

THE TEMPLE OF GRACE
God's Faithfulness and Our Need for Forgiveness
1Kings 8:22-30

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1. How does Solomon's acknowledgment of God's faithfulness in the completion of the Temple challenge our understanding of how we attribute our achievements? *(Consider personal or collective accomplishments in your own life or community. Do you see God's hand in these achievements, or do you often focus on personal effort and capability?)*

2. In what ways can we recognize and appreciate God's faithfulness in our daily lives, especially when we face challenges or difficulties? *(Share specific examples of moments when you saw God's faithfulness or struggled to see it. How can we shift our focus from grumbling to gratitude?)*

3. Solomon prayed for God's forgiveness for the people of Israel. How does this prayer reflect our own need for forgiveness and the role of repentance in our spiritual journey? *(Discuss the importance of repentance and forgiveness in your faith practice. How can we cultivate a genuine spirit of repentance and seek forgiveness in our relationship with God?)*

4. The sermon highlights that God's presence cannot be confined to the Temple but is accessible through prayer. How does this understanding of God's transcendence and accessibility impact the way we approach prayer and our relationship with Him? *(Explore how the concept of God being both transcendent and accessible influences your prayer life and how you connect with God on a daily basis.)*

5. Solomon's prayer was focused on spiritual needs rather than material ones. How can we align our prayers and requests with the deeper spiritual needs of ourselves and others, rather than focusing on material or superficial concerns? *(Reflect on how your prayer life might shift from asking for physical needs to seeking spiritual growth and connection with God. How can this shift impact your relationship with God and others?)*