

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What lesson can we learn from Solomon's appointment of workmen?
2. How should we be building our spiritual house?

### SUMMARY:

God had ordained that Solomon should build a temple, making this promise to David. Solomon made a covenant with King Hiram to supply craftsmen and lumber for the building. The construction was a wonderful architectural feat each part so accurately made that not a sound of a tool was heard in the actual building. It is important to note the construction of God's temple being so similar to the building of our temple of God, our bodies. Built of stone (The Solid Rock, Jesus Christ) covered over with wood for pliability and warmth (love) and overlaid with gold (the symbol of purity and holiness). How are we building our temples?

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

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## SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Kings 5:1 through 6:38*

**LESSON SETTING:** Solomon buys some of the building supplies for the Temple from Hiram, the King of Tyre.

**TIME:** Approximately 1014 B.C.

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- I. PREPARATION FOR BUILDING.** 1 Kings 5:1-12
  - A. By God's Command (vs. 5) Matthew 6:33; Acts 3:19
  - B. Materials for Building (vs. 6-10)
- II. ASSIGNMENT OF WORKMEN.** 1 Kings 5:13-18
  - A. Laborers Appointed (vs. 13-15) 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-12
  - B. Supervisors Needed (vs. 16) Acts 20:28; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
- III. THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE TEMPLE.** 1 Kings 6:1-38
  - A. Stone—for Durability (vs. 7) Luke 20:17; 1 Corinthians 10:4; 1 Peter 2:4
  - B. Wood—for Warmth (vs. 15-18) (love) John 15:12; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 1 Peter 1:22
  - C. Overlaid with Gold--for purity (vs. 21-30) 1 John 3:3; Hebrews 9:14; Revelation 7:14

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT.* Psalm 127:1

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 1 Kings 8:1-61; 9:1-9

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 2 Chronicles 6:1-42;  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Life and Writings of Solomon

**TOPIC:** SOLOMON DEDICATES THE TEMPLE

**INTRODUCTION:**

The temple of God had now been completed and it was time to move the Ark of God from the tabernacle and install it in the temple along with all the other furnishings of the tabernacle. As the people came with Solomon they offered an innumerable number of sacrifices of sheep and oxen. The Ark was moved only in the way God ordained and when the work was finished, the presence of God filled the house as a great cloud so that the priests could not stand to minister.

Solomon offered a prayer of dedication thanking God for fulfilling His promises and acknowledging God as being supreme. He asked God to be merciful and forgiving toward the children of Israel, to hear their prayers as they are directed to the Lord.

After finishing his prayer, he laid a charge to the people to walk with the Lord. "Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments."

God was pleased with Solomon's prayer of dedication and renewed His promise on the condition that Solomon and the people walk with the Lord. (1 Kings 9:4-5) If they should turn from following the Lord, then they would be cut off.

Can we today expect anything different if we fail to continually walk with God? Let us heed Paul's warning to the Romans (Romans 11:21-22).

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christian dedication requires complete commitment to God.

**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

The dedication of the temple by Solomon was a solemn and sacred occasion and its continuing was based upon whether or not the Israelites walked in the statutes of God. So also the dedication of our lives to God is not to be treated as a frivolous thing. It is a solemn and sacred occasion and must be continually regarded as such. We too are required to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments. In fact the verse following our Golden Text has the awesome message that if we defile the temple of God which we are, we shall be destroyed by God. People today want to put aside the warnings against defilement, but it behooves us to take these to heart and continually seek out the close walk that God requires of us and to seek His help that we may do so. Of ourselves we cannot do it, but if we entreat the Lord for His help and direction, He will give it to us. When we walk close to Him and have peace with God, we feel no condemnation.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 11 - 17**

- M. \*Placing the Ark in the Temple. 1 Kings 8:1-11
- T. \*Solomon's Sermon. 1 Kings 8:12-21
- W. \*Solomon's Appeal. 1 Kings 8:22-30
- T. \*Prayer for Forgiveness. 1 Kings 8:31-40
- F. \*Prayer for Mercy. 1 Kings 8:44-53
- S. \*Days of Dedication. 1 Kings 8:54-61
- S. \*God Answers Again. 1 Kings 9:1-9