

# I Kings 7-8 –21 July 2022

## “Dedicating Ourselves To The Lord”

### Introduction

- \*I & II Kings demonstrate that a king's allegiance to God's Law is the key to success & protection
- \*The 1<sup>st</sup> half of I Kings depicts the reign of Solomon
- \*The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of I Kings begins the divided kingdom
- \*Chap 1-2 we saw the purging of the sinful men
- \*Chap 3-4 we saw Solomon's desire for God's wisdom yet his struggles to worship God in purity & truth
  - \*He already began political polygamous marriages
  - \*He allowed worship in the pagan high places
- \*In Chap 5-8 his heart's set on building David's temple
  - \*Chap 5-6 we looked at some dangers to avoid while building the kingdom of God
  - \*Now in 7-8 we see what it looks like to show dedication to the Lord for His great faithfulness to us
- \*Let's see 6 keys for dedicating our lives to the Lord**

**1<sup>st</sup> key is to put our resources into Him (Chap 7:1-51)**

*Constructing Other Buildings (Vs 1-12)*

Read Chap 7:1

1. Solomon took longer to build his own house than he did for the Temple
  - a. Read Haggai 1:4
  - b. Read Matt 6:33

Read Vs 2-5

1. This great hall was used to store 300 gold shields and all the gold drinking vessels

Read Vs 6

1. This was either an added entryway or a separate building

Read Vs 7

1. This was a judgement hall or throne room

Read Vs 8-12

1. Describes his personal house and a house for his Egyptian wife

## *Rest of chapter details furnishing The Temple*

Read Vs 13-14

1. This man of a mixed family, difficult upbringing was highly skilled & of great value

Read Vs 15-20

1. Describing the 2 pillars or columns that Hiram made

Read Vs 21-22

1. Placed them at the entry to the Temple
  - a. Jachin – ‘He shall establish’
  - b. Boaz – ‘In Him is strength’

Read Vs 23-26

1. Large washing laver or washing basin
2. Original was designed for the priest to wash their hands and feet in

Read Vs 27-39

1. 10 smaller lavers (240 gals) of brass with their decorative bases; 5 on N & 5 on S

Read Vs 40-45

1. Summation of all; brass used for items priests used representing man's effort and work

Read Vs 46-47

1. Excavations show area used for metallurgy

Read Vs 48-51

1. This is all the words given important articles
2. But even here he makes 10 extra lampstands
  - a. You can't multiply Jesus

**2<sup>nd</sup> key is to worship the invisible God in Spirit & in truth (Chap 8:1-11)**

*Now they bring the Ark to the Temple*

Read Chap 8:1-9

1. The centerpiece of it all has been brought in
2. Once a year atonement shed on top of the Law of Moses at this ark
3. Once forever atonement (Jesus) shed on top of the hill Calvary (Read John 1:17)

Read Vs 10-11

1. This shows God's acceptance of this temple
2. It wasn't acceptable b/c Solomon patterned it after the real one in heaven (Heb 8:5). He didn't. It's acceptable b/c of verse 18 (David)
3. Read John 4:23-24

**3<sup>rd</sup> key is to seek relationship, not material gain  
(Chap 8:12-21)**

Read Chap 8:12-13

1. Solomon reminds the people that the Lord's throne is surrounded by clouds & thick darkness representing the glory of the Lord (Psm 97)
  - a. Solomon rightly saw this as God's favor

Read Vs 14-16

1. Our goals should not be based around getting stuff but around getting relationships
2. Read Luk 12:16-21 vs Dan 12:3

Read Vs 17-21

1. The Lord has kept His promise
2. Remind people how good God is, it's exciting

**4<sup>th</sup> key is to beg God for forgiveness & kindness  
(Chap 8:22-53)**

Read Chap 8:22-26

1. Lord You have kept Your Word & I pray that  
You keep keeping Your Word

Read Vs 27-30

1. Lord hear the prayers of Your people that come  
from this place & the prayers prayed toward here
  - a. Just what Daniel did in Chap 6

Read Vs 31-32

1. Lord bring justice from this place

Read Vs 33-34

1. Lord forgive us when we need forgiveness

## Read Vs 35-36

1. Lord when You withhold Your blessings b/c of sin & we repent, forgive, teach & restore blessing
  - a. Let the afflictions teach us

## Read Vs 37-40

1. Lord whatever affliction comes, forgive the humble that understands their sin & need of You

## Read Vs 41-43

1. Lord may the Gentiles receive from You... for Your glory

## Read Vs 44-51

1. Lord deal compassionately with Israel as we face our enemies from outside the land
2. Notice, there are none that are sinless (vs 46)
3. There's an expectation that if there's sin, there will be repentance & forsaking of sin (vs 48)

## Read Vs 52-53

1. Lord do all this b/c of Your great love for us

## **5<sup>th</sup> key is to beg God for faithfulness & closeness (Chap 8:54-61)**

Read Chap 8:54-55

1. Before God, kneel; before the people, stand
2. Know your place in the chain of command

Read Vs 56-59

1. Stay close to the Lord for He is a faithful God

Read Vs 60

1. Staying close to God shows others; God is good

Read Vs 61

1. How do we stay close? By keeping His ways
2. Read Psm 51:11-12
3. Think of Jesus in the Garden



## **6<sup>th</sup> key is to put our time into Him (Chap 8:62--66)**

Read Chap 8:62-64

1. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins
2. Sacrifice proves their faith in dedicating themselves to God

Read Vs 65-66

1. 7 days for Feast of tabernacles & 7 days for this dedication of the Temple
  - a. Read Act 2:42 – continue steadfastly
  - b. Heb 10:24-25 – don't forsake assembling
2. They were glad for how faithful God had been
  - a. If joy depends on how good you'll be...it's a rollercoaster
  - b. If joy depends on how good God will be, then we're FULL of delight!

## Conclusion

Knowing that there's still so much pride in us, it's a good thing to dedicate ourselves to the Lord. How do we do that?

1. **Put our resources into Him**
2. **Worship the invisible God in Spirit & truth**
3. **Seek relationship, not material gain**
4. **Beg God for forgiveness & kindness**
5. **Beg God for faithfulness & closeness**
6. **Put our time into Him**

Some people know that Lord & you do well

But other people know the joy to the Lord thru a life that's dedicated to Him!