

THE MEASURING MAN

The Measuring Man Is In Our Midst

1. Jesus Christ is the Measuring Man; Ezekiel 40:3-4; Ephesians 4:13. He sets a “plumbline” (Hebrew word “to be narrow”) in the midst of His house; Amos 7:7-8.
2. He is discerning, reviewing, evaluating and examining His Church; Rev. 1:11-20
3. Jesus discerns the substance of the teaching being delivered to His Church; we need sound doctrine; Titus 1:9-14; 2:1-15, and the full counsel of God; Acts 20:27
4. Jesus sees our present condition and is determined to bring us into His perfect will:
 - a. He sees our circumstances, our geographical location, our business, ministry and family situations, and will bring them into order as we cooperate with Him; John 5:19
 - b. He sees our present occupations and commitments, and our capacity to rise above pressure and present trials; His yoke is easy and His burden is light; Matt. 11:29-30
 - c. He sees our reaction and response to disappointment, hurts, wounds, rejection, past failure and trauma (are we “stuck” or are we “moving on?”); Psalm 40:1-2; 69:1-2
5. As we yield to Him, He enlarges our vision and revelation when necessary:
 - a. He is showing us our “assignment” or “calling” for the present season
 - b. He causes our desires and our words to come into agreement with His own; John 8:28
6. His “temple” is first measured, then judged (for correction) and is then “approved”
7. God’s people are declared “righteous” through faith in Jesus, but His intention is to bring us to the “measure” of the stature of the fullness of Christ; Eph. 3:17-19; 4:13.
8. Religion measures the “exterior”, the outward observances, but Jesus Christ measures the “inward”, internal spiritual condition of His temple (us); Ezekiel 41:3-4
 - a. Jesus desires that there would be truth and divine understanding in our “inward parts”; Job 38:36; Psalm 51:6. He speaks to us “out of the house”; Ezekiel 43:6
 - b. His measuring includes a “daily inspection”; His probing is going deep; Ezek. 20:37
 - c. We must come into “alignment” with His standards and qualifications; 1 Pet. 1:15-16
 - d. His sceptre is measuring the extent of His “rulership”, His lordship within us
 - e. He is measuring our present level of maturity, our ability to overcome; Ex. 23:29-30
 - f. Each must “measure up” to a “divine specification”, to be duly fitted for a specific position, office or duty. Certain qualifications are required for God’s “assignments”
 - g. Our motives are being examined; there must be a “living manifestation” of His standard of godly character and behavior, within our “inner sanctuary”.
 - h. Our lifestyle, our worship is being measured: purity that flows from the heart to glorify Him; John 4:23; Revelation 11:1
9. Jesus is measuring us individually as His temple and corporately as His habitation. Every “chamber” (storage places for salt, wine and oil), and every “narrow window” (which reveals the discipline and revelation within) is being measured. The “lower pavement” (principle of humility) is measured; the “gates” are measured (are they being restored or are they burned with fire?); the “tables” (place of fellowship, communion) are numbered; the thickness of the “wall” (durability) is measured; the “courts” “steps” and “sides” are measured, numbered and named; see Ezekiel, chapters 40-42.
10. God’s people must arise to new levels of obedience and maturity, new heights in the spirit realm. Everything is measured by the “Pattern” in the heavenly realm; Hebrews 8:5. Jesus is the Pattern Son; Ezekiel 43:10.

“Then I looked up and there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand. I asked, where are you going? He answered me, “to measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is”; Zechariah 2:1-2

“For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”; Matthew 7:2

“For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life”; 2 Corinthians 1:8.

“And there was given me a measuring rod like a staff, and someone said, “Rise up and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it”; Revelation 11:1.

“You shall not have in your house true and false measures, a large and a small. But you shall have a perfect and just weight, and a perfect and just measure; that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you”; Deuteronomy 25:14-15.

“Consider carefully what you hear, he continued. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you – and even more. Whoever has, will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him”; Mark 4:24.

“But we will not boast beyond our measure, but within the measure of the sphere which God appointed to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you”; 2 Corinthians 10:13.

“For I am with thee...to save thee...and I will correct thee in measure”...Jeremiah 30:11

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”; Luke 6:38

“For I say through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith”; Romans 12:3.

“Prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ”; Ephesians 4:13.

“Son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities, and let them measure the pattern”; Ezekiel 43:10.

“We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves...and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise”; 2 Corinthians 10:12

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