

LESSON 3

SOLOMON PRINCE OF PEACE AND TEMPLE - BUILDER

MEMORY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

8. What does the name “Solomon” mean?

The name “Solomon” means “peaceful.”

9. Why was Solomon given this name?

Because God said to David, “His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.” (I Chron. 22:9)

10. Does Solomon teach us anything about Christ?

Solomon is a type or picture of Jesus Christ, who was the great coming Prince of Peace.

11. Why did God have Solomon build a temple?

God had Solomon build the temple because it showed that there was peace between God and His people and they could meet Him there.

MEMORY TEXT:

“In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.”

Psalm 72:7

LEARN TO SING

Psalter Hymnal 135:1. From Psalm 72.



Christ shall have do - min - ion O - ver land and sea;



Earth's re - mot - est re - gions Shall His em - pire be;



They that wilds in - hab - it Shall their wor-ship bring;

Kings shall ren - der trib - ute, Na - tions serve our King.

REFRAIN

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READ CAREFULLY:

I Chronicles 22:6-16; Psalm 72

ABOUT THIS LESSON:

In the last lesson, we talked with you about the Psalms. We did it at that time because we had just been talking about David, and David wrote so many of the Psalms. We also saw that David was a sinner with a promise. That is what the Psalms talk about.

PEACE FOLLOWS VICTORY

Now we want to talk with you about David's son, Solomon. In the questions and answers assigned for memory, you found that the name Solomon means peaceful. David had been a man of war. David was a picture of Jesus as our great leader in the battle against Satan. Just as God made David win the battles over the enemies of God's people, just so will God also win the victories over His enemies through Jesus.

SOLOMON'S PEACE A PICTURE

Now that David has won the victories, God will give His people peace. That is what God gives through Jesus also. In fact, children, the peace that God gave Israel after David is a picture of the peace that God gives to all his people through Jesus.

But David could not keep on ruling. David was only a man and had to die. God used him to win the victories and to show how Christ would win the victories. And now God uses David's son Solomon, to show how God brings peace to His people in that way.

In the song that you have learned, it says, "Christ shall have dominion over land and sea; earth's remotest regions shall His empire be." Solomon wrote this in Psalm 72 which I have asked you to read. He wrote it about himself as a picture of Jesus, and therefore, also of Jesus. That is why

Solomon is called the Prince of Peace. God was showing Israel, and He is showing us, that He will keep His promise.

WHY WE NEED PEACE

But why must we have a prince that will bring peace? Because there is war! Because man could not come to God anymore. Satan had gotten Adam and Eve to believe him and call God a liar. But God had promised that His people would not be friends of Satan. He said there would be war. And in this war, the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent, Satan.

All the nations around Israel were used of Satan. They wanted to fight against and destroy God's people. Satan wanted to stop them and break the line of God's promise. God won the victory over them. So the Prince of Peace is born. His brothers tried to take the kingdom, but God did not let them. He said that Solomon was to be on the throne.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE BUILDS THE TEMPLE

It was God who gave Solomon this wonderful name. It was God who said that this Prince of Peace could build the temple. In one of your answers you have learned that the temple showed that there was peace. God would meet His people there.

The temple that Solomon built was in Jerusalem. Before that they had the tabernacle. There God met with His people. But that was a tent. It was made so that it could be moved from place to place. Now God showed that His people would not have to move again. He would give them peace in the land of promise. He said that He had chosen Jerusalem as His dwelling place.

WE ARE THE TEMPLE

Jerusalem, children, is a picture of the Church of Jesus Christ. The temple was in Jerusalem. And the Church is God's temple too. For you and I, as members of the Church, are temples of God. The Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts. How can that be? How can God come to say, "Peace" to us when we are sinners? How could God have His temple in Jerusalem when His people were sinners?

THE ALTAR

Well, children, in this temple was an altar. On this altar animals were killed and burned. When the animals were killed their blood flowed out. And they were also a picture of Jesus who came to shed His blood for us.

THE ARK AND GOD'S PRESENCE

Farther in the temple was a heavy curtain. Behind this curtain was the ark. And over the ark was a mercy seat. There was a light above that seat. There the High Priest could come once a year, but he had to sprinkle blood from the animal before he went. Then he could go where God showed His presence. Through blood there was peace, and the priest and the people would not die when they came in the presence of God. Do you see how the prince of peace and the temple-builder go together? And Christ is the great Prince of Peace and the great Temple-builder. He is building His Church and its members. He is preparing a place of peace in heaven for us.

PEACE GIVES US VICTORY

Now He leaves us here on this earth to fight against Satan who is still trying to destroy the temple. We still have to fight. But we can have that peace in our hearts because we know that the Son of David won the victory and that the Son of David is the Prince of Peace.

LOOKING AT THE TEMPLE

The Israelites would look at the temple and go to the temple. Then they were sure that even though their enemies sometimes seemed so strong, God was with them. They had peace with God.

We can look at ourselves, with the Holy Spirit in our hearts—God’s temple. We can

look at the Church, God’s people. We can go to Church and speak with God and He speaks to us through the minister. Then we too know that even though the enemy sometimes seems so strong, the victory and the peace are really ours. Thank God for this, children. Do not forget to talk to Him and thank Him for the temple, to thank Him for the Prince of Peace.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ 1. David was a picture of Jesus as our great leader in the battle against Satan. Because David was victorious, Solomon could reign after him as the prince of peace. Because Jesus was victorious, we can live in peace with God.
- ◆ 2. In Solomon, God is showing Israel and us that He keeps His promise, the promise that victory over Satan will bring peace to the line of promise.
- ◆ 3. Solomon was the great temple builder. The temple is where God lives with His people, and where His people can come to meet with Him.
- ◆ 4. Jesus is the great Temple-Builder today. We are the temple. The temple is His Church.

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. How did God use David? (L. 1)

2. How did David feel about his sins? (L. 1)

3. What three things do the Psalms speak about? (L. 2)

4. Name a Psalm that speaks about the coming of Jesus Christ? (L. 2)

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LESSON:

1. The lesson again says that David was a sinner with a promise. What promise did he have?
2. How was David a picture of Jesus?
3. What did David's victories give God's people?
4. Can you tell about one of the victories David won?
5. Why must we have a prince that will bring us peace?
6. What did Satan want to do?
7. Why did God give Israel a temple now instead of the tabernacle?
8. What did the priest have to do in the temple before he could come into the presence of God?
9. How is Christ a temple-builder?
10. How did it help the Israelites to look at the temple before they went to battle?
11. Where is the temple today?