

Series: Wisdom & Obedience, a study in 1 King

Sermon: Wisdom & Accomplishment Pt II

Primary text: 1 Kings 4-9:9

Discussion guide:

- Share a time when you or someone you know of had a great accomplishment or achievement and soon after fell or made a great mistake.
- Why do you think accomplishment makes us vulnerable?
- Read 1 Kings 8:1-11
 - What jumps out at you?
 - Why do you think the priests couldn't minister because of the glory of the Lord?
- Read 1 Kings 8:22-23
 - What is striking about the way Solomon begins his prayer?
 - Why is this an important first thing to do after accomplishment?
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- Read John 19:9-11
 - What does Jesus tell Pilate about his "authority"? (see also Job 1)
 - Why is this an important reminder in the midst of accomplishment? (see 1 Kings 8:24)
- Read 1 Kings 8:27
 - What is striking about this part of Solomon's prayer?
 - 8 times in this public prayer Solomon points out that Heaven is God's dwelling place. Along with v. 27 why do you think Solomon is pointing that this temple couldn't contain God and that He does not dwell there (or even on earth)?
- Read 1 Kings 8:28-30 (and the rest of the chapter if desired)
 - Is it striking to you that Solomon spends most of his prayer asking God to forgive future sins? Why or why not?
 - Why is it important to remember one's own propensity toward sin especially after a great accomplishment?
 - What does it mean to stay alert toward temptation?
- Read 1 Kings 8:59-60
 - What is the entire point of the temple?
 - What does this tell us about how we should use our accomplishments?