

A Prayer to Inspire us

1 Kings 8.22-66; 2 Chron 6.12-7-10

The temple – a house of prayer
a place to encounter God vs 27-30

1. The Uniqueness of the God to whom we pray, v23

- **his covenant of love with us**
sealed by Jesus' death Mat 26.28

2. God's Promises are for those who are wholly committed to him, v23

- **walk in God's ways vs 24-26**
to enjoy God's blessings
- **his promises never fail vs 56-61**
but we must be fully committed
2 Cor 1.20

3. God's Mercy is for those who are truly penitent, vs 33-

- **defeated? vs 33-34**
confess sin, turn back to God
- **drought? vs 35-36**
confess sin, learn how to live
- **diseases, disasters? vs 37-40**
wounds, weaknesses of heart v38
take them to the Lord in prayer
- and fear him all the time
- **no one is without sin v46-51**
all need God's forgiveness
1 John 6,8,10
our hearts, lives must change
- because we belong to God
vs 51-53

4. God's Blessings are for people of all nationalities, vs 41-43

➤ **others will want what we've got!**
1 Pet 3.15; Zech 8.22-23