



# THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE

**TEXT: I Kings 8**

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**INTRODUCTION:** As we read the Old Testament we can read about the rich history of Judaism. One of the first major changes they had to face in Jerusalem was a new meeting place for worship. David had decided to build the temple, but God honor him with the task. So, the task fell to Solomon and he chooses to dedicate the temple in a very special way. Let's read it together . . . .

**DISCUSSION:**

***I. They Emerged With Preparation (vs.1-2)***

- A. Solomon called for a special festival.
- B. Solomon called for the older leaders of Israel.
- C. Solomon called for unity among the people.

***II. They Entered With Purpose (vs.3-11)***

- A. The men carried the Ark of the Lord.
- B. They offered sacrifices to the Lord.
- C. They witnessed the glory of the Lord.

***III. They Exhorted With Praise (vs.12-21)***

- A. Solomon thanked the Lord.
- B. Solomon encouraged the people.
- C. Solomon reflected on his father.

***IV. They Edified In Prayer (vs.22-61)***

- A. Solomon prayed an earnest prayer.
- B. Solomon prayed an appropriate prayer.
- C. Solomon prayed an obedient prayer.

***V. They Engaged In Passionate Worship (vs.62-66)***

- A. They offered their sacrifices.
- B. They worshipped for fourteen days.
- C. They didn't want to stop the worship and fellowship.

**CONCLUSION:** Just like Israel was blessed by God, we have been blessed by God. God is still blessing His people. God always keeps His promises and He is deserving of our praise. What has God done for you? Are you ready to surrender to Him and obey all His commands? Are you ready to be revived and cleansed? Are you ready to experience the glory of the Lord?

***WORD OF THE DAY = "Temple"***