

## Scripture Reading

### **2 Samuel 7:11b-14a (NIV)**

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1) David wants to build God a house

### **2 Samuel 7:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

2. God says He will build the house

### **2 Samuel 7:11b-12 (NIV)**

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### **1 Kings 8:22-27 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven <sup>23</sup> and said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below--you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. <sup>24</sup> You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it--as it is today. <sup>25</sup> "Now LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, 'You shall never fail to have a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons are careful in all they do to walk before me as you have done.' <sup>26</sup> And now, O God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true. <sup>27</sup> "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!

## **2 Samuel 7:12 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.

## **Genesis 15:5-6 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

## **1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

## **2 Samuel 7:13-14a (NIV)**

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3) We are included in the family

## **John 2:13–22 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." <sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

## **1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

## **2 Corinthians 6:16 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

## **2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

### 4) God's presence fills the temple

## **1 Kings 8:6–13 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> The priests then brought the ark of the Lord's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. <sup>7</sup> The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and overshadowed the ark and its carrying poles. <sup>8</sup> These poles were so long that their ends could be seen from the Holy Place in front of the inner sanctuary, but not from outside the Holy Place; and they are still there today. <sup>9</sup> There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt. <sup>10</sup> When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled his temple. <sup>12</sup> Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in a dark cloud; <sup>13</sup> I have indeed built a magnificent temple for you, a place for you to dwell forever."