



## Building blocks - For a solid foundation of faith

A new era, a new era has begun. The Spirit of God spoke of this to people all over the world. This topic is present everywhere. Let's take a closer look at the changes in politics, economy, education, socially relevant topics such as gender ideology, infanticide, socially acceptable renamed as abortion, decline of the Christian value system and finally, dawn of esoteric and Eastern spirituality, accompanied by the

retreat of the churches to unproblematic areas, just to name a few. What does this new era mean for us? I think we need to face some facts.

- What is this New Age and what is so different?
- How do we prepare and what do we specifically have to consider?

About two years ago the Holy Spirit began urging me to write a set of building blocks outlining Jesus' high priestly prayer and the implications of that prayer. It was not easy for me to deal with this topic, as I am very aware that this topic is of great relevance for the time ahead. The longer I dealt with this matter, the greater my joy became about what the heavenly father is up to.

Very turbulent periods lie ahead of us. We have the assurance that Heavenly Father has given us His Spirit. He guides, encourages, corrects, cleanses, and sanctifies us and brings us closer to his heart. He certainly does all of this, but it is advisable for us to provide our house of faith with a firm foundation so that it will withstand the storms that come upon us and not collapse. Let us be wise builders who build their house on a sure foundation. These building blocks are suitable for giving our foundation of faith the necessary stability.

But we should finally realize that we no longer have time to get caught up in denominational trench warfare. We should reach out and pray that Jesus' high priestly prayer will be fulfilled for us. This requires, however, that we are willing to remove our ambitions, selfishness, our agenda, and the obstacles that hold us back from impartially letting the Holy Spirit lead us into the unity He initiates.

These building blocks are intended to show the prerequisites for how we can pave the way for his work. In no case do I claim exclusivity, but it should be us as Guard rails and orientation serve to reach the goal on the chosen path.

Let us allow ourselves to be seized by God's love and lead us into the loving unity that Jesus asked of God the Father in the prayer of the High Priest.

This book is intended to help us find our bearings in the new era that has dawned and to show how we can prepare ourselves to look forward to Jesus' return. This time will be marked by challenges and at the same time full of joyful anticipation of Jesus' return.

I wish you, dear reader, that this book will encourage you and help you to continue the path you have taken and that we will reach the goal together.

## Introduction

The Bible commentaries are mainly taken from the Schlachter 2000 translation. All emphasis has been made by the author.

Before we familiarize ourselves with the topic, I would like to clarify some basics on which the further trains of thought are built.

*John 15:5*

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him bears much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing.*

Jesus teaches us that we are a vessel, a temple, a branch, or a member of his body. As we examine these terms more closely, we find that they indicate a commonality: we are not truly viable without being connected to, or filled with, true Source. In other words, apart from Jesus we cannot do anything that is eternal.

Believing that God's Word is true also applies to Jesus' statement that apart from Him we can do nothing. Then why do we argue with God about how much is NOTHING.

- Wouldn't it be wiser to believe the Word of God and act accordingly.
- If we cannot do anything without HIM, we should not try to do anything without HIM.

God created us to be oriented and not performance oriented

In my life, I was first able to observe in myself, but also in many others, how quickly our self-esteem is derived from what we do. It is too easy for us to forget that God did not appoint us to do, but to fellowship with him. Any action that springs from one's own works can never be pleasing to God.

One of our basic problems is that our carnal nature tends to copy patterns of behavior that brought down Adam and Eve. They began to think their own

thoughts about the "how and what" of their doings - blinded by the diffuse notion of self-actualization. This made them susceptible to the insinuations of Satan that flattered their striving for independence, and they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." This failure of the goal separated people from the intimate communion with God.

On the other hand, it was God's plan to teach them His ways and works so that they might be done according to His purposes. But man chose to know, to be able, and to self-actualize independently of God's direction, instead of obeying, taking advice from, and being inspired by God's wisdom and knowledge.

If we analyze this latent ungodly urge to act, we find that it is based on a lack of identity. This in turn leads to the mistaken assumption that we can define ourselves by our own performance, effort, and the fruits of our actions.

This approach is in stark contrast to Jesus' statement that we are not servants and maidservants, but friends, sons, and daughters. Wouldn't it be wise then to ask him to teach us to be sons and daughters. Until we understand that sonship is synonymous with being and the key to the loving Heavenly Father's heart, we seek His attention through our own efforts. But since that is not possible, we seek recognition from our fellow human beings and let them admire us for our deeds.

Why - I ask myself - are we always satisfied with the second, if not the third choice, when we are entitled to the first. If only we were willing to get involved again in God's offer after the lost, intimate fellowship with him.

I believe the conflict between being and doing is one of the hardest lessons we have to learn. Because it is precisely this recognition that makes the difference from a performance-oriented, religious, and legal Christianity to a free, fulfilled, joyful and sustained Christianity. Therefore, walking in God's ways and doing His works is far more relieving than exposing ourselves to the frustrations that await us on our way.

God cannot deny His Word and His nature

God cannot deny himself, his nature, and his word. He is who he is and does what he says. He was yesterday, is the same today and forever. He cannot and will never change simply because he is God and not man. Unlike us, he is perfect and

does not need change. But we are not God, not "perfect" and therefore dependent on being changed into the image of Jesus.

### The free will

One thing we need to keep in mind is that God respects our free will. He will never ask anything of us that we don't give Him voluntarily, or that we don't want to do of our own free will. It is up to us whether we allow him to support us in all areas: he wants, but we want too. Under no circumstances will he do anything against our will. We determine, even if he is God, to what extent and where he may intervene.

The subject of this book is based on the following premises:

I ask you to view all the statements in this book through the filter of these premises. Then I am sure there is no room for self-reproach, condemnation, and accusation.

- We can do nothing without him.
- God created us to be oriented and not performance oriented
- God cannot deny His Word and His nature.
- He respects our free will and will never violate this principle.

### A new era begins

We live in the end times. The prophets described the events. We are currently experiencing a shift in God's agenda. God's priority shifts to the preparation of Jesus' bride.

Does that mean that what we did and are still doing is or was wrong? No, not at all, preaching the gospel, being witnesses is a task that God has ordained for us, regardless of the time, and it must be done now.

We must understand that God's agenda, not ours, has changed, just as it does now that the preparation of Jesus' bride is His priority. He prepares and equips the Saints for the end-time task of reaping the great harvest. It is important for each of us to recognize and embrace this shift in priorities. If we don't recognize this change, we become confused and frustrated because the previous spiritual

Concepts no longer work as usual. For us, this means that we are led into a much more intimate relationship with Jesus, the heavenly father, the Holy Spirit, but also with our brothers and sisters.

What does it mean, the previous spiritual concepts no longer work?

Satan has become far more aggressive than before, attacking God's chosen in a more perfidious, crafty, massive, and brazen way. To deal with these attacks and challenges, we depend on receiving the appropriate strategy from the Holy Spirit. And these strategies only apply to one, very specific case. It's like a window of opportunity for this tactic to be effective opens and then immediately closes again.

That's why we can no longer rely on what worked yesterday to work today. Because God wants to equip us with a spiritual arsenal of weapons to which Satan and his helpers have no answer, because the tactics given to us by God are foreign to them and we can ward off their attacks and survive the satanic challenges.

It is necessary for us to be rejuvenated, to be put on with new strength, to be sanctified and cleansed, so that as Jesus' bride we may stand without spot or wrinkle and without fear or hesitation awaiting his soon return, crying out with all our hearts, "Yes, Lord Jesus come soon".

From this process of rejuvenation and purification, the worldwide body of Jesus awakens from a centuries-old rigidity and confronts the world with Jesus and his love. Let us consider that since the founding of Israel we are the first generation in which live three generations who are infused with the Holy Spirit. This may have been different regionally, but we are talking about the global dimension in this time in which we live.