

“Solomon’s Dedication Prayer” (1 Kings 6:1-37)

(A Biblical Game of Thrones: From Saul to Solomon – Lesson #55)

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Introduction

1. Solomon completed the Temple in 7 1/2 years and dedicated it 959 BC (1 Kings 6:1, 37-38).
2. He filled it with the furniture and utensils (ch. 7).
3. He brought up the Ark of the Covenant from the City of David (8:1).
4. They sacrificed a huge number of sheep and oxen (8:5).
5. God’s glory filled the Temple (vv. 10-11).
6. Solomon blessed the people and recounted God’s call to build the Temple (vv. 12-21).
7. He then gave a dedicatory prayer to God (vv. 22-61).
8. Afterwards they had a 2-week feast (vv. 62-66).

I. There is No One Like God.

1. He is personable (“LORD”) (vv. 23, 60).
2. He is the only God of Israel (v. 23).
 - He used Moses to lead them out of Egypt (vv. 51, 53).
3. He is greater than all (v. 23).
4. He cannot be contained in earth & highest Heaven (v. 27).
 - But He dwells in Heaven (vv. 39, 43).
5. God answers prayer (vv. 26, 28, 30, 33-35, 38-39, 44-45, 47-49, 52, 54).
6. He has a great name & great power (v. 42).

II. God Keeps His Covenant.

1. He chose a covenant people: Israel (vv. 23, 30, 51).
2. He works through individuals (vv. 23-24).
3. He is Promise Keeper (vv. 24-25, 56).
4. Anyone can come to God & follow Him (vv. 41-43).

III. God Shows Lovingkindness to His People (v. 23; Lam. 3:22-23).

1. All people have sinned (v. 46; Rom. 3:23), but God is perfect.
2. God punishes sin (v. 46). Here are 4 ways:
 - A. War & Loss of Freedom (vv. 33-34, 46-53)
 - B. Nature (drought, hurricane, earthquake, etc.) (vv. 35-36)
 - C. Economic (famine or insects) (vv. 37-40)

D. Sickness & plague (vv. 37-40)

3. When his people confess and repent of their sins, God forgives them (vv. 30, 32, 33, 35, 38-39).

• This is the cycle of sin in Judges: Sin → Suffering (punishment) → Supplication (prayer) → Salvation

4. Walk (live) in His ways (vv. 58, 61).

5. ...with all your heart (will) (vv. 23, 61).

IV. Application

1. Walk in God's ways with all your heart.

2. Practice spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible reading, church attendance, giving to God, sharing your faith).

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Next Week: May 25 – “The Queen of Sheba’s Testimony” (56) (1 Kings 10:1-13)