



The God Who Keeps His Promises

1 Kings 8:12–21

Main Truth: God keeps His promises.

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Introduction

Like a child waiting for his father to keep his word, Solomon stood before the completed Temple and recognized that God had done exactly what He promised. Time had passed, David had died, and another generation had come, but God had not forgotten His word.

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1 Kings 8:12–13 — God's Presence in the Temple

Verse summary: Solomon declares that the Lord said He would dwell in a dark cloud, and he acknowledges the magnificent Temple built for God's name.

- The cloud was a sign of God's holy presence, not His displeasure.
- God had revealed His presence in a cloud before.
- The Temple was not large enough to contain God, but it was the place He chose for His name, worship, and visible presence among Israel.



Supporting Reference: Leviticus 16:2

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1 Kings 8:14–15 — Solomon Gives God the Glory

Verse summary: Solomon turns to bless the people and praises the Lord, who fulfilled with His hand what He promised with His mouth to David.

- Solomon does not say, 'Look what I built.' He says, 'Praise be to the Lord.'
- True worship gives credit to God, not to ourselves.
- God's faithfulness should always lead us to praise.



Supporting Reference: 2 Samuel 7:12–13

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1 Kings 8:16–19 — Different Assignments, Same Faithful God

Verse summary: David desired to build the Temple, but God appointed Solomon, David's son, to complete that work.

- David's desire was good, but God gave him a different assignment.
- David prepared; Solomon built.
- Sometimes God says no to something good because He has given us a different role.
- Faithfulness means obeying the part God has given us.



Supporting Reference: 1 Chronicles 22:8–10



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Study Notes & Reflection

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1 Kings 8:20–21 — The Lord Has Kept the Promise

Verse summary: Solomon declares that the Lord has kept the promise He made. Solomon now sits on David's throne, the Temple is built, and a place has been provided for the ark of the covenant.

- What God promised to David became a visible reality in Solomon's day.
- The Temple was not a monument to Solomon, but a testimony to God's faithfulness.
- The ark reminded Israel that God had spoken, covenanted with His people, and remained faithful.
- Sometimes one generation hears the promise and another generation sees the fulfillment.



Key Verse: 1 Kings 8:20

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Key Lessons

- God keeps His Word.
- God's timing may require waiting, but His promises do not fail.
- Faithfulness means obeying the assignment God has given you.
- When God proves faithful, give Him the glory.

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Conclusion

Solomon stood before the completed Temple and recognized a powerful truth: God did exactly what He said He would do. David heard the promise, prepared for the work, and died before seeing the Temple completed—but God had not forgotten. His timing may not be our timing, but His Word remains sure.

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Fill in the Blank

1. The Lord has kept the _____ He made.
2. Before the Temple, Israel worshiped in the _____.

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Challenge Question

How should the truth that God always keeps His promises affect the way you trust Him, obey Him, and give Him glory while you wait?

Application



Trust Him
while you wait.



Obey Him
when you cannot see.



Give Him the glory
when He is faithful.