

True Strength Is Preparation
1 Kings 5:1-18, Pew Bible p.284
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- I. Building the Temple was a priority given to Solomon from God.**

- II. The Tabernacle/Temple was designed by God as a place for God to dwell with His people.**
 - A. Genesis 1-3 (The Garden of Eden)
 - B. Exodus 25:8 (The Tabernacle)
 - C. Revelation 21:1-4 (Heaven)

- III. The Temple was specifically designed to show what is necessary for sinful mankind to dwell in the presence of our holy God.**
 - A. Jesus is the complete fulfilment to every detail of the temple design.
 - B. After the perfect work of Jesus, the dwelling place of God is the human body of every believer.
(1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16)

- IV. Some necessary preparations for us to make:**
 - A. Work well with others (1 Kings 5:1-18)
 - B. Bring to God a whole heart (1 Chronicles 28:9)
 - C. Don't quit serving God (1 Chronicles 28:20)

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Kings 5:1-18.
2. The Tabernacle of old and the Temple being prepared for had the same exact purpose. What was that purpose? Look at Exodus 25:8.
3. The Tabernacle of old and the Temple had three areas. The outer area, the Holy Place, then the Most Holy Place. Why was it important that they move from the outer area inward to the Holy Place and then to the Most Holy Place?
4. According to our New Testament (1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16), where is the Temple of God today? What kind of preparations are necessary for our Temple today?
5. In the Holy Place there were three pieces of holy furniture. There was the Table of the Bread of Presence, the Golden Lampstand, and the Altar of Incense. What was the significance of each of these holy objects? Since the body of every believer is the Temple of God today, what do these holy pieces of furniture indicate about what needs to be happening in the life of a believer?
6. In the Most Holy Place there was one piece of furniture — the Ark of the Covenant. What was its purpose? Since the body of every believer is the Temple of God today, how is that purpose for the Ark of the Covenant realized in our lives today?
7. Pray for our church members to be on mission to all people. Consider coming to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center across the hall from the Choir Room.

Church Bible Reading Plan

1 Chronicles 28-29

February Memory Verses: 2 Kings 22:11-13

Colossians 1:15-18

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia;
Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West,
Glendale, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Marge D. (son, Matthew); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Rezwana D. (parents); Charity M. (daughter)
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gertrude A. (granddaughter); Family of John E.; Debbie & John P. (her brother);
Carolyn & Billy H. (her father); and Celeste E. (grandmother)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Debbie B. (health issues); Ann C.-W. (headaches);
Mary R. (transplant recovery); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Mimi M. (health issues);
Michelle LaM. (health issues); Debbie P. (health issues); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues);
Marge D. (health issues); Don R. (pneumonia and broken ribs); Joe B. (back surgery recovery);
Kaitlyn D. (pregnancy concerns); Laura M. (health issues); Gaylon K. (infection recovery);
Mike P. (in hospital); and Gary C. (recovering at home)
- Others that you are aware of