

A Life of Worship
Study Questions for Week #2
I Kings 8:54-61

This week in our lesson, we looked at King Solomon's blessing and exhortation to the people of Israel at the dedication of the Temple. It is good for us to look back at history and see how God has been faithful to keep His promises to His people. Throughout the Old Testament we read of God's covenant with the nation of Israel, but we also see glimpses of the New Covenant that would be established in Christ, the covenant that we would participate in.

This week in our study questions, we will look at two Old Testament passages that speak of the New Covenant that was to come. The overall refrain of the prophets is that of repentance and a return to the Lord. Promises of the coming Messiah are woven throughout the prophets, and the theme of a New Covenant emerges. This has a direct impact on worship, because the people would be changed from the inside out and given new hearts. Ezekiel and Jeremiah both give us glimpses of this hope that was to come by introducing us to what is often referred to as the New Covenant.

Read Ezekiel 36:22-28 and Jeremiah 31:31-34

In your own words, what is the New Covenant?

How is this different from the Old Covenant? Look up what the Old Covenant was in your study bible or online.

In the New Covenant, what two things have we been given?

How did these covenants affect the worship of the people during that time in history? What were they required to do in their worship?

Because we have been given new hearts and the Holy Spirit, we are able to now worship Him effectively and appropriately.

Worship has always been and always will be a reflection of the heart towards God. It was never about keeping the rules and laws in order to earn God's favor.

How does worship change under the New Covenant?

How does worship remain the same?

If worship is our heart's response to the gospel, what does it mean that the law is now written on your heart? How does this affect your worship?

Based on your answers, what in your life of worship needs to change? Are you willing to change?