

# Building According to the Pattern

Heb. 8:1-5

## Introduction:

- A. Moses was commanded to build the tabernacle according to the pattern shown him on Mt. Sinai.
  - 1. He received more than the tables of stones, he received detailed pattern for the tabernacle.
  - 2. He was commanded to build according to pattern. (Ex. 25:40; 26:30; 27:8; Num. 8:4)
  - 3. His work on the tabernacle foreshadows our work in the “true tabernacle” - the church.
- B. Men have various attitudes toward “building according to the pattern” today:
  - 1. Some are saying, “There is no pattern.”
  - 2. Some say, “The N. T. is a loose guide, no detailed pattern.” (cf. 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Rev. 22:18-19).
  - 3. Some think we have a pattern, but are at liberty to make allowances (My wife’s dress).
- C. We will notice two things:
  - 1. How we know a thing is according to the pattern
  - 2. What the consequences are for not following the pattern.

## Discussion:

### I. A Thing Is According to the Pattern If:

- A. It is taught in one of three ways: (1) Precept, (2) Example or (3) Necessary inference.
  - 1. The three ways defined.
  - 2. The three ways illustrated by civil law.
  - 3. The three ways illustrated by divine law.
    - a. Jesus used them (Matt. 4:4,7,10; Matt. 12:5; 22:32)
    - b. Paul used them (Acts 20:35; Phil. 4:9; Heb. 8:13)
    - c. Lord’s Supper illustrates all three (1 Cor. 11:24, 25; Acts 20:7; “unleavened;” “every 1<sup>st</sup> day)
- B. It is taught in one of two forms: (1) Generic and (2) Specific.
  - 1. The two forms defined.
  - 2. The two forms illustrated:
    - a. “Go buy oranges”
    - b. “Build an ark” (Gen. 6)
    - c. “Sing” (Eph. 5:19)
    - d. “Go teach/preach the gospel” (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15.16)
    - e. “Baptize” (Matt. 28:19).

### II. The Consequences of Not Building According to the Pattern.

- A. Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1,2)
- B. Uzzah (1 Chron. 13:9)
- C. King Saul (1 Sam. 15)
- D. Workers of iniquity (lawlessness) (Matt. 7:21-23)

## Conclusion:

- A. Were you saved “according to the pattern?”
- B. Are you worshiping and working in the church “according to the pattern?”
- C. Are you in a church that is not building “according to the pattern?”