

every one of which is a complete building or temple in itself. Such is the meaning of the words, "in whom each several building fitly framed together groweth into a holy temple." To the Corinthians Paul wrote: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?" (1 Cor. 6:19). The reference there is to the individual believers. God by the Holy Spirit dwells in the person of each believer, as truly as He did in the temple at Jerusalem. The body is the outer court; the soul is the holy place; and the spirit is the holy of holies. In this inner sanctuary God manifests Himself in His glory, which shines out through all the other parts, and sanctifies them. These temples are "living stones," which are built into the great temple, which as one building forms the "habitation of God."

Not only so, but each local assembly of believers gathered into one place for fellowship, worship, and service, and which constitutes the local Church, is a temple of God. It is not possible for the whole Church of God on earth to meet together, so as to manifest the unity that exists; therefore God recognizes the local assembly as a representative of the whole, and in a peculiar manner manifests His presence—"where two or three are gathered together in My name."

But not only are the individual believer, and the local assembly temples of God, but also these are all builded together into one great house, which will appear in all its magnificent splendour in that day, which was typified in the dedication of the temple of Solomon. When the last of the living stones shall be put in place, and the whole is