



Sermon Study Guide

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Desiring the Kingdom: Filled With the Glory of God

1 Kings 8

Key verse: *And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.* 1 Kings 8:10-11 (ESV). **Key idea:** Just as 1) **God's glory filled the Temple**, 2) **God has placed the light of His glory in us who believe**, 3) **with the goal that it would get out for others to see**. (The three key elements of the sermon are contained in the key idea)

Read through 1 Kings 8. We also recommend watching Sunday's sermon again on the White Fields website, YouTube channel, or Facebook page. Pause the video, reflect on, and discuss areas that challenge you or speak to you in a significant way.

1. In today's key verses 1 Kings 8:10-11, we see that a cloud filled the Temple. This is an example of God's Shekinah glory, or the divine presence of God appearing to the people of God. This occurs in many places throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today, we are the Temple of the Living God. Have you ever experienced the presence of God in a dramatic way? If so, compare/contrast it with the experience described here.

2. In 1 Kings 8:22-53 we see the Solomon's prayer for the Temple. It's the longest prayer in the Bible. Pastor Nick described a "revolutionary" way of livening up our prayer lives: praying through the scriptures i.e. talking to God about what you read. Is this a method you have practiced? Is it something that you would be willing to try? Why or why not?

3. In 1 Kings 8:41-43 Solomon asks that God hear the prayers of foreigners. Do you believe that God hears the prayers of unbelievers? Why or why not? Have you ever asked an unbelieving friend or family member to pray? Would you? If not, why not?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 aloud. Describe what this means to you in your own words. What practices can we adopt that allow God's glory to shine through us?

5. Pastor Nick stated that one way that God's light is displayed through us is through brokenness. Can you think of a time in your life when your brokenness allowed others to see God's light shining through you?

Pray that God light will shine through you, especially during this critical time. Pray for our pastors, our church, and our community. Pray that God will use this time to draw others to Him.