



May 14, 2023

FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Solomon Prayer

2 Chronicles 6:12-17

Solomon stood before Israel in Dedication of the Temple and prayed. First of, he knelt before the Lord. Kneeling is a universal sign of humility and homage. He lifted his outstretched hands towards the heavens. This is actually the second time Solomon is recorded as praying in this way (6:12, 14). Opening his arms and lifting them towards the heavens is a figurative opening of oneself to the God above. What beautiful imagery of a heart bowed low, on bended knees, exalted Yahweh in His glory! More than just the posture of Solomon, are the words that serve as an example for us to follow: "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ¹⁵ who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ¹⁶ Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.' ¹⁷ Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David.

There is no God like our God! The truth is, there is no other God at all. There isn't even anything else to compare to our God. But if there were such a thing, there would be no comparison in heaven or on earth below.

God keeps covenant and steadfast love. Have you heard of a husband or wife who has said, "I just fell out of love." How sad. How awful. But how untrue! Yahweh is eternal and His love is too. There are no depths that we could dive to, no distance we could travel, or sin we could commit that could separate from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

God carries through on His promises. In case you missed it, Solomon prayed, "*You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day.*" God said that He would establish the throne of David, yet Solomon would complete the Temple. As Solomon prayed, he prayed from the perspective of God completing His work *and not* Solomon himself receiving glory for it. God makes a promise and then carries through on His promises! Let's glory in that truth.

Our lives are lived as God carries out His Will. In verses 15-16 Solomon prays that God would carry out His will through Solomon's reign and the lives of the nation of Israel. The more we understand our place, which is to be humbled before the Father, the more we will understand our purpose, to humbly glorify God in through our words and deeds, the more we will see His activity and the carrying out of His will.

Truly, O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or earth below!

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am; Wednesday: 6:30 pm

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 302 / On Line Views: 92
Sunday School: 247 / On Line Views: 69
Sunday PM: 212/ On Line Views: 166
Wednesday: 172 / On Line Views: N/A
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DIAPER POUNDING

We are having a Baby Boy Diaper Pounding, for Lydia Hodge, beginning today and will go through May 28th. Please bring your items and place them in the basket, located on the pew outside of the Sound Room.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Jenny Renfroe, bride-elect of Seth Swinea, on Sunday, May 28th from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm, in the Family Room. Selections are at Amazon & Target. Shower Team #1 will be the hostess.



Happy Mother's Day to all our moms here at Florence Boulevard

THANK YOU

To our Florence Blvd Family,

Thank you so much for honoring Lori with her name placed on a well drilled with donations given by the church to Walk 4 Water. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

*Christian Love,
Rayford, Rhoda, & Lori Gist*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be meeting on Friday mornings at **8 am now instead of 6:30 am**. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and devotional.



Our Vacation Bible School will be June 11th-14th, from 6pm-8pm. We are in need of volunteers for guides, teachers, games, puppets, etc. There are tables set up, with sheets of listed jobs needed. If you can help with anything, please sign-up.