaven and new earth (Rev. 21:1-4ff; 2 Pet. 3:13)
 - 1) Like Abraham and the patriarchs, we seek that better habitation (Heb. 11:8-10, 13-16)

Conclusion

Do you have a place you inhabit? Have you entered a **habitation** today, the church, where you can dwell with God in Christ? There is a habitation prepared for those who will be with God in eternity (Matt. 25:34). Will you be ready to inhabit that habitation? Be saved today!