

Small beginning for big things

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Isaiah 43: 19 “I am about to do a new thing”

Matthew 28: 16-20 The Great Commission to make disciples

Acts 16: 6-10 Paul’s vision to go and plant churches in Macedonia

Ephesians 4: 11-16 Building the Body of Christ

James 2: 14-26 Faith and works

Introduction

1. The old saying “how do you eat a 1000 lb elephant? (one bite at a time) Etc.

Discussion:

The United States Capitol is among the most symbolically important and architecturally impressive buildings in the nation. The Capitol, which was started in 1793, has been through many construction phases. It stands today as a monument to the American people and their government.

A competition was suggested by Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson and President George Washington that would award \$500 and a city lot to whomever produced the winning plan by mid-July. None of the 17 plans submitted were satisfactory. In October, a letter arrived from Dr. William Thornton, a Scottish-trained physician living in the British West Indies, requesting an opportunity to submit his plan after the competition was closed. The Commissioners granted his request and President Washington commended the plan that was soon accepted by the Commissioners.

- The cornerstone was laid by President Washington on September 18, 1793.
- On August 24, 1814, British troops set fire to the building during the War of 1812. A rainstorm prevented its complete destruction and Latrobe returned to Washington in 1815 to make repairs.

Facts about Legislative Building:

WEIGHT

Lantern (top cupola on building) 500,000 lbs

Dome (curved portion) 11,200,000 lbs

Colonnade/Drum (just below dome) 21,500,000 lbs

“The Dome” (sub-total of above figures) 33,200,000 lbs

Pedestal (central rotunda portion of the Leg building) 49,700,000 lbs

East Wing (all four levels) 31,100,000 lbs

West Wing (all four levels) 31,100,000 lbs

North Portico 10,100,000 lbs

South Portico 13,300,000 lbs

Foundations 20,000,000 lbs

TOTAL 188,500,000 lbs

or 94,250 tons

HEIGHT

From grade to top of lantern 287 feet

From base of dome to top of lantern 102 feet
From interior stair platform to ceiling of dome 165 feet
It is the fourth tallest masonry dome in the world!

ORIGINAL BUILDING COSTS

Approximate Costs of Principal Finish Materials:

Marble \$840,000
Plastering \$187,000
Ornamental Iron \$45,000
Ornamental Bronze \$320,000
Stone Carving \$180,000
Interior Wood Trim \$84,000
Rubber Tile \$65,000
Painting \$122,000
Elevators \$96,000
Plumbing, Heating, and Ventilating \$383,000
Total Cost of Building in 1928 \$6,791,595.88
Cost of Furnishings in 1928 \$594,172.33
TOTAL
\$7,385,768.21

TYPE AND ORIGIN OF STONE

Exterior Sandstone: Wilkeson Quarries, Pierce County, Washington
Interior Marble: Type Origin
Senate Chamber Formosa Germany
House Chamber Escalette France
State Reception Room Bresche Violet Italy
Main Corridors Gray Alaska

LIGHTING

Outside Lighting:

150-watt incandescent bulbs on top of the outside lower columns 85
250-watt metal halide bulbs at the bottom of the 8th floor columns 26
1000-watt metal halide and sodium bulbs on the 5th floor roof used to light the dome 16
50-watt sodium bulbs used to light the terrace 48

Inside Lighting:

15-watt to 300-watt incandescent bulbs throughout the building 2550
Florescent light fixtures throughout the building 2616

TOTAL

5341

Conclusion:

1. When we have a dream that's bigger than we are – its time to lean on the Lord. Talk about dreams...
2. Go back for Main point (*Isaiah 43: 19*).

Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Matthew 28:16 ¶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Acts 16:6 ¶Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

James 2:14 ¶What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.