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 1st 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?”