

# 1 Kings 8:59

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

## 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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אָשָׁר אָלָה  
And let these my words

H1961

H1697

אָשָׁר אָלָה  
And let these my words

H428

H834

הַתְּמִלָּא נָתָתִי  
wherewith I have made supplication

H2603

לִפְנֵי יְהוָה כּוֹרֵב יְמִינֵי  
before the LORD be nigh

H6440

H3068

אֵל יְהוָה כּוֹרֵב יְמִינֵי  
the LORD be nigh

H413

H3068

עָבֹד וְמִשְׁפֵּט אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִן  
our God day and night that he maintain and the cause of his servant

H430

H3119

H3915

H6213

H4941

H5650

בִּזְמָנוֹ: דָּבָר יִשְׁרָאֵל עַמּוֹ וְמִשְׁפֵּט  
and the cause of his people Israel And let these my words at all times

H4941

H5971

H3478

H1697

H3117

בִּזְמָנוֹ:

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.