

# FOR HE CLEAVED TO THE LORD

## 2 KINGS 18:1-7; 2 CHRONICLES 29

Text: 2 Kings 18:6

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<sup>6</sup>For he clave to the LORD, *and* departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

Introduction:

## **1. REOPEN THE TEMPLE (VS 3)**

2 Chron. 29:3

He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them.

A. The temple today is our lives.

1 Cor. 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Cor. 6:19-20

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God,

and ye are not your own? [20] For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Ways we close the temple of our lives.

- Lack of love for the Lord

Rev. 2:1-5

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; [2] I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: [3] And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. [4] Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. [5] Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

- Un-confessed sin

## **2. REALIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN (VS. 6-10)**

2 Chron. 29:6-10

For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned their backs. [7] Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. [8] Wherefore the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. [9] For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. [10] Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

## **3. REMOVE WHAT IS OFFENSIVE TO GOD (VSS. 5, 15-17)**

Note the order; He removed and then ask others to remove. Revival is personal.

2 Kings 18:1-4

Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz

king of Judah began to reign. [2] Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. [3] And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did. [4] He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

2 Chron. 29:5

And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

2 Chron. 29:15-17

And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the Lord, to cleanse the house of the Lord. [16] And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron. [17] Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord: so they

sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

When people consider sin in their life often they think of something like murder, or adultery, or thievery but note this list of things the Lord hates:

Proverbs 6:16-19

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: [17] A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, [18] An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, [19] A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Col. 3:5-9

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: [6] For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: [7] In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. [8] But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. [9] Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### **4. REPLACE THE OFFENSIVE WITH GOOD (VSS. 18-19)**

2 Chron. 29:18-19

Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the Lord, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof. [19] Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the Lord.

We too need to clear out some things and replace them with the good.

- The Word of God

Col. 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

- The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

## **5. REDEDICATE YOURSELF TO CHRIST (VSS. 20-23)**

2 Chron. 29:20-23

Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the Lord. [21] And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the Lord. [22] So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood

upon the altar. [23] And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:

A. Sacrifice is involved in rededication

## **6. RETURN TO PRAISE (VSS. 24-30)**

2 Chron. 29:24-30

And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel. [25] And he set the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets. [26] And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. [27] And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel. [28] And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. [29] And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped. [30] Moreover Hezekiah the king and the



princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the Lord with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

A. Note the song didn't begin until the sacrifice was made.

B. To many today are singing with no sacrifice.

C. When the sacrifice was over they bowed themselves and worshipped.