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Bible Study:



Read 2 chronicles 6 and 7. Consider the many ways the phrase “**He is Good; His Love endures forever**” (v7:3) rings true in this story of the dedication and God’s indwelling of the Temple built by Solomon **AND** anticipates Jesus who makes the way for God to dwell IN us, not just among us!!! Read 2 Chronicles Consider also that God promises that if the kings of David’s line turn away from God then He would bring disaster upon them!

The gospel in the story:



God made an unconditional promise that David's throne would be **established forever**. However, He made the fulfillment of the promise **conditional** on the obedience of the kings that would follow. Even in Solomon’s prayer, he acknowledges that all men sin. So it would seem that God’s promise to David was doomed to fail. And it would have had there not been one man – a descendent of David – who did not sin, but instead led a perfect life. Jesus is the perfect King that no other person could possibly be. And he is also the perfect sacrifice, giving all those who repent of their sins and put their faith in him, the right to become Living Temples of YHWH!

Application

Head: Q&A key points:

Q: Who built the Temple? A: Solomon

Q: What was the purpose of the Temple? A: to be a place for God’s presence to dwell among the people.

Q: How does this story demonstrate God’s Loyalty and Faithfulness? A: His promise to be with His people is reaffirmed when His ‘Shekinah’ Glory filled the Temple.

Heart: Memory Verse:

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Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

Share what it means to you in your own life to be a living temple of God.

Home: How does this affect our household?

Discuss how the requests of Solomon prayer apply in your household:

Hear in heaven and forgive.

Hear in heaven and judge.

Hear in heaven and restore.

Hear in heaven and send rain.

Hear in heaven and minister justice.

Hear in heaven, the receive the foreigner.

Hear in heaven and give victory.

Hear in heaven, deliver and preserve.

Heaven: How does this help us our faith?

Discuss ways your household and Gospel Community family can be ambassadors of God’s overt love for the foreigner so that all nations on earth will know God’s Name and fear him (v6:32-33)

