

## **DELIGHT IN HIS PRESENCE**

I have good news. God delights in our praise and worship. In 2 Chronicles 5 King Solomon and all of Israel engaged in an amazing celebration. The temple was completed and the people responded in praise and thanksgiving to God. The ark was brought into the temple and the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud so great that the priests couldn't minister. The glory of the Lord literally FILLED the house. As the people cried "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" God filled the place with his glorious presence. The people joyfully worshipped in His presence. In light of this truth, what a precious gift that God would put on flesh and dwell with us! No longer did a cloud fill the temple, but God himself came to us. Let us rejoice in Jesus and praise God for his goodness!

1 Kings 6; 2 Chron 3; 1 Timothy 1

1 Kings 7; 2 Chr 4; Ps 44; 1 Tim 2

1 Kings 8; Psalm 30; 1 Tim 3

2 Chr 5-7; Psalm 121; 1 Tim 4

1 Kings 9; 2 Chr 8; 1 Tim 5

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. How has God shown his steadfast love to you? Spend time praising Him for his goodness.
2. What about God allows us to boldly proclaim "There is no God like you"?
3. What topics dominate your conversations? How much time do you spend talking about the gospel with others?
4. If you were discipling someone like Paul is Timothy, how would you encourage practicing godliness in the present day?
5. What is one takeaway from 1 Timothy that will help you engage our culture for Christ?

C.S. Lewis said "it is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates his presence to men." Let that sink in. We GIVE praise to God and God GIVES of himself to us. What a joy and privilege to worship our God!