





*LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below - you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it - as it is today.*

*1 Kings 8.23-24*

*But will God really dwell on earth?  
The heavens, even the highest  
heaven, cannot contain you. How  
much less this temple I have built!*

*1 Kings 8.27*

*May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, 'My Name shall be there,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.*

*1 Kings 8.29-30*

*....hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance.*

*1 Kings 8.36*

*As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name - for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm - when they come and pray toward this temple, then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.*

*1 Kings 8.41-43*

*When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it. When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."*

*2 Chronicles 7.1-3*



*When Solomon had finished building the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had achieved all he had desired to do, the Lord appeared to him a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. The Lord said to him: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. 1 Kings 9.1-3*



*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
for brothers to dwell together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
coming down upon the beard, even  
Aaron's beard, coming down upon the  
edge of his robes.... for there the Lord  
commanded the blessing - life forever.*

*Psalm 133.1-2a, 3b*

*All the believers were one in heart and mind.... they shared everything they had.... And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.*

*Acts 4.32-34*

*Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place? He  
who who has clean hands and a pure  
heart, who does not trust in an idol or  
swear by what is false. They will receive  
blessing from the Lord and vindication  
from God their Saviour.*

*Psalm 24.3-5*







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