

**YAG RETREAT
23-24 May 2014**

**Session #2
Time: 9.00am**

Saturday, 24 May 2014

Text: 1 Chronicles 17

D. A DEEP AFFECTION FOR GOD'S HOUSE COMES ABOUT WHEN ONE IS FILLED WITH GOOD AND NOBLE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

1. Appreciation of God's blessings
 - a) I dwell in a house of cedar 1 Chronicles 17:1a
 - b) Symbol of achievement and wealth
2. A solemn comparison
 - a) The ark of the covenant of the LORD is under tent curtains 1 Chronicles 17:1b
 - b) It seems so wrong!
 - c) Hence the heart and mind desire to build God a House of worship
3. David's outstanding example
 - a) Legendary example of possessing a deep affection for God's House 1 Chronicles 29:3
 - b) Practical and positive outlook
 - c) Tremendous sense of commitment
 - d) It was his glory to search what was hidden by God Proverbs 25:2
4. Learning to relate the Spiritual and the Physical dimensions
 - a) I cried to the Lord with my voice and He heard me from His holy hill. Psalm 3:4
 - b) But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple Psalm 5:7
 - c) The LORD is in His holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven Psalm 11:4
 - d) LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? Psalm 15:1
 - e) Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? Psalm 24:3
 - f) LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells
Psalm 26:8
 - g) One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I 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 inquire in His temple. Psalm 27:4

- h) When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me, for I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. Psalm 42:4
- i) There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. Psalm 46:4
- j) As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Psalm 48:8
- k) I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Psalm 63:2

E. FEW CULTIVATE NOBILITY OF HEART AND MIND

1. Old Testament

- a) No spiritual understanding Isaiah 6:9-10
- b) Only lip service Isaiah 29:13
- c) Lack of knowledge Hosea 4:6
- d) A famine of God's word Amos 8:11-12

2. New Testament

- a) Laying aside the commandments of God Mark 7:6-8
- b) Holding fast to the traditions of men Mark 7:8
- c) Parable of the Sower and the seed Matthew 13
- d) False teachings 1 Timothy 4; 2 Timothy 4

F. EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO CULTIVATE A GOOD AND NOBLE HEART AND MIND

1. The practice of Meditation

- a) Meditation and being still Psalm 4:4
- b) Meditation in the morning Psalm 5:2
- c) Meditation in the night Psalm 63:6

2. The Value of Meditation

- a) Meditation will give understanding Psalm 49:3
- b) Wisdom is one definite direct result Psalm 49:3

3. The example of the Bereans Acts 17:11

- a) Hearing

- b) Researching
 - c) Confirming
 - d) Believing
4. Meditate on these things
- a) The example of the Psalmist(s) Psalm 119:15-16; 19:14
 - b) The exhortation of the apostle Paul Philippians 4:8-9
5. Cultivating the mind of Christ Philippians 2:5-11
- a) Understanding it
 - b) Appreciating it
 - c) Appropriating it
 - d) Practising it
6. Setting the heart and mind on heavenly and eternal things Colossians 3:1-2
- a) Choosing eternal values
 - b) Refusing to be enamoured of earthly riches