

I. Introduction.

A. **1 Kings 1-11** and **2 Chronicles 1-9** give us a snapshot of King Solomon's life as well as remarkable details about the temple he built for God. As we read about the temple and God's response to it, we can glean many helpful insights related to prayer and worship.

II. **Prayer insights from Solomon's life and temple.** Let's read **1 Kings 3:1-15** (2 Chronicles 1:1-12 is the equivalent with other details).

1. **Solomon loved God and so he worshiped with radical sacrifice** (think time and money).

1 Kings 3:3 | And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

2. **Because Solomon worshiped God with radical sacrifice** (again, think time and money), **he encountered God.**

1 Kings 3:5 | At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

- How remarkable! God appeared to Solomon and said, "Pray! Ask Me for things!"
- It usually takes an encounter with God like this to understand the true importance of prayer. Pray for one!

3. **Genuine encounters with God lead us to a prayer life.**

1 Kings 3:9 | Therefore give to Your servant an understanding (literally, hearing) heart to judge (lead) Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

- Solomon's encounter motivated him to pray and to pray rightly and selflessly.
- Solomon asked God to help him lead effectively with the right kind of heart, which pleased God.
- An example of this right kind of heart was his ability to solve relational problems with profound wisdom, as evidenced in the story of the two harlots. "...the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice." (1 Kings 3:28)

4. **Because Solomon prayed rightly, he received both what he asked for and what he didn't ask for.**

1 Kings 3:12-13 | behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³ And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

5. **Because Solomon personally encountered God and experienced the power of prayer first-hand, he was motivated to build a place that would be conducive to further encounter for him and others.**

2 Chronicles 2:1 | Then Solomon determined to build a temple for the name of the LORD, and a royal house for himself.

- There's a unique determination that comes when you've really experienced God in a personal way.

6. **Solomon understood full well that a building cannot contain God, but he also understood that a building can honor God and therefore elicit a unique divine response from Him.**

2 Chronicles 2:6 | But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him?

2 Chronicles 7:1-2 | When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ² And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

7. **The unique divine response from heaven caused the people to worship even more.**

2 Chronicles 7:3-4 | ³ When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."

8. This worship caused further encounter with God including supernatural insight/strategy related to whole land/region.

2 Chronicles 7:12-14 | ¹² Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. ¹³ When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, ¹⁴ if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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Greater Peoria House of Prayer Announcements for January 25, 2018

- Welcome** to the Greater Peoria House of Prayer... we're glad you're here and blessed to be worshipping God with you! Be sure to pick up the **free** materials at the back table in the prayer room or the desk near the front of the downstairs fellowship area, which includes teaching notes, stickers, pens, prayer cards and more. **Daily schedule:** We have morning prayer right here in this room seven days a week from 7-8 a.m. Monday - Friday and 8-9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. We have afternoon prayer four days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - noon. We have evening prayer with live worship from 6-8 p.m. Monday - Saturday. On Friday's, we have an extra prayer gathering from 10-11:30 a.m. Our **Friday Encounter Night** is from 6-9 p.m. and is our main corporate gathering each Friday evening featuring live worship and a teaching to inspire love for Jesus and prayer.
- UPCOMING EVENT:** Young men's discipleship is tomorrow night, Saturday, January 19, 6-8 p.m.
- Prayer room ministry opportunities:** If you are interested in leading or ministering during a live worship set by singing, playing an instrument, prayer leading or behind the sound board, please contact us at info@gphop.org. We'd love to have you serve on one of our teams! **Team ministry opportunities:** If you feel the Lord has gifted you in the prophetic (or would like to grow in this gifting) and would consider helping on a prophetic team, send an email to info@gphop.org. Contact Mandy Kistner at mandy@gphop.org if you would like to schedule a future healing ministry appointment or help out on the healing team.
- Missions:** Please keep the following missionaries we support in prayer as well as be sensitive to their financial needs: **Ashley Bucknam** and **Alicia Wright** (ACTS School, Colorado Springs, CO); **Tim and Blair Fraim** (Florianopolis House of Prayer; Florianopolis, Brazil); **Eric and Erin Simmons** (Minnesota House of Prayer Network; Twin Cities, MN); **Amy Dirks** and **Phil Kellenberger** (International House of Prayer, Kansas City, MO). Also keep friends **Tyler and Sarah Cook** and family in prayer who lead a HOP in Ottawa, IL.
- Social media:** Follow us on Facebook (Greater Peoria House of Prayer - GPHOP), Twitter (@GPHOPrayer), Instagram (@GPHOPrayer), Vimeo and YouTube for regular updates and inspiration. Use these social media sites to get the word out, share pictures, quotes you heard, etc. Contact Derek at derek@gphop.org if you're interested in helping with GPHOP's social media.
- Refuge ministry:** There are several groups who use our facility for their ministry purposes. Please keep the following in prayer: Christian Business Men's Connection Bible studies (Thursday mornings), Kinisi 424 senior worship leader meetings (monthly/as needed), kingdom business prayer groups (as needed), prophetic dance classes (as needed) and Sunday church gatherings (as needed).
- We provide **free wifi** to everyone here! The password for the **GPHOP** router is on the chalkboard in the downstairs fellowship area. You can also connect to either the CableWiFi or xfinitywifi routers if you have a personal Comcast account.
- Prayer requests:** If you would like our community to pray for something specific, please submit it to info@gphop.org.
- Giving:** If you have been blessed by the GPHOP and would like sow financially into the ministry, we would be more than blessed. You can give in cash, but if you would like to give to GPHOP with a check, please make it out to "Greater Peoria House of Prayer" or "GPHOP"—your gift is tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity! It's helping make day and night prayer with worship possible in central Illinois. You can place your gift in the Saturday night offering during the 7 p.m. teaching or drop it in either of the two black donation boxes. Donations can also be mailed to our physical address at 117 East Washington Street, East Peoria, IL 61611. Donors can also use PayPal or our website (gphop.org/donate) to give electronically.

*Thank you for helping to **keep this prayer room sacred** by ensuring conversations with others are brief and kindly reminding others to do the same. There is a large fellowship area downstairs if you would like to talk at length.*