

## Discussion Questions for “Overlooked Wisdom: Obeying God”

1 Kings 6:1-7:51 (Reading: 6:1-13), Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Sermon Outline

The majesty of the temple:

- Its near-silent construction (6:7).
- Its intricate lumber (6:15-18).
- Its overwhelming gold (6:20-22).
- Its soaring cherubim (6:23-29).
- Its sturdy foundation (7:9-12).
- Its pomegranate pillars (7:13-22).
- Its oxen-carried sea (7:23-25).
- Its unweighed furnishings (7:45-47).
- Its proof of God’s promise (7:51).
- Its signal of being home (6:1).

“Temple questions” that arise from 1 Kings 6-7:

1. Is the LORD worthy of such a place?
2. Is the gathering of God’s people worthy of such a place?
3. Who will we worship?
4. Will we continue to obey God?

“Temple Questions” that arise from Jesus:

1. Do we grasp who Jesus is?
2. Do we grasp what Jesus has done for us?

### Sermon Questions

1. Which description of Solomon’s temple is your favorite? Why so?
2. Why is *the LORD* worthy of a place like Solomon’s temple?
  - a. How can we *tell God* how glorious we think He is?
  - b. How can we *show the world* how glorious we think God is?
3. Why is *the gathering of God’s people to worship* worthy of a place like the temple?
  - a. What will our lives look like when we *don’t* value the worship gathering?
  - b. What will our lives look like when we *do* value the worship gathering?

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4. Is there anything you're tempted to *prioritize* over God?
  - a. How can you fend off that temptation?
  - b. How can you strengthen your commitment to God?
5. Solomon obeyed God by building the temple, but then God called Solomon to *keep* obeying Him in 1 Kings 6:11-13.
  - a. Why did God need to do this?
  - b. Can you relate to this in any way?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.
  - a. What strikes you about reading that *you're* a temple after reading about the construction of Solomon's temple?
  - b. How does being a temple of the Holy Spirit fuel your *obedience*? Your *joy*? Your *identity*?
7. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?