

Sermon Notes

A Prayer for a Dedicated Temple and Dedicated Lives

1 Kings 8

Our God is a coming down kind of God. We see in this passage that all of human history is the story of God working out His redemptive plan. Rarely does one passage connect so many past, present, and future dots for us. God desires to reveal Himself to His people. God's heart is for us to know HIM and experience a real and life changing relationship with Him. It's been said that communication is the lifeblood of any relationship. In Solomon's prayer, he acknowledges that prayer is to be a priority for God's people.

- 1. The Foundation of the Prayer The Presence of God (1-13)
- 2. Framework of the Prayer The Faithfulness of God (14-21, 54-61)
- 3. The Focus of the Prayer The Grace of God (& our need for forgiveness) (22-53)
- 4. The Appropriate Response to a Faithful and Gracious God (54-66)

Applications: _____

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you(all) richly teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..." - Colossians 3:16a

- Focus #I : GOD

- / What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
- \mathcal{L} What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
- 3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2 : ME -

- ${\cal 4}\cdot$ How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
- \mathcal{S} In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
- $\emph{6}$ What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

- 7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
- \mathscr{E} How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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NOVEMBER

11-13 NCBMA Annual Conference **15 Membership Class @ 6pm** 16 Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 7am 16 AHG OCC Packing Party @ 10am 18 GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays 26 Thanksgiving Meal & Service @ 6pm 28 Happy Thanksgiving! 28-29 Church Offices Closed