

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE-DEDICATION PRAYER – SOME THOUGHTS

I KINGS 8:22-

- 1. WE NOTE HIS POSTURE IN PRAYER, 8:22, 54.**
 - A. RAISING HANDS IN PRAYER IN OLD TIMES SEEMED TO RELATE TOTAL RELIANCE UPON GOD, COMING EMPTY-HANDED, EZRA 9:5; ISA.1:15, ETC.**
 - B. POSTURE IN PRAYER CAN HELP ONE GET INTO THE PROPER FRAME OF MIND TO PRAY – DEPENDENCE, HUMILITY, NEED, MATT.26:36-46; ACTS 20:36; JOHN 17:1, ETC.**

- 2. WE NOTE HOW HE PRAISES GOD IN HIS PRAYER, 8:23,24,27.**
 - A. COMPARE MATT.6:9,10; ACTS 4:24; JERE.23:24; ISA.66:1; EPH.3:14-15; MATT.5:34...**
 - B. BEGINNING PRAYER WITH THE GREATNESS OF GOD IMPRESSES UPON US TO WHOM WE ARE SPEAKING; AND, WHAT A REMARKABLE PRIVILEGE IT IS.**

- 3. WE NOTE HOW HE PLEADS WITH GOD IN PRAYER.**
 - A. SEE I KINGS 8:28, 32,34,36, 39, 42, 45, 49 AND NOTICE HIS CONSTANT PLEA FOR GOD TO “HEAR” IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS OF PRAYER.**
 - B. SEE PSALM 4:1 AND THE HYMN BY TILLET S. TEDDLY...**
 - C. MAY WE NEVER TAKE PRAYER FOR GRANTED; LET US EARNESTLY PRAY FOR HELP IN TIME OF NEED, HEB.4:16; MATT.7:7-11; LUKE 11:1-13, ETC.**

- 4. HE PRAYS REMEMBERING MAN'S PROPENSITY TO SIN. 8:31-53.**
 - A. SEE I KINGS 8:31,33,35,38,46.**
 - B. REALITY IS, MAN SINS, ISA.53:6; ECCL7:29.**
 - C. WE DESPERATELY NEED GOD.**

- 5. HIS PRAYER DETAILS THE IMPORTANCE OF PENITENCE, 8:46-50.**

- A. NOTE THE WORDS, “TURN, HEART, MIND, SAYING, PRAYING...”**
 - B. THIS PATTERN, IN PRINCIPLE, RESEMBLES THE CHRISTIAN’S PATTERN TO REPENT IN PRAYER – RECOGNITION OF SIN THROUGH STUDY, ACTS 2:36,37; SORROW OF HEART, 2 COR.7:10; ACKNOWLEDGING OF SIN AND PRAYING FOR FORGIVENESS, I JOHN 1:9; ACTS 8:22.**
 - C. REPENTANCE IS MORE THAN THE FEELING OF GUILT, ACTS 2:37,38.**
 - D. IN REPENTANCE, ONE CANNOT REMAIN IN THE SINFUL CONDITION OR IN THE SINFUL HABITS...**
 - E. LEVERAGE IS NOT REPENTANCE. CHANGING BECAUSE ONE FEELS PRESSURED FROM OTHER PEOPLE TO SO DO, IS NOT REPENTANCE.**
- 6. THE TEMPLE BECAME A PROBLEM.**
- A. THE JEWISH PEOPLE BECAME EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED TO THE TEMPLE, LOOKING TO IT AS SUPERSTITIOUS IDOL AND AS THEIR SECURITY, SEE JEREMIAH 7:4; ACTS 7:44-50.**
 - B. NO PHYSICAL THING SHOULD REPLACE THE CONDITION OF THE HEART, ISA.66:1-3; MATT.9:13.**