

The Dedication Celebration **1 Kings 8:54-66**

A. We recognize our need of the Savior

1. We are to give our praise to the Lord – Solomon knew the Source of all blessings!

- God has given His rest **v. 56a**

*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Mt 11:28** (NIV)*

“We are made powerful and effective not by our striving, but by our resting –not resting in our own self-sufficiency, resting in Him, relying on His promise to abide with you.” -Hudson Taylor

- God has kept His promise **v. 56b**

*But you will soon cross the Jordan River and live in the land the LORD your God is giving you. When he gives you rest from all your enemies and you’re living safely in the land, you must bring everything I command you—your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, your sacred offerings, and your offerings to fulfill a vow—to the designated place of worship, the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored. **Deut 12:10-11** (NLT)*

2. We are to make our requests to the Lord

- Solomon prays for God’s presence **v. 57**

*Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. **Isa 41:10** (NKJV)*

- Solomon prays for God’s power **v. 58**

- Solomon prays for God’s provision **v. 59**

*But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay. **Psalms 40:17** (NIV)*

B. We respond with surrender to the Savior

1. The people offered their sacrifices before the Lord **v. 62-64**

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **Rom 12:1** (NLT)*

2. The people observed their festival before the Lord **v. 65-66**