



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE ARROW OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAVID

1 KINGS 8:10-21

As Solomon spoke to the people about the completion of the temple, he recounted his own father's desire to build it. He remembered David's prayer and God's promise. Have you ever paused to consider that your life might become the answer to your parents' prayers? My parents have said, "What if our greatest contribution to the kingdom is not through us but through our children?" The way you choose to live could fulfill the hopes of those who have come before you. Think of their sacrifices, prayers, and investment. Let that motivate your own life for Christ.

HOW CAN YOU BE INSPIRED BY THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE YOU?

WHAT HAVE YOUR PARENTS AND OTHERS DONE TO PREPARE YOU TO SERVE CHRIST?

HOW CAN YOU MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR INVESTMENT INTO YOU?

DAY 02

1 KINGS 8:22-30

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO BEAR CHRIST'S NAME?

HOW CAN YOU REPRESENT CHRIST TO OTHERS?

WHAT MIGHT DISHONOR GOD'S NAME IN YOUR LIFE?

Solomon said, "Even heaven, the highest heaven, cannot contain you, much less this temple I have built" (v. 27). Nothing could be grand enough to contain God or His glory. And yet God chose that place—Solomon's temple—to put His name (see v. 29). Now imagine this: God has placed His Spirit within you. You wear His name. Therefore, live in a way that brings honor to His name. Be the kind of temple that shines God's glory wherever you go.

DAY 03

1 KINGS 8:31-43

"May you hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your people" (v. 34). Since Jesus has died to pay for your sins, since He took your place when you did not deserve it, God forgives even your greatest failures. Since Christ lives to intercede on your behalf, God's ear is forever open to your pleas for mercy. So come to Him once more. Bring your failure with sincere confession. Let Him pardon you, for He hears and forgives the sin of His people.

HOW DOES THE CROSS GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE TO APPROACH GOD?

HOW WOULD YOU PRAY IF YOU KNEW GOD WOULD HEAR YOU?

HOW WOULD YOU LIVE IF YOU KNEW YOU WERE FORGIVEN?

DAY 08

1 KINGS 8:44-50

HOW MIGHT ACKNOWLEDGING OUR OWN SIN HELP WITH PRIDE?

WHEN IS THAT LAST TIME YOU REMEMBER CONFESSING TO GOD?

HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK YOU SHOULD CONFESS YOUR SIN TO GOD?

We all sin. There are no exceptions. It is not a matter of if, but when. Solomon prayed, "When they sin against you, for there is no one who does not sin" (v. 46). This is a humbling reminder that we are all in need of God's grace. No matter how much you've done well for how long you have attended church, we all must face the reality of being a sinner. Perhaps this simple reminder could serve to make us all more humble and merciful. And may it motivate us to confess our sins to God, since we can be sure that we sin against Him still.

DAY 09

1 KINGS 8:54-61

How is it that we can walk in God's ways? How can we be the people that God has redeemed us to be? If we are to reach the finish line of our faith—if we are to become who the Lord has made us to be—then it will be because of His grace alone. Solomon said, "May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our ancestors. May he not abandon us or leave us so that he causes us to be devoted to him, to walk in all his ways" (vv. 57-58). May God receive all the credit and glory—not just for our salvation, but for our endurance and growth in the faith.

HOW MIGHT GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO YOU MOTIVATE YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO HIM?

HOW HAS HIS GRACE BEEN WITH YOU TO THIS POINT IN LIFE?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO WALK IN HIS GRACE IN THIS SEASON?