

# Solomon's Prayer - 1 Kings 8:22-61 Sunday PM 10/27/19

## I) Background

- A) Temple completed, *1 Kings 7.51*
- B) Assembly of elders, heads of tribes, chief fathers of the children of Israel, *1 Kings 8.1a*
- C) The Ark of the Covenant and the holy furnishings of the tabernacle brought into the temple, *v. 1b-ff.*
- D) Sacrifices made, *v. 5.*
- E) The Ark brought into the "Most Holy Place" *v. 6*
- F) The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord, *v. 11*

## II) Solomon's Prayer

### A) Setting

1. Before the altar in the presence of all the people, *v. 22a*
2. Raises his hands toward heaven, Solomon was kneeling, *v. 54, Nehemiah 8.6*
3. Must be done with a humble heart. *James 4.10, Psalms 19.14*

### B) Prayer is addressed towards God in heaven, *v. 22b.*

1. Who or what is God?
  - a. There is no other God like you, "God of Israel", *v. 23a*
  - b. How so? Solomon does not talk about God's eternal nature, or power, etc.

2. The God who keeps His covenant, *v. 23b*.
  - a. Covenant with David, *2 Samuel 7.13*
  - b. Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
3. God too big for a temple, *v. 27, Acts 17.24*
  - a. As opposed to idols and their temples.
  - b. The gods only exist in their temples- Dagon, Molech, Baal, etc.

**C) God who listens to prayer, *v. 24-27***

1. Hear in heaven, is the key to each thing in our list. God is in heaven.
2. Hear in heaven and forgive, *v. 30*
3. Hear in heaven and judge, *v. 31-32*
  - a. God condemns the wicked and upholds the righteous.
  - b. When Israel is defeated by their enemies, they need to turn back to God and ask for forgiveness.
4. Hear in heaven and restore, *v. 33-34*
5. Hear in heaven and send rain (blessings), *v. 35-36*.
6. Hear in heaven and teach them the good way to walk.
7. Hear in heaven and minister justice, *v. 37-40*
8. Hear in heaven the foreigner, *v. 41-43*
  - a. Those not in a covenant relationship with God.

- b. Think of Cornelius.
- 9. Hear in heaven and give victory, *v. 44-45*.
  - a. Going out to battle- physical battles
  - b. Spiritual battles, *2 Corinthians 10.4-5*.
- 10. Hear in heaven, deliver and preserve, *v. 46- 53*.
  - a. There is no one who does not sin, *v. 46a*.
  - b. Carried off to captivity, *v. 46b-47*.
  - c. When they return with their heart and soul, *v. 48*.
  - d. Have compassion on them.
  - e. For they are your people, *v. 51-53*.

### III) **Benediction/Preaching and Prayer**

#### **A) Recognition of being blessed, *v. 55-56***

- 1. All of God's promises had been kept, *v. 56*
- 2. May God always be with them, *v. 57*
- 3. May they keep His commandments, His statutes, His judgements, *v. 58*

#### **B) May God remember his prayer, *v. 59a*.**

- 1. May He maintain the cause of His servant, His people, *v. 59b*.
- 2. All the people of the earth know that the Lord is God. *V. 60*.
- 3. They walk in His statutes, His ways, *v. 61*.

### **Conclusion:**

The high point of Solomon's life was when Solomon prayed recognizing God, His blessings, His word.