

Pleased to Dwell

1 Kings 8:1–53

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...” Colossians 1:19

The Presence of God

8:1–13

- Israel has waited hundreds of years for the presence of God to dwell at last in the Temple.
- Solomon chose to bring the ark of the covenant into the Temple during the Feast of Booths which symbolized a time of religious renewal in Israel.
- The ark of the covenant is brought to its final resting place in the Temple, and the glory of God is overwhelming.

_____ the presence of the Lord.

The Promise-Keeping God

8:14–21

- Solomon reminds Israel of their rich history from the exodus to the Temple dedication.
- More importantly, Solomon reminds Israel of the Lord’s beauty, kindness, and faithfulness to them.
- Solomon’s appreciation and joy for the fulfilled promises of God pale in comparison to his appreciation and joy for the character of God displayed through them.

Look for who God _____ more than what He gives.

The Prayer

8:22–53

- The presence of God cannot be contained, yet He is pleased to make His home with His people and dwell among them.
- Solomon asks for forgiveness for Israel so they might experience more of the character of God—not just so they will be relieved of their sin’s consequences.
- Solomon acknowledges Israel is a nation of imperfect people and confesses the steadfastness of God to dwell with His people and show mercy when they sin.

Look to Jesus to be reminded of how incessantly God has _____ His people.

The Splendid Reign of Solomon – 1 Kings 8:1–53

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HEBREWS 9:12 ...he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

COLOSSIANS 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...

JOHN 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

REVELATION 22:3-5 ...but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.