

2 Chronicles 1-5

The Building of the Temple

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Day 1- 2 Chronicles 1-5

Read 2 Chronicles 1-5 in your Bible.

- Pray as you read, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in understanding, confession, thanksgiving, and petition in light of the truth you are reading.
- Underline/highlight key words, phrases, and verses that stand out to you.

Day 2- 2 Chronicles 1

1. In verse 1, how did God bless Solomon?
2. What other ways did God pour out his favor on Solomon in verses 7-9?
3. How did Solomon respond to God's goodness in his life in verse 10?

-How do you generally respond to God's goodness in your life? Do you respond with an attitude of entitlement, indifference, or gratefulness?

4. What was God's answer in verses 11-12?

Digging Deeper: The proverbs of Solomon were written to describe and instill wisdom in God's people, a wisdom that is founded in "the fear of the Lord"¹. Read Proverbs 2:1-15 and 3:13-20. How does Solomon describe wisdom in these passages? How does this impact you?



Colossians 2:2b-3 tells us that *in Jesus are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*. As believers, our union with Christ gives us access to great treasure, but it is hidden in Christ. Jesus is where we should be looking for wisdom and he told us to seek and we will find and to ask and it will be given. James 1:5 also tells us to ask God for wisdom and he will give it.

As we begin to study God's Word let's ask God to give us wisdom that leads to seeking him, and pray that we will discover Jesus in a deeper and more satisfying way than we ever have before.

¹ ESV Study Bible

Day 3- 2 Chronicles 2

5. According to verse 1, what was Solomon building the temple for?

Scholar's Note: "God's "name" in association with a place signifies his actual presence there among his people, where God may be met and petitioned. Yet in no sense is God contained or limited by his localized presence." –ESV Study Bible

6. What were some of the purposes of the temple stated in verses 4 and 6?



As believers gather together in corporate worship, we experience God in a unique way. Ephesians 2:21-22 tells us that believers *joined together* and being *built together* are a holy temple and a dwelling place for the Spirit of God. While God's Spirit lives in each believer individually, God also meets us as we gather together to worship. The family of believers worshipping together with a collective heart and soul (Psalm 33:) as God intended is a great source of comfort, encouragement and blessing. It is a weekly reminder that we are not in this journey alone.

- What priority do you place on worshipping together with your church family?
- Do approach corporate worship as an opportunity to meet with God?
- What could you do to prepare your heart ahead of time for Sunday morning worship?

7. What truths is Solomon aware of in verses 5 and 6?

Digging Deeper: Read Hebrews 9:21-24. How do these verses give us insight into the significance of the temple and its furnishings?

Day 4- 2 Chronicles 3 and 4

8. Where did Solomon build the temple? Why is this site significant? See Genesis 22:2 and 1 Chronicles 21:15, 21:18-22:1

9. What do all the details about the temple, and the care and craftsmanship demonstrate?

10. Describe the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place in 3:14.

Picture and Ponder: “The veil speaks of the humanity of Christ. God calls attention to that. When Christ was crucified, the veil of the temple was torn in two, since the [tearing of the] veil signified that a ‘new and living way’ was opened for all believers into the very presence of God with no other sacrifice than Christ’s. Here in Chronicles God calls attention to the beauty of the veil. It is as if he said ‘...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased’ (Matt. 3:17).” – J. Vernon McGee



The temple and its furnishings were earthly objects meant to point to spiritual realities. God’s design and desire has always been to dwell with his people. When Jesus died and the veil in the temple was torn in two, it pointed to the reality that now God is accessible to us. We no longer need the temple or the priests to facilitate our relationship with God. Jesus is our high priest. He made the ultimate and final sacrifice to redeem us so that now we can boldly approach the throne of God through the righteousness of Jesus our Savior. S

“So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God’s inner sanctuary. Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our high priest...”

Hebrew 6:18-20

- Reflect on your relationship with God. How do you approach God?

- Ask God now to help you not take his availability for granted, to realize what an amazing privilege and blessing it is to come into his presence.

Day 5- 2 Chronicles 5

Digging Deeper: Read Exodus 25:10-22. What is the significance of the Ark of the Covenant?

11. What is noteworthy in their worship in verse 6?

12. How did the singers lead the people in praising and thanking God?

13. What happened when they sang?

One Thing: Look back over this week's study. Pick one thing that God impressed on you, convicted you about, or something new that you learned and write it here.

How will knowing this impact the way you think and act?

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