

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Whatever happened to the ark of the covenant that once rested in Solomon's temple? (see Revelation 11:19)
2. How earnest was Solomon in his dedication prayer? (Compare vs. 8:22 with vs. 8:54)
3. What insight does verse 8:27 give us as to the nature of God?
4. What insight does verse 8:46 give us as to the nature of man?

SUMMARY:

God's temple here on earth is now the body of Christ, which consists of all born-again believers everywhere in whom God dwells. Through these believers God has chosen to reveal Himself to many others. How awesome and how humbling is the decision to allow God to really use us. A complete, unreserved committal to God of our entire lives is absolutely necessary. This experience is usually made at a time after being converted when the believer realizes that he is a product of "His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works."

NOTES:

[SoF:14] We believe in the exercise of discipline by the church in order to deal with the presence of sin in the lives of its members

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

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Third Quarter

SOLOMON DEDICATES THE TEMPLE

LESSON TEXT: *1 Kings 8:1-61; 9:1-9*

LESSON SETTING: After the Temple was completed Solomon dedicated it to God. For this he invited all of Israel.

TIME: Approximately 1004 B.C.

I. THE PRESENCE OF JEHOVAH. 1 Kings 8:1-11

- A. The Ark Brought In (vs. 6) Exodus 40:21; Joshua 3:6
 1. Type of Christ. Hebrews 8:10, 9:24
- B. Glory Fills the Temple (vs. 11) Exodus 40:34-38
 1. Type of Spirit. I Corinthians 6:19-20

II. THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION. 1 Kings 8:12-61

- A. God Fulfills His Word (vs. 20, 23, 24, 56) Psalm 111:7; Ezekiel 12:25
- B. Intercessory Prayer (vs. 30-32, 34, etc.) John 17; Romans 8:26-27
- C. Solomon Blesses (vs. 55) Luke 24:50-53; Acts 3:26; Ephesians 1:3

III. THE PROMISE RENEWED. 1 Kings 9:1-9

- A. According to Davidic Covenant. 2 Samuel 7:4-17
 1. Forever in Christ (vs. 5) Luke 1:31-33; Acts 2:29-32
- B. Disobedience to be Followed by Chastisement and Judgment (vs. 6-9) [SoF:14]
Psalm 89:30-35; Proverbs 3:11-12

GOLDEN TEXT: *KNOW YE NOT THAT YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLETH IN YOU?*

1 Corinthians 3:16

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Kings 10:1-13

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Chronicles 9:1-12

QUARTERLY THEME: Life and Writings of Solomon

TOPIC: SOLOMON AND THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

INTRODUCTION:

The narrative of the search of the Queen of Sheba to verify the report of Solomon's wisdom and prosperity has excellent possibilities for an evangelistic lesson. It is suggested that a parallel be drawn to show that in a similar way a sinner with an honest, seeking heart will definitely discover that in Christ "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:3)

The "spiritual setting" for this lesson is beautifully established in Matthew 12:42 ". . . and behold a greater than Solomon is here." The Queen came on a long journey (Sheba is thought to be a country in South Arabia) to see with her own eyes that which she could not believe just by hearing. Upon seeing and being greatly impressed by Solomon and making proper acknowledgment she is able to return home with marvelous gifts—"all her desire, whatsoever she asked." This very experience in a spiritual way awaits every seeking soul who would come and learn of Jesus Christ first hand and receive the gift of God's grace by faith.

CENTRAL TRUTH: We may bring our hardest questions to Christ, for He has the answer to life's problems.

GOLDEN TEXT: *BUT OF HIM ARE YE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO OF GOD IS MADE UNTO US WISDOM AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SANCTIFICATION AND REDEMPTION.* 1 Corinthians 1:30

The standing or position that believers have in the presence of God is based upon the merit and righteousness of Christ Jesus and our identification by faith with Him. This means that not one single person can boast in God's presence, not even such a one as Solomon! Our glorying is to be in the Lord and not in ourselves.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 14 – 20

- M. Solomon's Great Kingdom. 1 Kings 9:17-28
- T. *The Coming of the Queen of Sheba. 1 Kings 10:1-7
- W. *The Reaction of the Queen of Sheba. 1 Kings 10:8-13
- T. Solomon's Plan for Worship. 2 Chronicles 8:12-16
- F. Encouragement to Seek Wisdom. Proverbs 1:1-9
- S. Something More Glorious than Solomon. Matthew 6:25-34
- S. Someone Greater than Solomon. Matthew 12:38-42

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