

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 2 Chronicles Chapters 4-6 7/20/21/2026

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OPENING PRAYER

LAST WEEK: **2 Chronicles Chapter 1** – Solomon Requests Wisdom; Solomon's Military and Economic Power.

Chapter 2 – Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple. **Chapter 3** – Solomon Builds the Temple.

THIS WEEK: 2 Chronicles Chapter 4 – Furnishings of the Temple – (vs. 1-22; 5:1); **Chapter 5** – The Ark

Brought into the Temple – (vs. 2-14; 6:2). **Chapter 6** - Solomon's Speech upon Completion of the Work – (vs. 3-11);

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication – (vs. 12-42).

2 Chronicles Chapter 4 – The Temple's Furnishings

2Ch 4:1 Moreover he made a bronze altar: twenty cubits was its length, twenty cubits its width, and ten cubits its height.

- In chapter four, we get into the furnishings of the temple. The first thing mentioned is the bronze altar on which the sacrifices were burned. The temple altar built by Solomon was much larger, four times the length and width; 3.3 times the height of the Tabernacle altar, built by Moses. (30' x 30' x 15') compared to the Tabernacle altar (7.5' x 7.5' x 4.5'). (**Exo 27:1**) "*You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide—the altar shall be square—and its height shall be three cubits.*"

2Ch 4:2-5 Then he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference. [3] And under it was the likeness of oxen (ornamental buds, in Kings) encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The oxen (bulls, gourds) were cast in two rows, when it was cast. [4] It stood on twelve oxen: three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward. [5] It was a handbreadth (4-5 inches) thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It contained three thousand baths.

- This was the Sea (bath), or the area for the priests to bathe; likely to draw water from, prior to their offering of the sacrifices. It had a diameter of ten cubits and a circumference of thirty cubits. No dimensions were given for Moses' tabernacle bath. The Sea would hold about 24,000 gallons of water, which is a good-sized swimming pool.

- Under it was the likeness of twelve oxen encircling all around, three looking to the north, three looking toward the west, three looking to the south, and three looking toward the east. The Sea was set on them and all their back parts pointed inward.
- The twelve oxen, a symbol of strength represented the twelve tribes of Israel. God's strength among the children of Israel as the Sea was placed upon them.

2Ch 4:6-7 He also made ten lavers, and put five on the right side and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as they offered for the burnt offering they would wash in them, but the Sea was for the priests to wash in. [7] And he made ten lampstands of gold according to their design, and set them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left.

- Ten lampstands of gold, instead of one in the tabernacle. Five were on the right-hand side, and five were on the left. Can you imagine the reflections from ten lampstands, all around the gold covered walls?

- The lampstand. Jesus declared Himself to be the light of the world. The only light that was provided in the temple was provided by these lampstands. He provides light, revelation to this world spiritually. So, all light is found in Him.

2Ch 4:8-9 He also made ten tables, (only one in the tabernacle) and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made one hundred bowls of gold. [9] Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court and doors for the court; and he overlaid these doors with bronze.

- The use of gold, God's holiness and righteousness, was only for the temple interior, whereas the materials in the outer portions and court doors were overlaid with bronze, a symbol of judgment.
- The great court was the public gathering space where the people of Israel assembled to offer sacrifices and observe religious feasts.

2Ch 4:10 He set the Sea on the right side, toward the southeast.

- This indicates the temple faced east. The right side would therefore be facing south.

2Ch 4:11-13 Then Hiram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls. So Hiram finished doing the work that he was to do for King Solomon for the house of God: [12] the two pillars and the bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two pillars; the two networks covering the two bowl-shaped capitals which were on top of the pillars; [13] four hundred pomegranates for the two networks (two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on the pillars);

2Ch 4:14-16 he also made carts and the lavers on the carts; [15] one Sea and twelve oxen under it; [16] also the pots, the shovels, the forks—and all their articles Hiram his master craftsman made of burnished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the LORD.

2Ch 4:17 In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between Succoth and Zeredah.

- He made these in the plain on the east side of the Jordan river, which means they had to transport them up to Jerusalem. Evidently the clay down there was great for casting.

2Ch 4:18 And Solomon had all these articles made in such great abundance that the weight of the bronze was not determined.

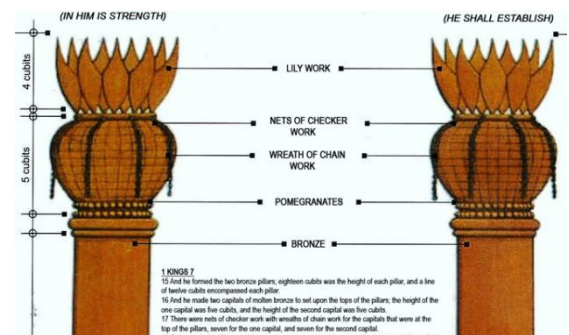
- The quantity was so great it was beyond weighing on scales.

2Ch 4:19-22 Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of God: the altar of gold and the tables on which was the showbread; [20] the lampstands with the ir lamps of pure gold, to burn in the prescribed manner in front of the inner sanctuary, [21] with the flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold, of purest gold; [22] the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure gold. As for the entry of the sanctuary, its inner doors to the Most Holy Place, and the doors of the main hall of the temple, were gold.

- Surely the temple was magnificent! Its cost was into the billions of dollars, as far as the gold and the silver, and the metals that were used.

2 Chronicles Chapter 5 - 2Ch 5:1 So all the work that Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things which his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and all the furnishings. And he put them in the treasuries of the house of God.

- To finish! It is so important to finish and to finish well! How thankful we are that God always finishes what He begins. We see in (Heb 12:2) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Php 1:6) being



confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you **will complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ; Paul said, (2Ti 4:7) *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

- **To finish! Is there anything more important to me, than to finish well?**

The Ark Brought to the Temple - 2Ch 5:2 *Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, in Jerusalem, that they might bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD up from the City of David, which is Zion.*

- There is one final thing that they need to do to be able to say, LORD, this is Yours now! That is to take the Ark of the Covenant, which represented the presence of God, from the tabernacle where it was being housed down in the City of David; to bring it from there and transport it up to the new temple and put it in the Holy of Holies!

2Ch 5:3-6 *Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month. [4] So all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark. [5] Then they brought up the ark, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that were in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up. [6] Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him before the ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude.*

- What a glorious day! The day of the dedication, as now they bring the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD into the temple! Once it is there, then officially temple worship would be inaugurated! The sacrifices, too numerous to be counted, began!

2Ch 5:7-9 *Then the priests brought in the ark (2.5x1.5x1.5 cubits) of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim. [8] For the cherubim (Two massive cherubim: Solomon built two giant statues made of olive wood, each 10 cubits (about 15-20 feet) tall and overlaid with gold. Their outstretched wings spanned the entire width of the room, touching the walls and meeting in the center.) spread their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. [9] The poles extended so that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day.*

2Ch 5:10 *Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they had come out of Egypt.*



- Originally they had placed two tablets of stone in the ark, representing God's covenant with them. The law, the two tables of stone, in which God inscribed the law. Also there a golden jar of manna, to remind them of God's miraculous provision during their forty years of wandering. Then in order that God might establish the priesthood, with the house of Aaron, the rod of Aaron was set out before the LORD that had blossomed and budded, they put that in the ark of the covenant.
- When the Philistines took the ark of the covenant, they may have taken the golden jar of manna and Aaron's rod. At this time, when the ark of the covenant only had the two tables of stone.
- Now, the ark of the covenant probably still exists to the present day. If it could be found, it would be one of the most exciting things that a person could ever view, inside of which would be those two tables of stone, which God Himself inscribed the law. But that is the condition it was in when Solomon set it in beneath the wings of the cherubim.

2Ch 5:11-12 *And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), [12] and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests, sounding with trumpets—*

- A hundred and twenty priests sounding on the silver trumpets. Heman, Asaph, and Jeduthun, and their group, singing, and using their instruments, the cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps!

2Ch 5:13-14 *indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the*

house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, [14] so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God!

- The trumpeters were blasting, the people were singing, and the sounds were blended into one! It was like one glorious praise being lifted to God!
- In the Old Testament God's presence was represented by a cloud. In the dedication of the Moses tabernacle in the wilderness, the cloud descended on the tabernacle. They had that same experience where the priests could not stand to minister because of the glory of the presence of the LORD.
- Now, at the dedication of the temple, there was the similar kind of an experience, as God's presence filled the temple. They could not stand to minister there, by the reason of this power and presence of God. For the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD! It was an awesome, and a beautiful scene. Their lifting their voices in praise and thanksgiving to God. The praising of the LORD simultaneously with the instruments, with the singers, with the trumpets, until there was just that unison, that blending, that oneness of heart, worship, and the subsequent presence of God, and glory of God filling the place!
- One of our problems today is our spiritual dullness, and our failure to discern the presence of God. God is constantly present with us, as we gather to worship; to study the word; gathering in the name of Jesus. He is present with us.
- But we are not always aware or conscious of the presence of Jesus in our lives. That is a weakness in a spiritual sense. If we were more conscious of the presence of Jesus, then we would be more careful about the things that we do. I would not want to do something that would offend or be contrary to Him. But I would want to do, and to say those things that would be pleasing to Him!
- **I need to have a keener consciousness of the presence of the LORD. I pray that God will help me in this realm, to come to a more keen consciousness and awareness that the LORD is with me. LORD, help me to be more conscious of Your all-prevailing presence! Your presence everywhere in my life!**

2 Chronicles Chapter 6 - Solomon Blesses the People

2Ch 6:1 Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud.

- At this point, they have finished and furnished the temple. The glory has come down! Solomon has built this little platform for himself to address the people, and then to kneel upon to pray, as he offers his prayer of dedication. He is now standing on this little platform addressing the people.

2Ch 6:2-4 I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever." [3] Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. [4] And he said: "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His hands what He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying,

- God had promised David that though he could not build the house, God would give him a son, who would reign on the throne after him, and this son would build a house. So Solomon is aware of this promise to David, and aware of his obligation to build this house. Now it has been completed.

2Ch 6:5-6 'Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel. [6] Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.'

- Even though from the beginning there was no city, nor king, now God has chosen the city of Jerusalem, and God has chosen David as the man to rule over the people

2Ch 6:7-8 Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. [8] But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart.'

- God accounted that which was in the heart of David, as having done it. God accounts what is in our hearts. We are not always able to fulfill what is in our hearts. David was unqualified to build a house. Yet, we have this strong desire in our hearts. He sees the heart's desire and gives credit for what is in my heart to do!
- Now, that is great, if your heart is right, but if your heart is not right, then God also sees that! God judges us more from the attitudes of our hearts, then from our actions! Because a person's actions may be perfectly correct, but the attitude of their heart is wrong. God looks on the hearts of man, where man judges from appearances, and man looks on the outward. God knows what is in your heart. That is why David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."
- A change of heart! That is what we need! A heart that is after God, rather than a heart that is after the flesh. I need for God to create in me, a clean heart, a pure heart. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." So, what is in my heart, what is in your heart, that is what is so important!

- There are examples in the bible, the case of David is a classic. Where his heart was right towards God, but his actions were often wrong. David was guilty of some bad sins, and yet his heart basically, was towards God. God saw his heart and forgave the bad actions. Wrong actions and a right heart are much preferred rather than **right actions** and a **wrong heart**!
- **O God create in me a clean heart. Make me pure; “pure in heart.” Because it was in the heart of David. God said, “Because it’s in your heart, you did well!” What does God see when He looks into my heart?**
 2Ch 6:9-10 Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name. [10] So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke, and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel.
- God had said this and now God has done it! It is always so great when you see the fulfilled promises of God. You stand there; God had promised, and now it is a reality. For so long, it was just a dream. Often in doing His will, we can get bogged down, thinking, “Will this thing ever get finished!.” But oh, that glorious day, when it is all done! It is always a glorious experience!
- 2Ch 6:11 And there I have put the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with the children of Israel.”
- Now the temple is operational. God has kept His word! God promised my father David that He would raise up a son, who would build a house, and I have done it! It is complete! Here it is, in all of its glorious splendor! The LORD has performed His word, which He had spoken! **It is finished! It is done! God has filled His temple!**”

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication – Parallel passage in (1Ki 8:22-53)

2Ch 6:12-13 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands [13] (for Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven);

- Imagine the situation, notice the picture! Here is this marvelous, gloriously splendid temple! Here is king Solomon in all of his royal glory, and wealth. Here is this little bronze platform, and now the king is kneeling, having acknowledged the faithfulness of God, to keep His word. The platform description is not included in the Kings account.
- He is kneeling and his hands are stretched up towards heaven, and he begins to offer God this prayer of dedication, as he now dedicates this temple! The people are gathered. So get this in your mind, get the picture.
- Solomon then began to offer a lengthy prayer of consecration to the LORD.
 - ✓ First, giving glory to God, he affirmed that **no god could compare** to Israel's God, the LORD (1Ki 8:23-24).
 - ✓ Second, he asked the LORD **for His continued presence and protection** (vs. 25-30).
 - ✓ Third, he listed **seven typical Israelite prayers that would require** the LORD's response (vs. 31-54). These supplications recalled the list of curses given in (Deu 28:15-68) for the breaking of the law.
- Solomon prayed that:
 - ✓ (1) the LORD would **judge between the wicked and the righteous** (vs. 31-32);
 - ✓ (2) the LORD would **forgive the sins that had caused defeat** in battle (vs. 33-34);
 - ✓ (3) the LORD would **forgive the sins that had brought on drought** (vs. 35-36);
 - ✓ (4) the LORD would **forgive the sins that had resulted in national calamities** (vs. 37-40);
 - ✓ (5) the LORD would **show mercy to God-fearing foreigners** (vs. 41-43);
 - ✓ (6) the LORD would **give victory in battle** (vs. 44-45); and
 - ✓ (7) the LORD would **bring restoration after captivity** (vs. 46-54).

Solomon's Prayer: 2Ch 6:14 and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.

- Solomon begins his prayer with a wonderful address! God's presence and protection. You are a God who keeps His word with those who walk before You and serve You with their whole heart!
- 2Ch 6:15 You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.

• First, Solomon thanked the LORD for what He had done. This is the fulfillment! We see it and we testify to it.
 2Ch 6:16 Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.'

- **LORD, now keep what You promised!** This is a powerful way to pray, such as we see in Jacob's prayers (*Gen 32:12a*) For You said!, Taking God's promises and humbly asking Him to fulfill those promises!
- **Only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.** God's promise was conditional, "If they will follow Me, and keep My law!" What happened to Zedekiah, to Jeconiah, and to those kings? They broke the covenant of God. Because they had broken the covenant, the monarchy line was cut off. This promise, made to David, was fulfilled in Jesus Christ! He shall sit upon the throne forever!

2Ch 6:17 And now, O LORD God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David.

- We also ask You to keep that word. Which of course He will, in Christ, when Jesus returns again!

2Ch 6:18 "But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

- He had a true concept of God, which is that God is omnipresent. He fills the entire universe. Thus God cannot be localized. "If the whole universe cannot contain God, how much less this house that I have built!"
- Sometimes we sense God being in a certain place. Places where God has revealed Himself to us, or God has met us, and they become a special place, because of an experience that I had with God in that place.
- There is a tendency to sort of make an altar in that place and to begin to worship the place. There is where I can meet God!" But you can meet God wherever you are! God occupies the entire universe! (*Act 17:24*) God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.
- **How big do you think your God is? Would you say with conviction, "Behold heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You! Wow! And yet You cherish time and an intimate and the closest relationship with me and with each one of Your children!"**

2Ch 6:19-20 Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You: [20] that Your eyes may be open toward this temple day and night, toward the place where You said You would put Your name, that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.

- LORD, I know that the universe cannot contain You but let Your eyes be upon this place. This place that we have made and have dedicated to You. When people come here to pray, LORD let them really experience the power of Your presence, and the answers to their prayers.

2Ch 6:21 And may You hear (12x) the supplications of Your servant (9x) and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive (5x).

- LORD, this is going to be the place that represents where we meet You in our hearts and minds. So when we are in trouble and we turn towards this place, and cry out, LORD, You hear from your dwelling place, in heaven, and answer the needs and the prayers of Your people."
- Solomon now gives a series of seven specific petitions that he asked the LORD to listen to and heed, when these prayers are lifted up by people to the LORD looking in the direction of the temple. "When they come to You, then LORD, hear and answer."

2Ch 6:22-23 "If (6x, or when) anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this temple, [23] then hear from heaven, and act, and judge Your servants, bringing retribution on the wicked by bringing his way on his own head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

- LORD, let there be righteous judgement going forth from here! Judging between the wicked and the righteous That God would give judgment according to equity upon all the appeals that should be made to Him. The situation is where some wrongdoing has occurred between two people. There are no eyewitnesses. They would bring them to the temple. LORD, make manifest and reveal who is lying and who is telling the truth?
- LORD, we want to be a righteous nation. We want to be a nation that judges things properly, would You be involved in that judgment and in that righteousness in our nation and be actively involved by exposing who is telling the truth and who is lying? Oh, how we need that today!

2Ch 6:24 "Or if Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and return and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this temple,

- Notice, the problems are equated with sin. All the way through the problems will be equated with sin. "If Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy, because they have sinned against You.
- Forgiveness for sins causing defeats from enemies. It is only because of sin that we are defeated.

2Ch 6:25-26 then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to them and their fathers. [26] "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have

sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them,

- Forgiveness of sins that brought on calamity. LORD, we do not deserve one drop of rain from You in our unrighteousness, but we will take every drop You give because You are gracious.

2Ch 6:27 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

- Whatever happens LORD, if the people will just turn to You and pray, then hear, and answer their prayers.

2Ch 6:28 "When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is;

- Now if plagues come upon the land.

2Ch 6:29-30 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple: [30] then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of the sons of men), What an important and beautiful request this is for each of us!

- God, You see their (our) hearts! If their hearts are truly open, then LORD help them.
- That is awesome that God knows what is in your heart, something even I do not always know. The LORD said, (**Jer 17:9-10a**) "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD search the heart." Here Solomon acknowledges, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands toward this temple,

2Ch 6:31-32 that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land which You gave to our fathers. [32] "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for the sake of Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray in this temple;

- Mercy for God-fearing foreigners. During the time of the law, God made tremendous provisions for the strangers. God commanded that the strangers be given certain rights, privileges, and respect. Solomon realizing the magnificence of this temple, that it would attract strangers from all over the world, who would come to see its glory and magnificence.
- LORD, even when the strangers come, and they pray to You in this place, hear them LORD, answer their prayers, that they may know that You are God! That they might understand.

2Ch 6:33 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

- Isaiah would later write concerning the temple that it was to be called a house of prayer for all nations. It was not just for the Jews. It was for the whole world to come to know the true and the living God.

2Ch 6:34-35 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemies, wherever You send them, and when they pray to You toward this city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name, [35] then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

- If You direct them into war, then victory in battle. Battle against their enemy wherever You send them. Israeli military in another foreign country cannot have access to the temple to go there and ask for victory in battle; so they would turn in the direction of the temple and pray. Solomon was saying even though there is this geographical distance, then hear and honor their prayer.

2Ch 6:36 "When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to a land far or near;

- If they sin against You, and we know there is no man that does not sin. Jesus when was asked what He would do to the woman taken in adultery, (**Joh 8:7b**) He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first. (Rom 3:23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (1Jn 1:8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

2Ch 6:37-39 yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have committed wickedness'; [38] and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and toward the temple which I have built for Your name: [39] then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

- **LORD if they are carried away captive**, and in their captivity, they pray and confess their sin, then LORD, hear and answer.” Now, we remember the prayer of Daniel, which is quite interesting in light of what Solomon has prayed here. In (*Dan 9:3,7*) *Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. [7] O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.*
- **Notice as Daniel is praying**, he is no doubt using what Solomon prayed as the basis. Now as he prays, they are in captivity, they have been carried away captive, his prayer is first of all the confession of sin. “LORD, it is our fault!”
- **We are so prone to blame God for anything that goes wrong.** Rather than looking at our own sin, and our own selves, and saying, “God I have sinned, I’ve turned away, and you know, I deserve this.” We say, “Why would God allow this to happen to me!” And we are always ready to blame God! The forgiveness and the whole process of renewal comes from the confession of sin. “God I have sinned against you.”
- **Is there any tendency in me to blame God when things go wrong, instead of looking at my own sin? How quickly upon conviction do I repent and turn back fully to Him?**

Conclusion: 2Ch 6:40-41 Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place. [41] *“Now therefore, Arise, O LORD God, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation! And let Your saints rejoice in goodness! [42] “O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed! Remember the mercies of Your servant David!”*

What a wonderful prayer! This prayer of Solomon, as he is dedicating the temple, God to meet His people there. When they have failed and through sin, experienced calamities, when they would turn to God, that God would hear, and would maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

- (*Exo 19:5*) Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.
- (*1Pe 2:9-10*) But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; [10] who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.
- **As one of His saints, am I truly rejoicing in goodness? In being clothed with salvation? Remembering His mercies?**

SUMMARY:

- **2Ch 5:1** To finish! Is there anything more important to me, than to finish well?
- **2Ch 5:14** – I need to have a keener consciousness of the presence of the LORD. I pray that God will help me in this realm, to come to a more keen consciousness and awareness that the LORD is with me. LORD, help me to be more conscious of Your all-prevailing presence! Your presence everywhere in my life!
- **2Ch 6:8** - O God create in me a clean heart. Make me pure; “pure in heart.” Because it was in the heart of David. God said, “Because it’s in your heart, you did well!” What does God see when He looks into my heart?
- **2Ch 6:18** - May that be indelibly stamped on my heart! How big do you think your God is? Would you say with conviction, “Behold heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You! Wow! And yet You cherish time and an intimate and the closest relationship with me and with each one of Your children!
- **2Ch 6:39** - Is there any tendency in me to blame God when things go wrong, instead of looking at my own sin? How quickly upon conviction do I repent and turn back fully to Him?

2Ch 6:40 Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place.

PSALM 5 – GIVE EAR TO MY WORDS, O LORD! Maranatha Singers Terry Clark (2;28/2:31)

Give ear to my words O Lord Consider my meditation Harken unto the voice of my cry My King and my God For unto Thee will I pray My voice shalt Thou hear In the morning O Lord in the morning will I direct my prayer Unto Thee and will look up (2x)

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CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study 2 Chronicles, Chapters 7-9