

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 28
1 Kings 6 - 13, John 6 - 8

1st Kings 6: Solomon's temple

Key Point:

God works through people to accomplish His will among people – but no matter how impressive anything we do might be, obedience to God from the heart is what matters most.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 6:14 (NLT)

So Solomon finished building the Temple.

1st Kings 7: Solomon's house

Key Point:

It is easy to minimize the house of the Lord in one's life and make our personal comfort and glory in this life a greater priority.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 7:1 (NLT)

Solomon also built a palace for himself, and it took him thirteen years to complete the construction.

1st Kings 8: Shekinah

Key Point:

God is greater than any physical place, but a dedicated physical place can bring Him glory if the people who use that space walk in humility before Him.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 8:11 (NLT)

The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple of the Lord.

1st Kings 9: Solomon's exploits

Key Point:

What is impressive in our lives can be lost if we walk away from the ways of our God.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 9:2 (NLT)

Then the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had done before at Gibeon.

1st Kings 10: Solomon’s wealth

Key Point:

The point of God’s blessing on us is that we become a witness to others.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 10:14 (NLT)

Each year Solomon received about 25 tons of gold.

1st Kings 11: Solomon’s wives

Key Point:

God will give us good reasons to repent but if we persist in pursuing the lust of the flesh, that lust will erode our ability to see reason.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 11:3 (NLT)

He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the Lord.

1st Kings 12: Rehoboam’s arrogance

Key Point:

When religion is used to serve our own purposes rather than being a true religion that shapes our hearts, worship will end up being perverted.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 12:8 (NLT)

But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers.

1st Kings 13: False old prophet

Key Point:

We should keep the commands of God no matter how subtle and innocent the temptation is to disobey.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 13:18 (NLT)

But the old prophet answered, "I am a prophet, too, just as you are. And an angel gave me this command from the Lord: 'Bring him home with you so he can have something to eat and drink.'" But the old man was lying to him.

John 6: Bread

Key Point:

The Lord will continually challenge us to take our faith in Him to the deepest level because He wants to discourage every material or earthly motivation to follow Him.

Key Verse - John 6:43 (NLT)

But Jesus replied, "Stop complaining about what I said.

John 7: Right Judgment

Key Point:

There are bedrock principles underneath the laws, ordinances, and morality of God and these are principles we need to discern to apply God's laws correctly.

Key Verse - John 7:24 (NLT)

Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly."

John 8: Caught but Taught

Key Point:

Jesus openly declared He was God in the flesh and openly challenges everyone to either believe in Him and have everlasting life or choose eternal death.

Key Verse - Key Verse: John 8:58 (NLT)

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am!"