

“then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them back to the land you gave to their ancestors.” {1 Kings 8:34}

Lesson 3 (June 18, 2024)

“The Dedication of the Temple”

Read 1 Kings 8:1-11.

- 1. What was the occasion for the people to gather? What did Israel’s leaders do and how did God respond?**

Read 1 Kings 8:12-21.

- 2. a. Who does Solomon credit for building God's temple?**

b. Do you give God credit for the successes and blessings that happen in your life? If so, how? See Proverbs 19:21.

Read 1 Kings 8:22-53.

- 3. In verses 23-24, how did Solomon start his prayer to God? How did he praise God, and what characteristics of God did Solomon acknowledge?**

- 4. a. In verses 25-26, what other promise to David did Solomon ask God to keep and what was the condition for this promise to be fulfilled?**

b. What promise of God will you ask Him to keep this week? See 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Corinthians 1:20.

- 5. In verses 27-30, what is Solomon attitude before God, and who is Solomon praying for? What does Solomon ask God to do?**

6. In verses 31-53, Solomon lists several trials that the people of Israel will face. What is the main reason for these trials, and what does Solomon ask God to do for the people in all these situations? What do the people need to do for God to act?
7. Where do you need to repent and turn back to God? Where do you need to pray to God and ask for His forgiveness and mercy? See 1 John 1:8-9.

Read 1 Kings 8:54-61.

8. a. What does Solomon want God to continue to do? What does Solomon want for God's people, and why does he want this? Also see Psalm 119:33-36; Ezekiel 36:22-27; Hebrews 3:12-13.
- b. Who in your life do you wish this blessing on?

Read 1 Kings 8:62-66.

9. What is your sacrifice to God this week? See Romans 12:1-2.
10. a. How does Solomon show us a good example of a prayer that is pleasing to God?
- b. How will you pray for others before God this week? See James 5:13-16.