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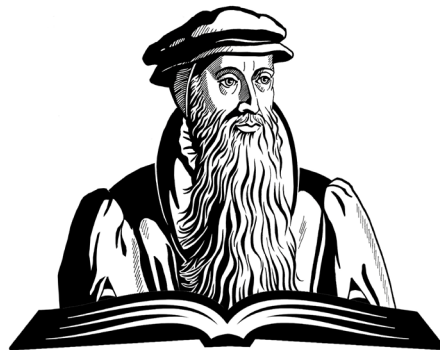
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Lesson 69

Solomon Builds the House of God

The First Book of the Kings, chapters 6 thru 10
and the Second Book of Chronicles, chapters 3 thru 9

Memory Verse

“And hearken thou of the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.”

1 Kings 8:30

Historical Summary

The temple which Solomon built as a house for the Lord was beyond compare in many ways. Every detail was carefully planned, no effort was withheld, and the cost of the materials was



without limit. Everywhere one looked at the structure, within and without, there was evidence of the glory of God. But the most important part was that God promised to dwell there if Israel would walk in God's ways. It took about seven years for Solomon, along with the help of many others, to complete the house of God.

Solomon also built a house for himself, a kingly palace which contained a throne from which he ruled over Israel. It was also very elaborate and costly, but it did not match the house of God in Jerusalem.

Solomon hired Hiram, king of Tyre, a man with special talents for building, for this work and for the house of God. He provided rich materials and furnishings, also for God's house. When the temple was finished, Solomon also brought in the things which David his father had dedicated for the temple.

When Solomon finished building the temple, a solemn week-long ceremony took place in which the ark of the covenant and other tabernacle furnishings were brought into the new house of God. All Israel were assembled to witness this solemn event. Solomon also prayed to the Lord at this time on behalf of the people. He asked that the Lord would hear the prayers of the people from this place, that if they were attacked by their enemies, or had sinned against God, or if there was famine in the land, or were taken captive, if they would cry for mercy toward this place, that the Lord would then hear them, and help, and deliver. At the end of this ceremony, he sent the people back to their tents in great gladness.



When Solomon had finished dedicating the house of God, the Lord appeared unto him to speak to him. He promised Solomon, that if Israel would walk in God's ways, he would establish the kingdom and make Solomon to prosper. But if he forsook God, he would cause his kingdom to crumble. After this, Solomon grew in great wealth and honor. He built cities, received gifts, and conducted great construction projects. There was no king so honored, so

rich, or so great as Solomon, because of God's blessing.

Solomon received a visit from the Queen of Sheba. She had heard of Solomon's wisdom, wealth, and prosperity, and she wanted to see something of it for herself. She also had some burning questions which she wanted to ask him. So she came with a great entourage. But when she actually saw Solomon's kingdom, and all he had done, and the way everything was ordered, she was overwhelmed. It was greater even than she thought it would be. And Solomon was able also to answer all her questions. In order to show her gratitude, she also gave generous gifts to Solomon.

Solomon continued to grow in wealth, wisdom, and fame, because of the grace of God which dwelt in his heart. Leaders from every nation came to honor him. The blessing of the Lord in his life was apparent to everyone.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

In the New Testament, Jesus said that the queen of Sheba would rise in judgment against a people who refused to acknowledge him as the Redeemer. This queen, although she was a heathen, could recognize that Solomon was blessed of God. But Jesus said, "Behold, a greater than Solomon is here." The glory of Solomon pointed to the even greater glory of the Lord Jesus. And yet many New Testament Jews refused to acknowledge him.

Solomon was called to reflect and point to the coming Redeemer for Old Testament people. In him, by the eye of faith, they could see something of a coming Redeemer, one whose grace was beyond comprehension, who also could answer all their questions, give them peace and prosperity, and fill every need. Have you and I already seen our need of this greater Solomon?

Questions

1. What was the condition upon which God promised to dwell among the children of Israel?
 - a. If they would obey his commandments.
 - b. If the right materials were used to build the temple.
 - c. If this house was overlaid with gold.
 - d. If Solomon's armies would destroy all their enemies.

2. What was the greatest evidence for the glory of the temple?
 - a. The costly materials that were used.
 - b. The elaborate details of the design.
 - c. The skill of the builders who worked on it.
 - d. The glory of God who chose to dwell there.

3. Why was the ark of God brought into the temple? What was its purpose in being there?
 - a. It symbolized and taught the need for God's presence.
 - b. To show the strength of Israel.
 - c. Because the ark was precious to David.
 - d. It provided a place to offer sacrifices.

3. Who was Solomon's helper in his building project and business operations?
 - a. Pharaoh, king of Egypt.
 - b. Hiram, king of Tyre.
 - c. The Ammonites and the Hittites.
 - d. All of the above.

4. Why did the queen of Sheba come to visit Solomon?
 - a. She wanted to spy out the palace so she could steal from him.
 - b. She wanted to receive some gifts from Solomon because he had so much wealth.
 - c. She wanted to learn how she could become so wealthy also.
 - d. She wanted to see what she had heard and also wanted to ask questions.

5. The most important thing that people could see in the life of Solomon was:
 - a. How to get rich.
 - b. How to gain honor.
 - c. How his life pointed to a Savior.
 - d. How to farm successfully.

Essay Questions

1. Why was it suitable and fitting for Solomon to build the house of God at this time?

2. Why did Solomon hire and get many of the materials for the temple from Hiram?

3. Show from 1 Kings 8 that God's house is fittingly called the "house of prayer."

4. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich" (Proverbs 10:22). Show that this is true in the life of Solomon.

5. Describe what you think may have been going on in the mind and heart of the Queen of Sheba before she actually met Solomon.

6. How was Solomon a type of Christ?
