

Real Life Downloaded & In the World

For September 8, 2024

Lesson Focus: Forgive us, Lord, when we sin against you.

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 8:22–24, 37–39, 46, 48–50a

Memory (Key) Verse: 1 Kings 8:38–39a

Summary (Lesson Title): Solomon Dedicates the Temple

Step 1

SERVICES RESTORED AFTER DISPUTE

The two largest railways in Canada—Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Kansas City—briefly shut down operations late last month following a dispute with workers. The Canada Industrial Relations Board shut the railways down amidst negotiations between the companies and the Teamsters union. The stoppage furloughed more than nine thousand workers; disrupted freight traffic nationwide; and affected commuter lines in Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver. Then, less than a week later, the board ordered the lines opened again ahead of binding arbitration.

BLESSINGS RESTORED AFTER REPENTANCE

In today's text, Solomon is praying to the Lord at the dedication of the temple. He wisely foresees that Israel will one day stand in violation of the covenant with God. But Solomon invokes God's faithfulness and requests that **He** forgive and restore the covenant blessings, if the people shall later turn back to **Him** with all their heart.

Questions

1. What is your favorite memory associated with trains and railroads?
2. How do you feel about the idea that God extends or withholds blessings based on our behavior and choices?
3. What is *similar* and what is *different* about the restoration that God offers to Christians who wander?

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3. Traditional Worship Weekly
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2utAcyXMWglyBYmM6iBLfi?si=26c938e689ad4d1f>
4. Kyle Brooks's "Commentary on 1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10–11] 22–30, 41–43"
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-21-2/commentary-on-1-kings-8-1-6-10-11-22-30-41-43-6>
5. Garrett Galvin's "Commentary on 1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10–11] 22–30, 41–43"
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/ordinary-21-2/commentary-on-1-kings-8-1-6-10-11-22-30-41-43-3>
6. Bob Deffinbaugh's "The Reign of Solomon (1 Kings 1–11)" <https://bible.org/seriespage/20-reign-solomon-1-kings-1-11>

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