

SOLOMON DEDICATES THE TEMPLE
1 Kings 8:22 – 24, 37 – 39, 46, 48 – 50a
 Devotional Reading: Psalm 34:11 – 22
 Background Scripture: 1 Kings 8:22 – 53

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- SUMMARIZE Solomon’s prayer
- ANALYZE the structure and movement of Solomon’s prayer at the Temple dedication
- WRITE a prayer to dedicate the congregation’s meeting places to the Land

INTRODUCTION: The Temple in Jerusalem had taken seven years to build. Solomon had carefully executed the plans left by King David and it was now time to dedicate the Temple to the Lord. He prayed, acknowledging God’s divine characteristics, God’s love and care for His people; that God is a promise-keeper and He extends forgiveness, kindness, and mercy.

KEY VERSE *38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:*

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)
1 Kings 8:38-39 / KJV

LESSON:

Impassioned Prayer

1 Kings 8:22 – 24

Oppressive Circumstances

verses 37 – 39

Inevitable Sin

verses 46, 48 – 50a

SUMMARY: Solomon recognized that the Temple was the fulfillment of God's plan. While David and Solomon were human instruments, the work was God's. Solomon emphasized the importance of God's deliverance out of Egypt. Though deliverance had been so many years before, it was as important this time as the day it happened. In his prayer, Solomon acknowledged the nature and character of God, and that God keeps every promise. Solomon prayed that God would dwell in the Temple and honor those who seek Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. *What are some examples of disasters of crises modern people fear and need God's help to withstand?*
2. *Is it possible to know that a hardship is God's judgment in your life? Explain your answer with Biblical evidence.*
3. *What does it look like to turn back to God with all your heart and soul?*

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DAY/DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Sept. 2nd</i>	Sights Too Deep for Words	Romans 8:18 – 28
<i>Tue., Sept. 3rd</i>	God Hears Our Cry for Help	Psalm 34:11 – 22
<i>Wed., Sept. 4th</i>	Celebrate with Thanksgiving	Nehemiah 12:27 – 30, 44 – 47
<i>Thurs., Sept. 5th</i>	Bring Your Requests before the Lord	2 Chronicles 7:12 – 22
<i>Fri., Sept. 6th</i>	Lord, Teach Us to Pray	Luke 11:1 – 13
<i>Sat., Sept. 7th</i>	God the Promise Keeper	1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-30, 37-43
<i>Sun., Sept. 8th</i>	Hear Our Plea	1 Kings 8:44 – 53

