

# 1 Kings 8:59

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of dedication of the temple, within the book's focus on Solomon's wisdom, temple building, and tragic apostasy.

The Hebrew text reveals nuances important for understanding this passage's contribution to 1 Kings' theological message about kingship, covenant, and faithfulness to Yahweh. This verse demonstrates the consequences when God's people—especially their leaders—either follow or forsake the covenant established at Sinai.

## Historical Context

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First Kings was written during or after the Babylonian exile (6th century BCE), reflecting on the monarchy period (10th-9th centuries BCE) to explain why the kingdoms fell. Solomon's reign (c. 970-930 BCE) represented Israel's golden age of peace and prosperity.

Ancient Near Eastern kingship ideology viewed kings as divine representatives responsible for maintaining cosmic order through right worship. Archaeological discoveries from sites like Megiddo, Hazor, and Samaria confirm the historical reliability of 1 Kings' descriptions of building projects and administrative structures.

## **Related Passages**

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does the temple as God's dwelling place help us understand Christ's incarnation and the church as God's temple today?
2. What does Solomon's prayer and dedication teach about approaching God in worship and prayer?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיְהִי וְ	דְּבַר	אֵשׁ רֵא לָהּ			
H1961	And let these my words	H428	H834		
	H1697				
	הִתְחַנֵּן נָתַי	לִפְנֵי יְהוָה	קִרְבִּי יִם	אֶל	יְהוָה
	wherewith I have made supplication	before	the LORD	be nigh	the LORD
	H2603	H6440	H3068	H7138	H413 H3068
וְיְהִי יְהוָה	יִמּוֹם	וְלַיְלָה	לְעֹשֶׂת וְתֵן	וּמִשְׁפָּט	עַבְדִּי
our God	day	and night	that he maintain	and the cause	of his servant
H430	H3119	H3915	H6213	H4941	H5650
וּמִשְׁפָּט	עַמּוֹ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	דְּבַר	בְּיוֹמָיו:	
and the cause	of his people	Israel	And let these my words	at all times	
H4941	H5971	H3478	H1697	H3117	
בְּיוֹמָיו:					
at all times					
H3117					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 141:2** (Parallel theme): Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**John 17:9** (Parallel theme): I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.