

“How Do I Straighten Out My Life?”

I Kings 8:1-13, 22-32, 65,66

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Introduction

Worship is God-_____.

I. Solomon Dedicates the Temple.

1. The _____ and the _____.

"For the generations to come this burnt offering is to be made regularly at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting before the LORD . There I will meet you and speak to you; there also I will meet with the Israelites, and the place will be consecrated by my glory."
Exodus 29:42,43

2. The _____.

3. The _____ of God.

II. How does Solomon's worship affect mine?

¹⁶He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied. ¹⁸Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." ¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet **a time is coming and has now come** when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴**God is spirit**, and his worshipers must worship **in spirit and in truth.**"
John 4

1. We are _____ from God.

¹ Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the LORD. ³ But the Egyptians are men and not God; their horses are flesh and not spirit. When the LORD stretches out his hand, he who helps will stumble, he who is helped will fall; both will perish together. Isaiah 33

2. God has _____ something awesome so we can _____ Him.

The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Jn 1:17

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. Jn 14:6.

III. Lessons for my life.

1. As Solomon looked back to Moses and the Exodus, I need to look back to _____.

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father. John 10:17,18

2. As the priests were central in God's purposes then, _____ are central in God's purposes now.

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." I Peter 2:9

"Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." I Pet 5:5

3. As the ark and the law were central for Solomon, so the _____ of _____ must literally live in me now.

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD ,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Jer 31:33,34