



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

## 1 KINGS 8:22-30

### LESSON: SOLOMON'S DEDICATION PRAYER—

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#### INTRODUCTION:

##### 1 Kings 8:1-11:

###### BRINGING THE ARK INTO THE TEMPLE

In the presence of the entire assembly of Israel, Solomon brings the Ark of the Covenant into the newly completed Temple. As the Ark is placed in the Most Holy Place beneath the wings of the Cherubim, a cloud fills the Temple, signifying the presence of God.

##### 1 Kings 8:12-21:

###### SOLOMON'S SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLY

<sup>1</sup>Solomon addresses the assembly, recounting the history leading up to the building of the Temple. He speaks of his father David's desire to build a house for the Lord and how he, Solomon, has fulfilled this divine mandate.

#### LESSON:

##### I. 1 KINGS 8:22-24

**8:22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:—** As Solomon stands before the altar of the Lord to address the people, His hands are lifted up; being spread toward heaven, and we can just imagine this moment of reverence and joy in the atmosphere! All the Israelites were there in God's presence to honor Him! Why? Because that was the place where God met them on one accord, as His promise is fulfilled to them! Every now and then, we ought to look back at what God has done for us, and in us!

**8:23 And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:—** In an act of humility and devotion, Solomon prays to God, telling Him that *“Lord God of Israel, there is no god like you in heaven above or on earth below. Why? Because God has kept His Covenant of love and mercy with His servants that walk before Him with all their heart; having a heart of obedience.”* Aren't you glad that we serve a Covenant Keeping God?

**8:24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.** As Solomon is revering what God has done before the people. He speaks,<sup>2</sup> *“You have kept Your promise to Your servant David my father. He recalls to God the promise in which He had spoken with His mouth and fulfilled with His hand this day to his father Dauid.”* Aren't you glad that God is not like man? Yes, God is a Promise Keeping God!

<sup>1</sup> [https://biblehub.com/study/chapters/1\\_kings/8.htm](https://biblehub.com/study/chapters/1_kings/8.htm)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/1kings-lbw.htm>

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## II. 1 KINGS 8:25-26

**8:25** Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. Solomon has one more thing to petition in prayer. *“Now the Lord God of Israel, we’re asking You to keep the other promise You made to your servant David my father. You told him, “You will always have a descendant to rule over Israel. But this will only happen if Your sons obey me; heed me. They must do this as carefully as You have done.”*

**8:26** And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. *“So now, (with respect) O God of Israel, I pray this. I pray that You will confirm and verify Your promises You had spoken to Your servant David, my father.”* Solomon is specific for sure. James 4:2 says “...you have not because you ask not...”

## III. 1 KINGS 8:27-30

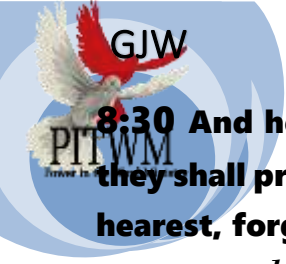
**8:27** But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?— *“But God will You really live on earth? The highest heaven is not great enough for You. This temple that I have built certainly cannot be great enough?”* Solomon knew that God could not be contained in one place, and <sup>3</sup>acknowledges the limitations of the temple, despite its grandeur and significance. The temple was a central place of worship and symbolized God's Covenant with Israel, yet Solomon recognizes that it cannot contain the fullness of God. This humility is a reminder of the limitations of human efforts to encapsulate the divine. The temple serves as a type of Christ, who is the true temple (John 2:19-21), where God's presence dwells fully.

**8:28** Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:— Solomon *“is the Lord’s servant and pleads for respect of the prayer and his supplication (request) prayed. Also, Solomon desires God to really listen unto his cry and the prayer he’s prayed before Him today.”* He needs God's mercy today.

**8:29** That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. Solomon is really saying *“I want You to keep Your eyes open; alert, Watch over this temple day and night. You said that people would give you honor in this place. Your Name shall be toward the place of which You said. Hear the prayers that I, Your servant, am praying towards this place.”* Solomon desired God from His dwelling place in heaven would always keep His eyes toward them night and day, and that His name would be in that place of worship and prayer.

<sup>3</sup> [https://biblehub.com/1\\_kings/8-27.htm](https://biblehub.com/1_kings/8-27.htm)  
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**8:30 And hearken thou to 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.** *“And Hear my prayers and the prayers of your people [called Israel] when they turn towards this place. From your home in heaven, hear us. And when you hear, forgive us.”*

Solomon's prayer is a model of humility and reverence, acknowledging God's greatness and faithfulness while interceding for the people of Israel

## SUMMARY:

Focusing on the Ark of the Covenant being brought into the Most Holy Place and the cloud of God's glory filling the temple, symbolizing God's presence, Solomon then addresses the people, acknowledging God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promise to David to allow His son to build the temple. Therefore, this opening ceremony of the temple is a Dedication of Solomon's Temple to God.

**22** <sup>4</sup>Solomon stood to pray. In those days, the person who was lower in rank stood. The person of higher rank would sit down. Solomon therefore showed that God is great, and Solomon yet standing was humble as he prayed before the Covenant Keeping; Promise Keeping God. He was the king, **23** but he even called himself God's servant. Kings often thought that the people were their servants. But, in this prayer, Solomon says that the people in Israel were God's servants that walked before Him with an obedient heart. **24** God had done what He had promised. So, Solomon gave honor to Him. God had promised that He would choose a place for the temple (Deuteronomy 12:5). It was accomplished! **(8:22-24)**.

Now, Solomon prayed that God would keep His other promise; let His Word to be confirmed; verified in which He had spoken to Solomon's father David. This refers to David's descendants would continue to rule Israel as long as they obeyed God. **(8:25-26)**.

**27** Solomon then recognized that he could not keep God in the temple. God is everywhere. **28-30** But he asked that God would hear, and would answer the prayers that people made to Him from the temple. He also prayed that God would forgive them **(8:27-30)**.

For the Christian, God really has come to live on earth in the person of Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is available for all who put their trust in Jesus. This is because Jesus died for us. He is now in heaven, and He is praying for His people. He is our **“Mediator”** (1 Timothy 2:5) reconciling humanity to God, and **“Intercessor”** (Hebrews 7:25) advocating for us before God's throne.

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