**OT Overview Devotions Week #15: 1 Kings 3:1-15; 6:1; 8:1-9:22**

**Day #1:**

Recall the amazing promises in the Davidic covenant for those who would be His redeemed people forever under the rule of His eternal king. *How have these shaped the way you think about your relationship with God? Talk to God about this in prayer.*

**Day #2:**

Read 1 Kings 3:1-15. What do we learn about Solomon in this passage? In particular, what does Solomon know of the Davidic covenant and why is this of importance?

**Day #3:**

Recall God’s promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:13. Read also 1 Kings 8:1-21, and imagine: what’s going through your mind as you partake in the procession when the ark was brought into the temple (1 Kings 8:1-10)? How would you be feeling and thinking as you see King Solomon complete the building of God’s house and his praise of the Lord (1 Kings 8:11-21)?

**Day #4:**

Recall what we know about tabernacle/tent of meeting earlier in the Old Testament (Exodus 25:8; Leviticus 16). Read also Solomon’s prayer of dedication for the temple in 1 Kings 8:22-66. Why is it such a big deal that the temple is now completed? What does Solomon’s prayer tell us about its importance?

**Day #5:**

Recall Solomon’s prayer of dedication again and focus especially on reading 1 Kings 8:62-66. What is the kind of role Solomon is playing here during the temple consecration? How is this surprising or striking? Put another way, what does Solomon’s actions here tell us about him as king? (Hint: recall Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

**Day #6:**

Recall and summarise all that you have learnt about Solomon – what kind of king is he, and what kind of blessings do his people enjoy? At the same time, what other issue is still unresolved in the wider picture of God’s salvation plan and why?

*Reflect and pray: consider what life and blessings look like for us as God’s people under an eternal Davidic king who loves God, walks in the statutes of the Lord and builds God’s house. Take some time to speak to God about how you are grateful for the way you see these in our King Jesus.*