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Christ is the Measuring Line of the Church

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It is wonderful we can be together these days to discover the greatness and the majesty of our Lord Jesus Christ. I think every Christian here would confess that since the day they came to know the Lord Jesus, He has grown larger and larger in their understanding. Christ is indeed all and in all. And yet we just sang the song 'Is Christ all in all to you?' Our gracious and merciful God has brought all of us into a plan that involves Christ becoming all in all in us. This involves the stripping away of many other things that we have trusted in. But more than anything, it involves the building us up into the fullness of Jesus Christ. And so we have many topics to share on this matter of the fullness of Christ. My part is to share that Christ is the measuring line of the church. And in order to study this, we want to read some scriptures together.

We begin with I Peter chapter 2: 4 – 9 *'And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED". This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone", and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed. But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;'*

Then let us look at Ephesians chapter 2 verses 19 - 22 *'So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.'*

Then let us look at Ephesians chapter 4: 11 – 13 *'And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the*

knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ’.

Then we want to look at Zachariah chapter 4: 8 – 10 in the Old Testament ‘Also the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and His hands will finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—these are the eyes of the Lord which range to and fro throughout the earth.”

And then finally we want to look at Ezekiel chapter 40: 1 – 5 ‘In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was taken, on that same day the hand of the Lord was upon me and He brought me there. In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain, and on it to the south there was a structure like a city. So He brought me there; and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax and a measuring rod in His hand; and He was standing in the gateway. The man said to me, “Son of man, see with your eyes, hear with your ears, and give attention to all that I am going to show you; for you have been brought here in order to show it to you. Declare to the house of Israel all that you see.” And behold, there was a wall on the outside of the temple all around, and in the man’s hand was a measuring rod of six cubits, each of which was a cubit and a handbreadth. So He measured the thickness of the wall, one rod; and the height, one rod.

Let us have a word of prayer.

Our Father we come to You today in the name of our Lord Jesus who is all and in all. And we realize as we fellowship in the word of God together, the Holy Spirit comes among us with the measuring rod of Christ. We want to see Christ the measuring line of the church as we gather together today. We pray by the Holy Spirit You will open our eyes to this great work that You are doing. Now do quicken our body from this long day and stir our hearts to be receptive to the word of God. We pray that Your presence will be one with us this afternoon. And we pray together in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christ is the measuring line of the church. This must be so because the church is the most unique organism upon this earth. We see the church ; it is a corporate entity. It is made up of living stones and its members are being built together. It is being built into a holy temple in the Lord. It is being built as a dwelling of God in the Spirit. This is the most unique organism upon this earth. And so it cannot be measured by the measurements of men. For as our Lord Jesus looks at this living church, His measurements are different from just the outward measurements of men. He is always looking upon the foundation to see if it is living; to see if the stones are living; to see if they are being coordinated and

united together and to see if they are being transformed into gold and precious stones. As our Lord Jesus measures His church, He is looking for something glorious. Christ is the measuring line of the church.

Now this phrase ‘measuring line’ is referenced in the Old Testament. And it actually gathers up three different strains of thoughts. The first one is in Ezekiel chapter 4. When Ezekiel was on the top of Mount of Olives, he saw a city below him. And this man or this angel came with a measuring rod and began to measure the dimensions of this temple and the city. We see He was measuring by cubits the size of the temple. And so our Lord measures the size and symmetry of this living temple of God. He is interested in the details of its dimensions; that every stone would be in its right place. And so He is the measuring rod of the church. But we also read in Zachariah chapter 4 of a plumb line that was in the hand of Zerubbabel. As the temple was being rebuilt and recovered, even though they were in the day of small things, the Spirit of God was happy to see that the plumb line was in the hand of Zerubbabel. Now what is this plumb line? The word plumb does not mean the Chinese fruit. Plumb comes from the Latin word ‘plumbum’ that means ‘lead’. So here in the United States we call people who work with lead pipes ‘plumber’. Now builders use a line or cord and at the bottom they put a piece of lead and it always drops down perpendicular to the earth.

And Jesus Christ who is greater than Zerubbabel holds the plumb line over the church. Now He is not only concerned with its size but He is also concerned that it has to be built right, vertically as it is supposed to be. If the church is not being built vertically under God, then as it is being built up, layer by layer, story by story, you find that you have built the leaning tower of Pisa. The stones cannot bear the weight of something that is slanted, and so the plumb line keeps correcting the work as it is being built. Thank God Jesus Christ is the plumb line of the church.

And yet we also take in the third reference which has to do with measurements that we found in Isaiah chapter 28 where it talks of having something to do with measurements. In Isaiah the nation of Judah was going away from the Lord; the city and the temple were being destroyed and devastated by sin. Yet the people of God were stubborn and stiff-necked. And so in verses 16 and 17, we see the response of God to Israel’s stubbornness. *‘Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed. “I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the level;’*

We see that the Lord Jesus Christ is the cornerstone set in the church. Now today when men build buildings, they place the cornerstone in at the end symbolically, setting the date of the building as to when it is built. But in the ancient day, the cornerstone was a very, very important stone in the building. It was

very costly to make because the angle had to be very exact. That cornerstone would set the relationship of all the remaining stones in the building and so it had to be absolutely perfect in its angle.

And so when we talk about Christ being the measuring line of the church, we see actually two things. One; He is the measurer of the church and He also is the standard of measure for the church. Let us turn to Revelation chapter 1. Here we see the great High Priest standing in the midst of His church. We will read verses 17 – 18 *‘When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.’* Then in chapter 2, verse 1 *‘To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:’* Here we see the picture of the glorified High Priest of the church standing among the churches and inspecting them. As we listen closely to His measuring and as He goes from church to church, we realize that in His standard of measure, He is looking for Himself. He gave His life to the church, and now He is looking for His character and His life in the church. He poured out His love for the church and now He is looking for His love in the church. It is obvious that this High Priest is looking for His bride to become one in character with Him. The finished work that He did on Calvary is all that is necessary to make this church the bone of His bone and His bride. If Jesus our Lord formed the church out of His side, should He not expect to find Himself inside the church? And so He is always standing among the churches inspecting them. He is looking for His love and His life and His character. When He is satisfied He will lay the top stone upon the house of God and there will be shouts of ‘grace, grace’ unto Him. And so for the church, Christ is the alpha and the omega. He has brought it to birth and He will bring it to perfection.

Now this is the work that only the Lord can do and through His precious Spirit. And yet we find the Lord is always trying to find those who will stand with the rod of measurement measuring the church of God. Paul told the Colossians that there is a standard of measure that they have to adhere to and that is according to Christ. In Colossians chapter 2, Paul is exhorting not to accept any standard of truth. We see in chapter 2, verse 8 *‘See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.’* There is need for those who understand how to measure according to Christ. And I want us to go back and look at Ezekiel as one such man who knew how to measure the house of God. He was told by the Lord to carefully see and hear and pay attention and then tell the others of the measurements of the house of God. And because he did this, he came into his destiny; called the son of man, a man according to the purpose in the will of God. Now we know that Ezekiel was a priest

according to his family and upbringing. Even though he was a priest in his heart and a priest in his life, he was never a priest in the temple of God. His dream of being a priest was never realized. But instead God called him to this special ministry to prophesy according to the measurement of the living God.

When we look among us in the church today for those who are able to measure according to Christ, we see that God has given special provisions to certain saints who are attentive to the details and adhere to the measurements of Christ. Now who are those who have these special calling? They are priests. And Ezekiel pictured these priests for us. How many of you here today are priests? All of you are. We believe in the priesthood of all believers. Did Peter not tell us we are a royal priesthood; a special people who are being built up into the house of God; who are living priests and living stones and who trust the precious cornerstone to be our measures? In a time of decline and recovery, it is crucial for the priesthood to stand up and declare the measurements of the house of God.

We know at the time of the captivity of the children of Israel that there were a number of prophets of God as Isaiah, Jeremiah and others. And as they spoke the words of God, they shared the heart and the thought of God regarding His children. But we also see that God raised up Ezekiel for a very special purpose and He called him to measure the house of God. So I want to look at ourselves as priests in this matter of the measuring of the house of God. Now if Christ is our standard of measure, are we aware of the details of the measure? This is the importance of being a priest. If we take a quick glance of the scripture it is not often that we hear a priest talking. You know priests were dedicated to speak before God. They offered thanksgiving; they offered prayers. But we do not see in the word of God that priests spoke very much. As a matter of fact, outside of Ezekiel, Jesus is the priest that we hear talking the most. Now if priests were allowed to speak to us, what do you think they would speak to us about? What was in the heart of a priest? He had a perspective of an insider as he lived day and night in the temple of God. What would they say?

Well, the Lord told Ezekiel to speak and to prophesy. Have you read the prophecies of Ezekiel? They are a little difficult to understand. He was not the best speaker. I think Isaiah was a better speaker; he got to the heart of things. But he was not so good in framing and putting the three points in a song. And yet from Ezekiel we found three outstanding points of the priest's heart which can be traced back to Moses in the line of the priests. Now of course we know Aaron was the priest and Moses was the servant of God. But they had the same heart. And we know Aaron did not speak much and when He did, it was not good. But when we hear Ezekiel spoke and see the heart of a priest, we can come to understand that this heart was found throughout the faithful priesthood.

So let us observe these three things. First, the priest loved the details of God. Their lives were given wholly to the house of God. They loved every detail, every corner, and every window in the house of God. From childhood, they learned the details in the law of the sacrifices, of the cuttings, of the feasting. The priests loved the book of Leviticus. Is this your favorite book? They loved to measure things because they discovered that in the details in the house of God one could see the Lord's precision and the beauty of His holiness. The priests loved order; the priests loved symmetry; all these perfections were beautiful to the priests. This was their life. I am not sure whether you appreciate the priests.

Let us go back to Ezekiel and read a few fragments from chapters 40 – 48. In these nine chapters there are over one hundred measurements. I think after a few verses many of you probably skip over the chapters. The priests never skipped over these chapters. So let us look at a few verses. In chapter 40: 20, we see that this angel was going to measure every measurement in the house of God. I can only show you a few verses. Verse 20 *'As for the gate of the outer court which faced the north, he measured its length and its width'* and verse 48 *'Then he brought me to the porch of the temple and measured each side pillar of the porch, five cubits on each side; and the width of the gate was three cubits on each side.'* Are you excited yet? Chapter 41: 1 says *'Then he brought me to the nave and measured the side pillars; six cubits wide on each side was the width of the side pillar'*. Now I love those pillars, do you not? And then in verse 13 it says *'Then he measured the temple, a hundred cubits long; the separate area with the building and its walls were also a hundred cubits long.'* And in 42: 1 – 2 *'Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me to the chamber which was opposite the separate area and opposite the building toward the north. Along the length, which was a hundred cubits, was the north door; the width was fifty cubits.'* And even when Ezekiel was to measure the water coming out of the temple, he also spent several markings and measurements as the water flowed out. And then in chapter 47:3 *'When the man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, water reaching the ankles.'* And then finally we go all the way to the end in chapter 48:35 and He was still measuring it *'The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.'* Every measurement was wonderful to the priests. Now in your spare time between the evening meal and tonight's meeting, you should memorize these nine chapters. No good priest skipped the detail. You know what we need to take back - the truth; the Lord is in the details, not the devil. So the priest was an expert with the microscope measuring everything, seeing with precision and paying attention to details.

But now we come to the second aspect. You may think the priest might be pretty shallow, just interested in the things that were outward. But no, that was not the priest's heart. His life was wholly given to the

Lord and wholly given to the intercession for the people before the Lord. And out of this large heart the priest had a burden for something tremendous. Throughout the book of Ezekiel, there is one phrase that marks the whole book. Do you know which phrase? Throughout his prophecies, this is one phrase expressed the Lord's heart through Ezekiel's heart and he used it seventy-four times in his prophecy. What is that one phrase? Is it cubit? No. His heart was this phrase 'that you may know that I am the Lord.' This is the priest's heart desire that we may know the Lord. And so the Lord did terrible judgments on the people that they might know 'I am the Lord.' And when the Lord shows great mercy and pity, He did it so you might know 'I am the Lord'. Now this is the priest's heart; that the people of God may know 'I am the Lord'.

The priest was an intercessor and did not only involve praying but the priest was the one who went outside the curtain, outside the tabernacle to receive an offering from a man. This was a satisfaction to the priest's heart, if he could take this young man's offering, for the first time through the curtain and before the brazen altar. And as that young man stood there, the priest would cut up the sacrifice, and offer the sacrifice on the fire. Perhaps he might give something back to the man for his family, but through it all, his desire was that this young man would come to know that 'I am the Lord.' And we see this within the heart of the priest. Even in the book of Leviticus which when it speaks of so many rituals and cleansings and offerings, and as all of those details of the holiness are given, forty-nine times the Lord said 'I am the Lord.' 'Do this; I am the Lord.'

Many scriptures offer the impression of Jehovah – 'I am the Lord'. The heart of the priest was expressed most perfectly in Jesus in John chapter 17, where He prayed for His people, 'this is eternal life that they may know you the true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Father, the glory that I have with you, I want you to share with my people'. We cannot understand intercession of our Lord Jesus for us if we do not understand in the heart of it that He wants us to know His Father. However there lies something even deeper in the heart of the priest. Above all else, the priests want to reveal the glory of God, even as Moses prayed on the mountain, 'Lord, show me Thy glory'.

So the priestly children from the time they were little they were told of the time that the temple was arranged with the measures of God and that the glory came down. And they spoke of when the temple was constructed, according to the pattern that David had received, in exact wisdom through Solomon and then the glory came down. Ezekiel never was a priest in the temple of God. But God revealed His glory to him. And even as he saw this picture of the temple that had yet to be built, he saw the glory of God. I

do not think anybody who lives in the house and serves in the Lord's house night and day could have any mistake about it. Unless that house is full of His glory, it is an empty house.

So once again before we proceed any further, I want to ask you, do you have the heart of a priest? Do you have this intercessory desire in you that they may know 'I am the Lord'. Are you one who gives careful attention to the details in the house of God? Those details are not hard to find for one who looks at the Lord Jesus and sees His character and His love. And do you want to see in the house of God the glory of God? Are you satisfied with anything less? We can find the priests usually among the saints. All of us are called to be priests. But those who have the heart of a priest are those who go to the corporate prayer meeting. Our brother shared this morning that there are many, many Sunday Christians. When it comes prayer time, to really look at the measures and the details of the holiness of Christ and intercede to pray for this building work, who comes, who cares about the house of God. Especially in this end times and in these days of recovery, it takes those who have such a heart to see that the house of the Lord is built according to His measures.

Now this afternoon we only have a short time. I want to share two important lessons that we discover from Ezekiel the priest regarding our own measurements. So we go back to Ezekiel 43: 1 – 5 *'Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the east; and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. And it was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the vision which I saw when He came to destroy the city. And the visions were like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east. And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house'*. Now there is an important lesson to learn here in Ezekiel. He had already taken about 50 measurements in chapters 40, 41 and 42. Basically, he had observed and written down all of the measurements of the house of God. And then suddenly the glory of God came into the house. Now there is a tremendous and hopeful lesson in here for us. And here is the lesson. Whenever God comes among us to measure, it is with the purpose of filling it with glory. When the Lord comes to measure, He is looking for a dwelling place. He is looking for a place that He may rest. He is looking for a place He might be satisfied with. He is looking to fill this place with His glory. And so in some way, the measurements are a guarantee or a promise that the glory is soon to come.

Surely the brothers and sisters in those seven churches who read the book of Revelation chapters 2 and 3 for the first time felt so strongly the measuring rod of the Lord Jesus, but they were continually promised

‘behold I am coming quickly’. And so when the Lord comes to measure among us, the good news is that He plans to pour out His glory upon us. And in this sense it is like a building inspector. When the building inspector comes, He measures everything, make sure everything is up to code and if it is, he said ‘come on in and dwell, turn on the lights, turn on the water and you can go and live there’. And when the Lord comes to measure among us, He is not just interested in correcting us although correction will be sure. He is not interested in refusing us. He wants to fill us. He wants to fill His church with glory. And if He comes among you to measure, it is a significant moment.

Think about it. Whenever there is a measuring moment in the Old Testament, it was under glory. I do not know if you skip over Exodus chapters 25 – 39. But much of those chapters are given to the measurements and the building of the tabernacle. The Lord said, ‘Moses, build me a house that I may dwell with you. Now be sure you built it according to the pattern that I gave you’. Thank God Moses was a detail man. He obeyed and saw the value of every detail of the construction of the tabernacle. And of course what happened? When the tabernacle was finally built according to measures, the glory came down and the priests had to run out of the tabernacle. Now you might think, as a priest, you might not want your ministry to be interrupted by glory. But the priest loved nothing more than to see the glory of God upon the tabernacle. Now if you look in II Chronicle’s chapters 3 – 5, there are all the details of the building of Solomon’s temple. This beam was built, this was placed here, and this was placed there; according to the pattern that David saw and written down by the hand of God. And you remember what happened when they brought the ark of the covenant to the temple that was all set up according to the measurements? The glory of God came down and chased all the priests out. Now the priests just loved to have a day off. Because of the Lord’s presence there, people are being healed, people are being blessed and the glory was among them.

You know there is a glory for the church while it is upon this earth. The presence of the Lord with us is our glory. But who will measure with a measure of Christ in order to see this glory? Near the end of Paul’s life, he began to interpret the church as a large house. The measures had become confused. In the large house, there were vessels, some precious, some ignoble. And there was no glory; only the testimony of those who were faithful as they pursued and trusted the Lord. Indeed, so much of the large church today is made by men’s measurements. You know it is interesting that King Herod before the birth of Christ decided to beautify the temple, and he lined things with gold and made the temple a beautiful thing. He wanted it to be one of the wonders of the world. It was a large temple; it was a memorial to Herod. He even added things to the temple with things that he came up with and thought it

would make it better. What a beautiful place but there was no glory. A big man-made colossal house but there was no glory.

My dear brothers and sister, do you have any idea today what is the pattern of the house? It is true that some people know the pattern of the New Testament church according to scriptures. But it does not make church according to the measures of Christ. There is no church there unless Christ is standing there with the plumb line as the head of the church. But today things are so confused that I hear among many young people that they do not even care about the details of the church anymore; it is alright anyway we have it.

But if you want to see the glory of God there must be attention paid to these details. When we see this large house in the present state of decline what can we do? And this is the second and the last lesson that Ezekiel learned regarding these measurements. We read it here in Ezekiel chapter 43: 10 – 12 *“As for you, son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the plan. If they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the house, its structure, its exits, its entrances, all its designs, all its statutes, and all its laws. And write it in their sight, so that they may observe its whole design and all its statutes and do them. This is the law of the house: its entire area on the top of the mountain all around shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house”*. Now Ezekiel was the prophet who lived among the exiles in Babylon. He actually lived in the city called Tel Aviv. He soon learned that the exiles and the captives were still stubborn in their hearts. They were not ashamed of their sins. They had not been humbled even when the temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar. And for twenty years, Ezekiel had been warning and speaking of judgment and saying in parables and doing extreme things to try to convey God’s displeasure with the people. And all of this seemed to have little effect. And we found here twenty years later, here was what the Lord told Ezekiel to do. Listen, see, pay attention and then tell the people what you had seen. Speak to them the measurements of this house of glory that you had seen and what would happen. There would be a remnant of those who would see and would be ashamed and would repent. And then after they repented, Ezekiel would share with them, this whole picture, measure by measure of the house of the glorious Lord. And their lives would be conformed according to these measures.

Now today we can spend a long time speaking about the problems and the sins of the large house and the shortcomings of the church. But the way of recovery must be a higher way. What if we declare the glorious church that we see? What if we declare what we see, that the plumb line indeed is in the hand of Jesus our head? Do we see the plumb line in His hand? It involves us being under His correction and His adjustments. We know that the great plumb line is the cross that inspects and measures everything that

we do as to whether it is according to Christ. Now have we seen the Lord at His works? Now is He among us measuring? This may be a small thing but we cannot despise what the Lord does. We are glad if the plumb line is in the hand of Jesus Christ. This is the key to the house being measured in recovery. And with this plumb line in the Lord's hand, the Holy Spirit is free to work upon His church. So what am I saying? In these days of recovery, the Lord is looking for someone with the heart of a priest. If you sense the Lord that He is measuring even in these last days, it is a sign that His glory is soon to come. Ezekiel is called a prophet, not of doom, but a prophet of glory. So what is our testimony? Are we filled with the hope of glory? Do we see the Lord among us? Can we listen to the details of His measure? Do we have a burden for His glory to be in His church? If we are going to talk about Christ being the measuring line of His church, then we need those who understand the details and can declare it and can bring recovery to those who seek. This is a great day brothers and sisters. Nobody knows why fourteen hundred people have come to this conference. It is not just a bunch of curiosity seekers. The Lord is doing something these days. His desire is for fullness; His desire is for glory. So He gathers us today. Let us find ourselves under His plumb line and see the glorious things that He will do these last days. May the Lord help us.

Let us pray.

Lord, we thank You that You have made us all royal priests. And we will declare the greatness of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. And here we are as living priests, in the living temple, being built up in priesthood and declaring that we have the cornerstone in the midst of us and He is our preciousness. Lord what other rule or measure that we have used in the past, we forsake for the divine measure of Christ in His church. Lord, do raise up those with the heart of a priest, intercessors in the house of God. We thank you that You are doing this even in these days. May Your glory come fully to the church. We pray Your glory will come soon. We sense Your measurements in our midst. We thank You that we can live in these days. Lord, help us to do Thy will. We pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen.