

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

2 CHRONICLES 6:12-42

“Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. Now arise, O Lord God, and come to your resting place ...” (2 Chron 6:40-41a)

At the dedication of the Temple, Solomon concludes his prayer inviting God to take residence in the Temple’s sacred space. The example of his prayer presents us with a pray-er who dedicates the right space aside for God’s domain.

WHERE IS OUR SACRED SPACE?

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?” (1 Cor 3:16)

Not a BUILDING, but a BODY

Not a HOUSE, but a HEART

Not a STRUCTURE, but a SOUL

Not a PLACE, but a PEOPLE

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF DEDICATION?

1. Dedication expresses a HUMBLE SPIRIT (vs. 13)
2. Dedication exposes DIVINE RELIANCE (vs. 14-17)
3. Dedication engages God in BROKENNESS (vs. 19-35)
4. Dedication enjoys SAVING FORGIVENESS (vs. 36-39)

Are you dedicated, consecrated, set-apart for God?

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1)

For Discussion:

1. In terms of dedicating “sacred space” for God, have you tended to think more in terms of a church building and worship space, or of yourself and your heart?
2. Since God dwells with us, our hearts are his home. If you were to assess the condition of the foundation of his home on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being no commitment; 10 being absolute dedication) where would you say your dedication ranks? Why?
3. Solomon’s prayer expresses four attributes of a dedicated heart. Which attribute is the most natural for you to express? Which attribute(s) do you struggle the most with?
4. Is there another attribute of a heart committed to God that you would add to the list? What would that attribute look like?