

BIG PICTURE of 2 CHRONICLES 6 (Solomon's Dedictory Prayer of the Temple)

- > God made a covenant with David – a lineage, a descendant, a "son" to be King (1 Chron 17)
- > Solomon built the temple (house of God among his people) (2 Chron 3.1-5.1)
 - > now God establishes the Davidic dynasty b/c of his eternal covenant/promise to David
 - > After 400 years (586BC), temple would be destroyed (2 Kings 25) ... *And, God would be silent for some time.*
 - > 900+ years after Solomon, CHRIST comes--He is GOD, greater David, tabernacling among us! (John 1.14, etc.)

***With** all that God is doing, Solomon publicly prays, blesses God, dedicates the Temple & boldly affirms the absolute supremacy, uniqueness & holiness of the One, True & Living God!

IT SEEKS as though the Chronicler puts this chapter (2 Chron 6) right in the heart/center of the Solomonic narrative (2 Chron 1-9). Why? This chapter emphasizes: prayer, the NAME of God, the Temple of God & the covenant-faithfulness of God with DAVID & his posterity!

THESIS — How does Solomon, the Davidic King & leader over Israel -- function as the worship leader as he dedicates the temple?

What does he do & what can we learn? 3 features from this chapter.

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AW Tozer said: "God wants worshipers before workers; indeed the only acceptable workers are those who have learned the art of worship"!

III. THE BEST WORSHIP LEADERS ARE THOSE COMMITTED TO PRAYING TO GOD! (12-42)

A. The **PLACE** of prayer (12-13)

B. The **POSTURE** of prayer (12-13)

C. The **PATTERN** of prayer (14-39)

1. vv.14-18 — affirming God's character, uniqueness, covenant-love, faithfulness & sovereignty

2. v.19-21 — essentials of prayer:

3. v.22-40 — then he launches into **7 kinds of situations/circumstances** in which prayer may be offered....

The 7 petitions are marked by the formula / expression: "THEN HEAR FROM HEAVEN" (23, 25, 27, 30, 33, 35, 39)

Seven (7) PETITIONS regarding...

1. oaths (22-23)
2. defeat (24-25)
3. drought (26-27)
4. disasters (28-31)

5. foreigners (32-33)
6. war/battle (34-35)
7. national exile (36-39)

D.The **PROMISE** in prayer (40-42)

HOW DO LEADERS PRAY?

10 ways that godly leaders should pray...

- ✓ Leaders Pray Publicly
- ✓ Leaders Pray Earnestly
- ✓ Leaders Pray Biblically
- ✓ Leaders Pray Exemplary
- ✓ Leaders Pray Penitently
- ✓ Leaders Pray Humbly
- ✓ Leaders Pray Desperately
- ✓ Leaders Pray Persistently
- ✓ Leaders Pray Specifically
- ✓ Leaders Pray Unashamedly (shamelessness)

Concluding Observations Connecting Solomon with the “Greater Solomon”

Interesting parallels between Solomon & the greater Solomon to come [the son of David & The Son of David]

• **Solomon, a Son of David** prays in Jerusalem and is greatly concerned with the Glory of God & the promises fulfilled in David! **A greater Son of David, Jesus**, later prays in Jerusalem and is greatly concerned w/ God’s glory & the deliverance found in Him (John 17)

BOTH prayers occur at the completion of a very important work relating to a **TEMPLE**

Solomon’s work (5:1; 6:10-11) -- *building the physical Temple complex*

Jesus’ work (John 17.4) — his body is the temple; perfecting the *atoning work!*

BOTH prayers provide **divine protection** for those who follow God’s Word:

2 Chron 6 - those who sin, repent, turn to God will be forgiven!

John 17.11-12, 15 - those who turn to Christ are safe, secure & headed for glory

And yet — SOLOMON’s prayer is the old covenant, God’s dwelling in a Temple with His people. **And in Christ!** His prayer is the NEW covenant, full access to God thru himself, the dwelling of God!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs
to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in
prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain
we bear;

All because we do not carry everything to God in
prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble
anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord
in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our
sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord
in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load
of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in
prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the
Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a
solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our
burdens bear

May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to Thee in earnest
prayer.

Soon in glory bright unclouded there will be no need
for prayer

Rapture, praise and endless worship will be our sweet
portion there.

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight
By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave
By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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