

# That The World May Know My Faithfulness

(I Kings 8:54-61)

## Introduction

### Introductory Video

God is faithful! The Bible is the story of God's faithfulness to man, despite the fact that man is not always faithful to Him.

God regularly demonstrates His faithfulness that the World may know  
THERE IS A GOD!!

### Contextualize I Kings 8:54-61.

Israel has been in the promised land for quite some time now. They are world players. Solomon is King.

Solomon leads in the construction of a temple. It was grand and marvelous. Furthermore, its magnificence was a fitting house for Yahweh, the only true and great God.

**I Kings 8 is a description of the dedication of that temple. It is a testimony to God's faithfulness.**

8:3-8 – symbolic enthronement of Yahweh as Israel's King.

8:9-21 – Solomon addressed the people

8:22-53 – Solomon's prayer of dedication

8:54-61 – Solomon's benediction

8:62-66 – Solomon's sacrifices

**This was the biggest event in Israel**, in terms of its theological significance, since God gave Israel the Law at Mount Sinai. Israel was finally in the Promised Land with her God enthroned in a place of great honor. Now Israel was in position to fulfill her calling as a nation in the world as never before in her history (cf. Exod. 19:5-6).

## I. Solomon's Declaration

**Principle: God is always faithful to His people.**

A) Rest for Israel (v. 56)

B) Divine Faithfulness(v. 56)

## II. Solomon's Requests

**Principle: God's faithfulness despite man's lack of faithfulness is a testimony to God's greatness.**

A) Divine Presence (v. 57)

B) Will to Obey (v. 58)

C) Fulfilled Purpose (v. 59)

## III. Solomon's Motive

**Principle: God's faithfulness to man distinguishes God from all false gods.**

A) Reality of God (v. 60)

B) Supremacy of God (v. 60)

## IV. Solomon's Challenge

**Principle: You can make God's name famous by your faithfulness to Him.**

A) Personal Devotion (v. 61)

B) Practical Obedience (v. 61)

## Conclusion