

Sermon Worksheet, 6/14/09

Passage: 1 Kgs 8:1- 61

Theme: I am God's Temple, No.4

*Don't you know that
you yourselves are
God's temple and that
God's Spirit lives in
you? (1 Cor 3:16)*



Observations:

- 1) Who is Solomon? In vv. 15-19, he refers to his father David who desired to build a temple for the Lord. Why didn't David build the temple, and what was it that God promised to do for David (see 2 Sam 7 if you don't know)?
- 2) What is the ark of covenant, and when was it made, and what was in it (v. 9)? According to v. 21, what was the purpose of building the temple? What happened when the ark was placed inside the temple?
- 3) In v. 30, Solomon prayed to God saying, "**hear ... when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place ...**" You find the similar expressions several times throughout his prayer. Underline them. And note that Vv. 16 and 29 speak about the Lord's "**name**" to be there in the temple. What do you think is the implication(s) of this "**name**" placed in the temple?

Personal Applications:

- 1) Seeing what function the temple had for the ark of the covenant, can you relate that to what Jesus said in his farewell speech (John 13ff)? Keep in mind what was in the ark. Explain the similarities as well as the differences, and how do you apply this truth to you?
- 2) Likewise, seeing how Lord's "**name**" was placed upon the temple, can you relate that to what Jesus said in his farewell speech? Explain, and apply to yourself.
- 3) Are you seeing yourself as God's temple? Do you see any gaps between what the Bible says about you and whom you think you are now? If so, what is the reason for that, and what can you do to fill in the gaps?

Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Thank God and praise him for the fact that you became God's temple through Jesus, and pray that you will come to see yourself and act more as God's temple.
- 2) Pray for your group, and your family that they can encourage each other to live as God's temples.
- 3) Continue to pray for "**everyone**" and "**all the saints**"—especially, for those who need to know that God has sent the Holy Spirit as another Counselor. Pray also for the future newcomers. Don't forget to act, too: write E-mails, cards, etc.