

WE ARE AN UNFINISHED PRODUCT

TEXT: *Psalms 138:8: The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of Thine own hands.*

We are not always satisfied with our Christian experience. We feel a lack, like something is incomplete, unfinished. We wonder at times if we got the real thing. What we fail to realize is: We are an unfinished product. Second, we fail to realize that at times we have allowed satan to sabotage God's work, ignorantly.

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Jesus is both the Author and the Finisher of our faith.

Philippians 1:6: Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

This fact is brought out clearly. God is working in us . . .

Ephesians 2:10: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.



1. After we are saved, God starts working in us.

Philippians 2:13: For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Mightily...

Colossians 1:29: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily.

To do His will...

Hebrews: 13:21: Make you perfect in every good work to do His Will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

2. To understand His workings better, see what He has done in other Bible characters and other saints who are more mature — Abraham, Jacob, Job, Samuel, Daniel.

3. Difficulties which the Master Potter encounters.



Jeremiah 18:1-3:

1 The Word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear My words.

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

(a) Our lack of consecration, surrender.

(b) Our half-hearted cooperation.

Romans 8:13: For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

(c) Satan's sabotage operations.

1 Peter 5:8: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:



4. David's plea . . . forsake not the work of Thy hands

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5. God will finish what He begins.

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6. Surely The Lord will not do less than what He requires of us.

Luke 14:28-30:

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Romans 9:28: For He will finish the work, and cut it short in Righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

John 4:34: Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to finish His Work.



John 17:4: I [Jesus] have Glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.

John 19:30: When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, "It is finished": and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost [died].

7. Solomon's Temple

1 Kings 6:7-14:

7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 And the Word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in My Statutes, and execute My Judgments, and keep all My Commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My Word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:



13 And I will dwell among the Children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

Note: 1 Kings 6:12 [above] with 1 Kings 8:20.:

1 Kings 8:20: And the LORD hath performed His Word that He spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the Throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the Name of the LORD God of Israel.

The Lord hath performed His Word.

The Great Architect of this universe saw all He had made, that it was very good.

Genesis 2:3: And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His Work which God created and made.

Genesis 1:31: And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

MAN IS GOD'S GREAT MASTERPIECE

The human body is a very wonderful living machine. Here are a few details of what the body consists:

1. 20,000,000 little cells or lacteals that absorb food sent by the blood.
2. There are 32 feet of intestines.
3. There are 263 bones in our bodies.
4. There are 600 muscles.
5. There are 970 miles of blood vessels.
6. There are 30 pounds of blood or about six quarts, making a circuit in 2 minutes.
7. The heart is a pump about 4 x 6 inches in size.
8. It beats 20 times per minute; 4200 times per hour; 36,792,000 times a year.
9. At each beat, four ounces of blood are expelled from the heart, 16 pounds per minute, 12 tons a year, and 24,000 tons in 60 years.



10. This heart pumps what is equal to lifting 200 tons one foot high.
11. The unrealized lung capacity is 320 cubic inches.
12. The lungs have 600,000,000 air cells that take in about 2,400 gallons of air a day.
13. The brain of a man weighs about 3 pounds and 2 ounces, a woman's brain weighs 2 pounds and 12 ounces.
14. About 10,000,000 nerves are all connected with it directly, or by spinal marrow.
15. Each square inch of skin contains about 3,500 sweating tubes, each of which may be likened to a drain pipe 1/4 of an inch long, for a total of 201,155 feet.
16. The nose smells and distinguishes instantly 6,000 different odors.
17. The ears have 20,000 hairs to tune into every known sound and can register and distinguish them instantly.
18. The jaw has the power of 42 pounds of pressure.
19. The tongue has 400 buds that can taste any known thing and relay it to the brain at once.
20. The voice can travel across the world in about 4 hundredths of a second.
21. A 200 pound body contains about 1/4 oz. of iron, 1/5 oz. of sugar, 2 oz. of salt, 24 pounds of coal (in carbon form), 10 gallons of water, 1/10th drop of iodine, 2 pounds of phosphorus, 112 cubic feet of oxygen, 60 of nitrogen, 560 of hydrogen, and 7 pounds of lime.

Psalms 139:14: I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.



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