

GOD'S KINDNESS DEPENDENT UPON OBEDIENCE AND DEVOTION

- 1Kings 8:23
- Christians have developed a doctrine of immunity from earthly punishment for our disobedience
- Romans 11 disputes that doctrine
- Cut-off means to be separated from God at God's choice

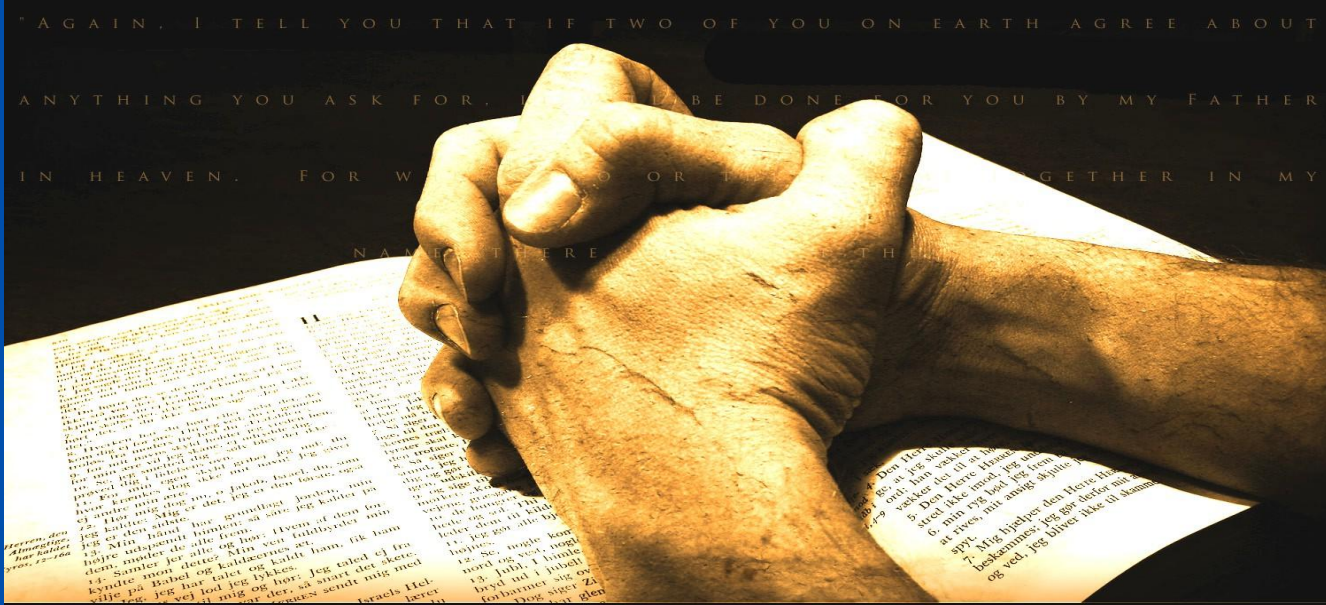


GOD DWELLS IN HEAVEN



- Vs. 27
- YHWH's concept of "dwelling" was not typical of ancient times
- YHWH's purpose for a Temple was not what humans had imagined
- God not like a Genie captured in a bottle
- Prayers prayed TOWARD the Temple as effective as being there





PRAYER REQUESTS

- Starting in verse 31 Solomon makes 7 specific prayer requests to God
- Solomon's and Christ's prayer models demonstrate that we are to put our concerns into words
- Unspoken requests are no request at all

1ST PETITION: VOWS AND OATHS



- God is being asked to be the guarantor of oaths sworn in His name
- Ex. 22:6 – 12
- Lev. 5:21-24
- Mainly regards the accused denying allegations and thus swearing an oath to his innocence
- If he cannot be convicted due to lying, then God will supernaturally punish

2ND PETITION: NATIONAL SINS CAUSE EXILE AND OPPRESSION



- Verses 34, 35 Laws of Lev. 26:17 and Deut. 28:25
- The remnant who remain in Jerusalem will pray for forgiveness and the Lord will hear and show mercy
- **Nega** = plague, stroke Same as used in Book of Exodus regarding plagues upon Egypt
- If Israel acts like Egypt, they'll be punished like Egypt !!

COUP BY PURCHASE

- National sins effect everyone in the nation
- It probably won't be that people are hauled off to other nations
- Rather foreign governments will control through the flow of goods and money
- Our only hope: confession, repentance, change of direction back to God, then **AFTERWARDS** asking for forgiveness and mercy



3RD AND 4TH PETITIONS: NATURAL DISASTERS, DROUGHT AND PLAGUES



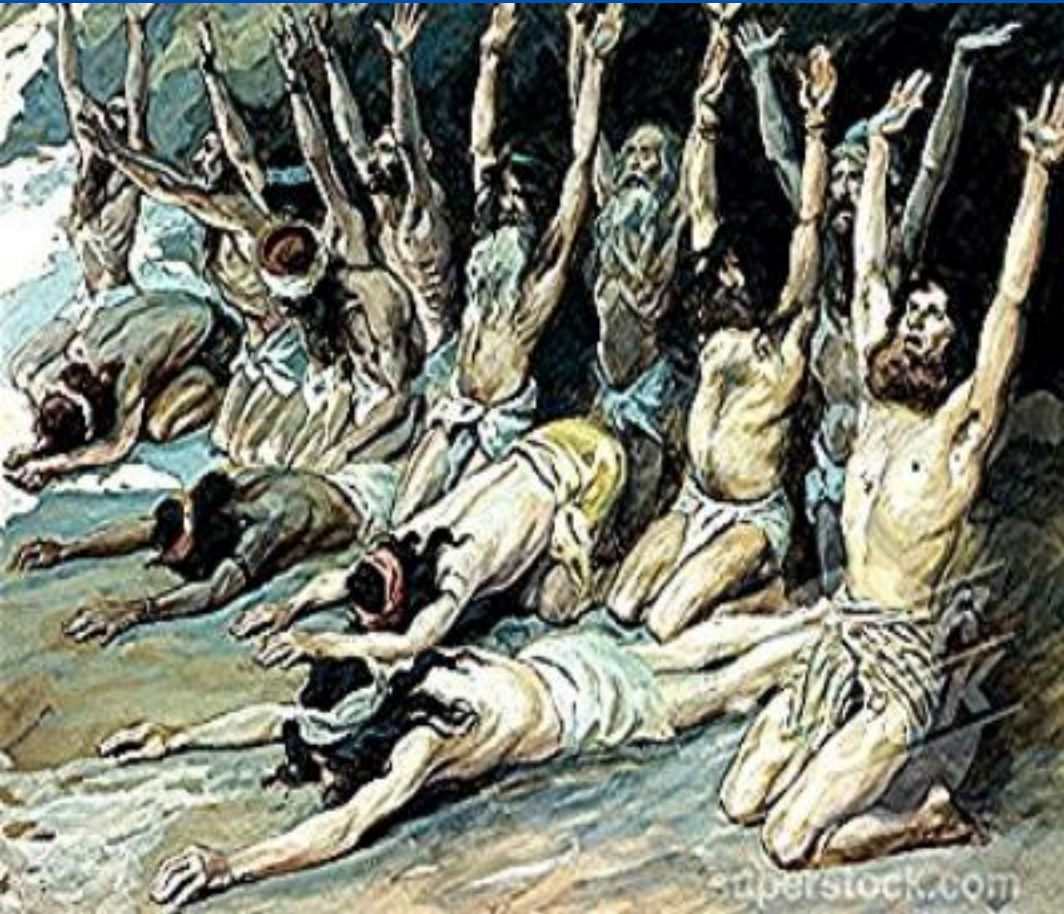
- Verses 35, 36
- Lev. 26:19, Deut. 11
- Because the Lord uses punishments to TEACH, He also forgives when the people learn and then repent
- Verses 37 – 40
- Lev. 26:21 – 26
- How God deals with individuals in the midst of national catastrophes

THE 5TH PETITION: A TEMPLE FOR ALL NATIONS

- **Nokri** = visiting foreigners
- **Ger** = a foreigner who has voluntarily attached to Israel
- These are NOT worshipper of YHWH
- Isaiah 56:7
- These visitors see Yehoveh's great power but CHOOSE not to be joined to His people



THE 6TH AND 7TH PETITIONS: WHEN ISRAEL IS AT WAR



- *“No matter which way YOU send....”*
- This is referring to Holy War
- Their sin is NOT observing the rules of Holy War
- If soldiers (and leaders) pray TOWARDS the Temple, God will hear them from HEAVEN

“.....once in a while couldn't you choose someone else?”



- Vs. 52 Soldiers didn't believe their gods could hear them outside of their own land
- Vs. 52 The Lord makes a distinction between the Hebrews and everyone else
- Many modern Jews want to be like everyone else and NOT be see as “chosen”