



## 1 KINGS 9:1-9

# FINISHING WELL

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### BIG IDEA

## You started well. Now finish well.

Success is not the end of the test. God calls us to remain faithful when the pressure is gone, the goal is reached, and life is going well.

## MAIN PASSAGE

### 1 Kings 9:1-3

*“When Solomon had finished building the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had achieved all he had desired to do, the LORD appeared to him a second time... ‘I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple... My eyes and my heart will always be there.’”*

After years of building, Solomon enters a new season. God reminds him that He heard his prayer, accepted the temple, and was attentive to His people. The question now is whether Solomon will remain faithful after success.

### 1 Kings 9:4-5

*“As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness... I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever...”*

God’s promise is tied to a faithful walk. Integrity means the inside matches the outside; uprightness means choosing what is right in God’s eyes. God is calling Solomon to a sincere, obedient heart.

### 1 Kings 9:6-9

*“But if you or your descendants turn away from me... and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land... and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name.”*

The temple could never substitute for obedience. God warns that outward success, sacred places, and past victories do not protect a heart that turns away from Him. Israel would later experience exactly this discipline.

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Supporting Scriptures + Reflection

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## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

### 1 Kings 3:5

*“Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”*

At the beginning of his reign, Solomon needed wisdom. Years later, the challenge is to remain faithful after blessing and accomplishment.

### Luke 1:32–33

*“The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David... and his kingdom will never end.”*

The promise to David ultimately points to Jesus Christ, the everlasting King.

### Romans 11:25

*“Israel has experienced a hardening in part...”*

The hardening is partial, not total. The teaching emphasizes that God still has purposes for Israel.

### 2 Chronicles 7:1

*“When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven... and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.”*

God visibly confirmed His acceptance of the temple, but the people still needed hearts devoted to Him.

### Romans 11:1

*“Did God reject his people? By no means!”*

Israel’s discipline was not the same as permanent rejection. Paul’s answer is direct.

### Romans 11:29

*“For God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.”*

Human unfaithfulness brings consequences, but it does not make God unfaithful to His promises.



## REFLECTION & RESPONSE

### 1. Fill in the blank

“You started well. Now \_\_\_\_\_ well.”

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Fill in the blank

“My \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to God, my life reflects that, and when I fail, I come back to Him instead of walking away from Him.”

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Challenge Question

When the prayer has been answered and life is going well, what practical choices will help you keep your heart faithful to God instead of slowly drifting away?

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