

Lessons on Surrender

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Series: 1 Kings – Lessons from the Journey

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,”
1 Peter 5:6 ESV

“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”
Romans 10:9 ESV

“Let your eyes be open to the plea of your servant and to the plea of your people Israel, giving ear to them whenever they call to you.”
1 Kings 8:52 ESV

Why Should I Surrender to God?

“Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven,”
1 Kings 8:22 ESV

“Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven.”
1 Kings 8:54 ESV

He is God

“and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath,”
1 Kings 8:23a ESV

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”
Hebrews 11:6 ESV

I Can Count on Him

“keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart;”
1 Kings 8:23 ESV

“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”
Numbers 23:19 ESV

He is Here

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!”
1 Kings 8:27 ESV

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,”
Acts 17:24 ESV

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”
1 Corinthians 3:16 ESV

Seven Ways I Can Surrender

1. A Place to Resolve Disputes

“If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath and comes and swears his oath before your altar in this house, then hear in heaven and act and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing his conduct on his own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding him according to his righteousness.”
1 Kings 8:31–32 ESV

2. A Place to Return to God

“When your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and if they turn again to you and acknowledge your name and pray and plead with you in this house, then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to their fathers.”
1 Kings 8:33–34 ESV

3. A Place to Reaffirm My Trust in God

“When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place and acknowledge your name and turn from their sin, when you afflict them, then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk, and grant rain upon your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.”
1 Kings 8:35–36 ESV

4. A Place to Deal With My Personal Sin

“If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence or blight or mildew or locust or caterpillar, if their enemy besieges them in the land at their gates, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is, whatever prayer, whatever plea is made by any man or by all your people Israel, each knowing the affliction of his own heart and stretching out his hands toward this house,”
1 Kings 8:37–38 ESV

5. A Place for Gentiles to Find God

“Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name’s sake (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name.”
1 Kings 8:41–43 ESV

6. A Place for Those Physically Separated from God

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1 Kings 8:41–43 ESV

7. A Place to Find Restoration

“If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near, yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, ‘We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,’ ”
1 Kings 8:46–47 ESV

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1 Kings 8:52 ESV