

If My People

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God's Word.

Message Summary

The New Day Church family is reading through the bible chronologically in 2017. Each week we hear a sermon based on the material we have already read for the week. We are learning that the story of Redemption is on full display from Genesis to Revelation. Both Old and New Testaments are one unified story that speaks of the beauty of God and the Redemption He has provided for us.

After King Solomon built the Temple he dedicated it to the Lord with an extravagant worship service. He spent 13 years building both the House of God and his own house. After he completed these projects God appeared to him in the night and responded to Solomon's dedication prayer made after he built the Temple. God reaffirmed His own faithfulness to His covenant promises and reiterated His commitment to bless Solomon and Israel if they obeyed and to curse them if they did not.

Many through the years have taken God's words in this passage, specifically 2 Chronicles 7:14, and used them to rally Christians to pray and repent so God will heal America. However, this is not the point of the passage. If we are not careful, we will miss how this passage fits in the Story of Redemption and miss Christ completely. Where Solomon and all Israel failed, Jesus obeyed. Praise God for His grace through Christ who still promises blessings to us because of the faithfulness of His Son through the New Covenant.

Message Outline

God's Revelation to Solomon:

1. The Temple was God's chosen covenant place: (12-16)
 - To reflect His presence among His covenant people.
 - To receive worship from His covenant people.
 - To establish His rule over His covenant people.
 - To extend mercy and forgiveness to His covenant people.
2. Solomon was God's chosen covenant king. (17-18)
 - His obedience would bring blessings of continued rule.
3. Israel was God's chosen covenant people: (19-22)
 - Enjoyed God's grace if they obeyed Him.
 - Suffered God's wrath if they forsook Him.
 - Loss of their land.
 - Loss of their place of worship.
 - Loss of their reputation among the Gentiles.

God's Revelation to Returning Exiles:

1. The new temple is still God's chosen place.
2. Israel is still God's covenant people who enjoy God's:
 - Presence in worship.
 - Forgiveness in repentance.
 - Blessing for obedience.
 - Cursing for disobedience.
3. A Better King is yet to come!

God's Revelation to the Church:

1. Jesus is the True Temple.
 - He dwelt (tabernacled) bodily among His people.
 - He dwells in His people by His Spirit.
 - He will dwell with His people.
2. We are God's New Covenant People.
 - Jesus took the punishment for our sin.
 - He suffered loss of His home.
 - He suffered loss of communion with the Father.
 - He suffered loss of reputation before men.
 - We receive the blessing of His obedience.
 - We are made righteous.
 - We have a forever home.
 - We will forever worship Him.

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to 2 Chronicles 7:11-22:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

• Church:

- Pray as we seek to identify additional elders to lead us into the future.
- Pray about going on a global mission trip this year.
- Pray as we seek to raise up additional leaders who will multiply our Missional Communities.
- Pray for our worship space.
- Pray for our finances.
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• Local:

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
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• Global:

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for new workers on the mission field.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
- Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.
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