

True Strength Is Devotion
1 Kings 8:54-61, Pew Bible p. 289
March 19, 2023

I. Blessing God (V. 54-56)

- A. God is worthy of our devotion because of His devotion to us.
- B. God is worthy of our devotion because His plans for us are good.

II. Asking God (V. 57-61)

- A. Devotion to God is only possible with God's help.
- B. Devotion to God multiplies the works of God, which expands the mission of God.

III. Practical Implications

- A. We will never outgive God.
- B. You cannot expect God to work in your life if you do not trust Him with it.
- C. A lost world will not be devoted to Jesus until they see us devoted to Him first.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Kings 8:54-61.
2. In what ways does God give us rest, as He did for Israel in verse 56?
3. In what ways has God kept promises from His word to you personally, as he did in verse 56? How can you better bless Him for the goodness He has shown to you?
4. What did the ongoing presence of God do for Israel, according to verses 57-58? What has the presence of God done for you? What are some ways God has proven to you that He will never leave you?
5. What does our devotion to God have to do with how the world views God, according to verse 60?
6. How does a heart wholly devoted to God help people know God, according to verses 60-61? What are some ways you can be more devoted to God in this season in your life?
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

2 Chronicles 13-15

March Memory Verses: 2 Chronicles 6:18-21

Isaiah 44:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ “This is what the LORD says— Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. ⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let them foretell what will come. ⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- PRAYING through Psalm 20, praising God for seeing everything that is done.

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); and Sharon L. (sons)
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Family of John E.; Debbie & John P. (her brother); Anne W.-B. (son); Carolyn & Billy H. (her father); Celeste E. (grandmother); Del & Laura M. (his mother); and Family of Louise R.
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health); Leon V. (chemo); Debbie B. (health); Debbie P. (health); Ann C.-W. (health); Michelle LaM. (health); Mary R. (transplant recovery); Gary C. (health); Laura M. (health); Kaitlyn D. (pregnancy concerns); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Darlene R. (health); Marge D. (health); Butch L. (health); Mimi M. (in hospital); Ken R. (in hospital); and Jeanette C. (in hospital)
- Others that you are aware of