

/Let us begin with the sixth lecture on 1 and 2 Kings. / Today we will begin from 1 Kings 5:1. / First, verses 1-12. / Communication between King Solomon and Hiram. / Because David kept his faith, God allowed him to be on friendly terms with Hiram king of Tyre. / Hence, the relationship continued with his son too.

/Verses 2-6. / We can read here the contents of the letters Solomon sent to Hiram's envoys. / There were three things in the letter. / First, it included the reason why Solomon was going to build the temple. / Second, it included the reason why his father was not able to build the temple.

/Third, it recorded things that Hiram king of Tyre needed to help in building the temple.

/As written in verse 3, Hiram was a foreign king who did not believe in God, / but he knew two things about David. / First, he knew that David wanted to build the temple his entire life. / Second, he knew that David fought many wars in his life.

/Why didn't God allow David to build the temple? / 1 Chronicles 22:7-8. / David could not build the temple because he shed a lot of blood. / Because temple was a house for saving lives, / it was not acceptable for the builder to be someone who killed many people.

/Then, when was construction to begin? / The enemies were to be put under God's feet. / God needed to help him, / and grant him rest on all sides. / The enemies were to be put under God's feet and there was to be no disasters in order for the temple to be built. / We must always wait for God's timing. / Faith is about waiting.

/As we can see in verse 4, / God gave many good things to Solomon. / God gave him rest, / no adversary, / and no disaster. / Like this, rest, enemies, and disaster are in God's hands. / Psalm 148:8 / tells us that stormy winds bid him.

/In verse 5, / Solomon spoke of his intention for building the temple. / He was building the temple to obey God's word. / It took seven years to complete the building the temple.

/Also, verse 5 / speaks about the purpose of building the temple. / He was building the temple for God's name, / for God's glory. / This is proper faith.

/In verses 6-12, / we can see that Solomon and Hiram made a treaty. / Solomon asked Hiram for some materials to build the temple. / Then Hiram praised God. / Even the foreign king praised

God because God was with Solomon.

/God stirred up Hiram's heart to do a favor to Solomon. / Like this, God sends us good people when we keep our faith.

/We can read in verse 6 / that Solomon was planning to build the temple with cedars. / Cedar was the best tree to build the temple. / The temple was to be built with the finest materials.

/We too must use the finest materials when we build the spiritual temple. / Hiram king of Tyre participated in building the temple.

/This symbolizes the participation of Gentiles in building the kingdom of the Messiah in the New Testament. / God gave his promise. / Isaiah 60:10. / 60:13. / Many Gentiles will believe in Christ in the period of the New Testament.

/Many Gentiles will believe and work for the church. /We are Gentiles. / We believed in Jesus, built the kingdom of the Messiah, and now work for the church.

/In verse 10, Hiram supplied Solomon with cedars and pine logs. / In verse 11, Solomon sent Hiram wheat and pressed olive oil. / As written in verse 6, the people of Tyre were excellent woodcutters. / The Israelites were not very good at this.

/Through this we can learn that God does not give everything to one nation or one person. / God gives different things to each person. / This is so that we would all help one another. / We must give as much as we received.

/In verse 12, Hiram and Solomon made a treaty because they had a peaceful relationship.

/Verses 13-18 / speak about the laborers and construction of the temple. / The verses teach us about the construction of the spiritual temple through symbols.

/People of different classes must make well use of their materials to build the spiritual temple. / First, there were people involved in the construction. / Actually, all the people of Israel were involved in the construction of the temple.

/The number of Israelites who were called to build the temple was 30,000. / We can see in 2 Samuel 24:9 / that the population of the Israelites during David's time was 1,300,000. / Thus, we can say that one construction worker was picked from groups consisting of forty to fifty people.

/Verse 15 speaks about the carriers. / The carriers were 70,000 in number. / The stonecutters numbered 80,000. / In total, they were 150,000 in number. / As written in 2 Chronicles 2:17-18, / the number of foreigners in the land was 153,600.

/Verse 16 says that foremen was 3,300 in number. / On top of that, 1 Kings 9:23 speaks of 550 foremen. / In total, they numbered 3,850.

/2 Chronicles 2:18/ tells us that the foremen numbered 3,600. / In 2 Chronicles 8:10, / there were 250 in number. / In total, the number was 3,850. / The number is 3,850 in both / the Books of Kings / and in 2 Chronicles.

/The number in Kings is a division in relation to position. / The number in 2 Chronicles is a division in relation to ethnicity. / The number is still the same.

/In verse 18, / we can see the craftsmen of Hiram. / They were involved in the construction for their excellent skills. / Who were drafted for the construction? / There were thirty-thousand Israelite laborers.

/There were 150,000 foreign laborers. / There were 3,850 foremen. / They were in total, 183,850 men. / A great number of people were involved in the construction. / Second, we must look at the positions they held.

/First, what was the job of the 30,000 Israelite laborers? / They helped in felling woods. / 1 Kings 5:6, / the Sidonians were in charge of felling timber. / God's work goes well when there are both skilled men and helpers.

/A hundred and fifty thousand carriers/ carried the loads. / They were responsible for transferring the loads. / They carried timbers and stones. / God's church needs people who will carry things on their shoulders.

/The stonecutters were 80,000 in number. / The foremen numbered 3,850. / People from both Hiram and Gebal were needed. / God's temple need all kinds of people. / Woodcutters were needed as well.

/It needed Israel helpers who would help in felling timber. / It needed people who would quarry stones. / It needed people who would cut the stones. / It needed foremen. / It needed carriers.

/There is no one who is not needed in God's church. / They must each work in the places where God placed them. / Stones and timber were used as materials in building the temple. / They were the finest materials.

/We can see in verse 17 that the wood was cedar and the stone was a high-grade stone. / This teaches us that we must use the finest things when building the spiritual temple. / In order for the stones to be used for the building the temple, it was to be touched. /It was to be cut.

/After it was cut, it was to be refined. / After that, it was ready to be used for the temple. / In the same way, our characters must be refined in order for our spiritual temple to be built solidly. / Solomon first built the temple.

/Then he built his palace. / During the time of the prophet Haggai, the temple was built later than the palace, and hence, there was disaster. / We must build God's temple first / and build it with the finest stones and finest materials.

/Verse 14, / how did Solomon give work to the people? / His method of distributing work among the 30,000 Israelite laborers was like the following. / He sent 10,000 laborers to Lebanon / for one month.

/Next, they stayed at home for two months. / There were three shifts. / Ten thousand laborers were always in Lebanon. / Twenty thousand laborers stayed home. / This was the method in building God's temple. / They each had work to do in Lebanon.

/They also had work in their homes. / When they fulfilled their responsibilities at Lebanon and at home, they became men of character. / Their characters were refined. / John 10:9 / says our faith is about coming in and going out.

/We must keep our faith in our homes. / We must keep our faith at work. / We must keep our

faith in places of worship. / We must keep our faith outside places of worship. / The people stayed in Lebanon for one month.

/They stayed at home for two months. / This teaches us where we must make more efforts at. / We must do better at home, where we stay longer. / The home is important and it should come first.

/We gain hope by being encouraged by our families. / Many social problems occur when families are neglected. / In verse 17, / high-grade stones were brought from the quarry, and what were they used for? / They were to be the foundation for the temple.

/The most important part of a building is its foundation. / The foundation must be properly built. / In order for us to have normal, / complete, / and conservative faith, / we must build a proper foundation. / When the foundation is secure, we can then build a proper spiritual temple.

/We must not give heed to mysticism / or to new theology. / Just like Ephesians 2:20 says, / our temple should be built on the foundation of apostles and prophets. / The truth that they realized is Jesus Christ.

/Our spiritual temple must be built on Jesus Christ. / The foundation stone is very important. / That is why the temple was built with large stones. / It was built with dressed stones. / It was built with high-grade stones.

/This also tells us that the spiritual temple must be built on the foundation of Christ. / We must build a fine spiritual temple.

/Now in 6:1-10, / we read about the construction of the temple. / This is not referring to the inside of the temple. / This is the construction of the outside of the temple. / It records the period it took to build the temple and the measurements of the temple.

/Verse 1 speaks of / the year construction began. / It was the 480th year after the Exodus. / It was four years and two months since Solomon became king. / After approximately how many years did God allow the temple to be built? / Approximately 500 years later.

/Nothing in this world is easy. / Nothing happens immediately in this world. / This is why we must not be hasty. / We can see in Revelation 9:15 / that things are meant to happen at the right

year, month, and day.

/Things in this world will not happen unless its time has come. / More specifically, 2 Chronicles 3:2 says that construction began / on the second day of the second month. / The construction of the temple began 480 years after the Exodus. / It was the second day of the second month and four years after Solomon became king.

/God allowed the temple to be built at this time. / This was the appointed time. / Where was the appointed place? / According to 2 Chronicles 3:1, / the location of the temple/ was to be the place God appointed. / It was Mount Moriah.

/It was the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. / It was also the place Abraham offered Isaac to God two thousand years ago. / God appointed the place during Abraham's time, / and the temple was built at the place David chose.

/Like this, the temple must be built according to God's time and according to the place God chose. / Also, Solomon was the one who was to build the temple. / As we can see in 1 Kings 6:38, the period to complete / the temple was seven years.

/God's plans and works only happen when the right time comes. /Thus, we must not be haste and worry when things do not go according to our plans. / Rather, we must consider it grace.

/When things do not go on our own way, we must not worry but consider it God's grace. / This is because when the time comes, it will surely happen no matter what may get in the way. / The only reason why things are not happening yet is because the time has not yet come.

/Even when Pharaoh tried to stop the Israelites, and even when the Red Sea blocked the Israelites, God allowed everything to happen by his might.

/Verses 2 and 3 talk about the size of the temple. / In terms of its size, the temple was not very huge. / God is the creator of the entire universe. / However, the house of God was small. / Why was the temple small?

/We can see that God does not care about the outward things. / God does not want grand and luxurious things. / 1 Kings 8:27 says, / the heavens, even the highest heaven cannot contain God.

/God is not concerned with outward appearances. / It is written in 1 Kings 8:12 that God dwells in a dark cloud. / This is the reason why the temple was small. / The length of the temple was 60 cubits. / One cubit is 45 centimeters.

/The length was about 27 meters. / The width of the temple was 20 cubits. / It is about 9 meters. / The height of the temple was 30 cubits. / It is about 13.5 meters. / If we say that one story of an apartment is 3 meters by height, / the temple had about 5 stories.

/As written in verse 3, there was a portico at the temple. / It was the front part of the main hall of the temple. / Its width was 20 cubits. / It is about 9 meters. / It projected ten cubits from the temple. / It is about 4.5 meters. / God taught them the specific measures of the temple.

/We can see in 1 Chronicles 28:11 that the temple was built according to the way God told David to build it. / It was not a cubit larger than the given measurement. / It was not to be any smaller than the given measurement. / In Exodus 25:8-9, / God said that the tabernacle was to be built according to the pattern he gave them.

/We must use the materials God tells us to use. / We must build the spiritual temple according to the way God tells us to build it. / We must build the spiritual temple that God will dwell in according to our faith.

/Verses 4-6 / talk about the windows and rooms. / Solomon was told to put the narrow windows high up in the temple walls. / Narrow windows refer to windows that do not open.

/These windows were smaller on the outside of the wall / and were bigger on the inside. / The light would then come in easily / and the smoke go out effectively.

/Verse 5 speaks of the sanctuary and the Most Holy Place. / The side rooms were made around the three sides. / The structure was built around the building. / The side rooms in Ezekiel 41:6 were 30 in total. / What was the purpose of the side rooms?

/As we can see in Ezekiel 42:13-14, / the side rooms were used for eating the offerings. / Also, it was the room for changing clothes. / These side rooms were used for preserving and eating the offerings / and it was where the priests changed their clothes. / What was the reason for why there were so many side rooms?

/It tells us that we must be believers in the side rooms. / We must go in and pray there, and our spiritual temple is built when we do so. / We meet God when we enter the side rooms. / It tells us to pray in a quiet and tranquil place.

/It teaches us the need to worship God in quietness. / Psalm 131:2/ tells us that we can be a new person when we enter the side rooms.

/We can see in verse 6 that the structure was three stories high. / The lowest floor was five cubits wide. / The middle floor was six cubits. / The third floor was seven cubits. / The floor got larger as it got higher. / One was able to look far ahead as he went up each floor.

/This is our lives of faith. / We must go up from the first to the second floor, / from the second to the third floor. / We must go up to the third floor. / Then our spiritual world will be widened and we will look upon the kingdom of God.

/Verse 7 tells us that no sound was heard during construction. / There were no hammer sounds and no chisel was heard. / No iron tool was heard. / This means that the temple can be built when it is quiet. / The spiritual temple is built in the midst of peace.

/When our hearts are heavy and complicated, we have left the world of faith. / We believers of Jesus must have calm hearts like children. / We must obey as God leads us and we must build the spiritual temple well.

/Verse 8 / speaks about the stairway. It was spiral in shape. / Normally, stairs are straight. / This spiral shape was used to minimize the space. / The temple was built to utilize the space.

/Verse 9 / tells us that the temple was built with cedars. / The roof was covered with cedar beams and planks. / God's temple must be built with the finest materials.

/Verse 10 says that the height of the side rooms was five cubits. / Because it was three floors high, it was 15 cubits high. / This was half the height of the temple.

/Verses 11-22 / are about the interior of the temple. / In verse 12, God told Solomon why he was to build the temple. / There were three reasons. / First, it was so that he would follow God's



decrees, / second, it was so that he would observe all the laws, / and third, it was so that he would keep the commandments.

/The purpose of building the temple was to refine people. / God's word has three characteristics. / Decrees, laws, and commandments. / God allowed them to build the temple to refine those who obeyed his words.

/God said he would give three blessings to those who kept the three things above. / First, as is written in verse 12, / God was going to fulfill the promise he made. / Second, as is written in verse 13, / God would be with the people. / Third, as is written in verse 13, / God would not abandon them.

/They were to observe the decrees, laws, and commandments even as they were building the temple. / Then, whoever still kept them after building the temple was to receive blessings.

/In verses 14-22, / Solomon decorated the interior of the temple. / Inside was the sanctuary and the Most Holy Place. / The interior was lined with cedar boards and planks of pine. / He filled it with stones. / In verses 21-22, he overlaid the wood with gold.

/The stones were filled, it was covered with wood and was overlaid with gold. / The tabernacle of Moses was a rectangular shape. / The temple Solomon built was twice the size of Moses' tabernacle.

/Verse 18 says that the inside of the temple was lined with cedar and carved with gourds and open flowers. / This shows that whoever lives a temple-centered life will bear an abundance of fruit. / It also means that he will be filled with joy, beauty, and glory.

/We must remember one thing about the construction. / It is that the interior was decorated more beautifully than the exterior. / This is the way to serve God. / The interior of the tabernacle was more beautiful than the exterior. / It became more and more beautiful as one went inside.

/This is the man of faith. / In Song of Solomon 1:5, / the woman says that she is beautiful as the curtains of Solomon. / It is important to adorn our inner selves rather than our outsides. / The Most Holy Place was a holy place.

/It was the place the high priest entered with the blood once a year, on the seventh day of the

seventh month. / Verse 20 / says that the sanctuary was a cube shape. / The width, length, and height were the same.

/From any standpoint, the Most Holy Place was the same size. / Ezekiel 45:2 / Ezekiel 48:20. / Revelation 21:16. / God is perfect and holy. / We too should be perfect and holy.

/The sanctuary was a rectangle. / The Most Holy Place was inside the sanctuary. / Entering the Most Holy Place was the same as meeting the covenant of God. / It was to become a perfect and justified person by the word of God.

/The ark of the covenant is expressed in several ways. / First, the ark of the covenant, / second, the ark, / third, the ark of the testimony, / Exodus 25:16. / Fourth, the ark of God, / 1 Samuel 3:3. / Fifth, the ark of the LORD. / Joshua 14:11, / 1 Samuel 5:3, / and sixth, the ark of the LORD.

/Several things were put in the ark. / The stone tablets with the Ten Commandments, / the gold jar of manna, / and Aaron's budded staff. / Exodus 16:33. / Hebrews 9:4. / However, what was left in Solomon's time? / Only the two stone tablets of Ten Commandments were left. / 1 Kings 8:9.

/The temple was overlaid with gold. / In 2 Chronicles 3:8, / it says that six hundred talents of gold were used. / One talent is 34 kilograms. / Six hundred talents is about 20,000 kilograms. / Solomon's temple was the most expensive building.

/Verses 23-38/ are about a pair of cherubim and doors of the Most Holy Place. / First, verses 23-28 / speak about cherubim in the Most Holy Place. / The material used to make it was the olive tree. / Two cherubs were made.

/They were 10 cubits in height. / This is about 4.5 meters. / It had two wings. / Each wing was 5 cubits in size. / Because it has two wings, the wings were 10 cubits. / Because he made two cherubs, / their wings were twenty cubits in total.

/It was the same size as the width of the Most Holy Place. / Thus, the wings of each cherub touched the wall. / Even in the times of Moses, the ark was in the Most Holy Place. / The cover of the ark was called the atonement cover.

/Two cherubs were put on the atonement cover. / The cherubs in Moses' time faced each other. /

They were different. / The sizes of the sanctuary and the Most Holy Place / were different. / The height of the sanctuary was thirty cubits high. / The height of the Most Holy Place was twenty cubits high.

/What does this mean? / The height of the sanctuary was thirty cubits, / while the Most Holy Place was ten cubits smaller. / One could enter in the sanctuary easily, / but the Most Holy Place required one to bow a little to enter.

/This meant that one could enter when he was humbled. / He could enter only when he lowered himself. / He could enter when he denied himself.

/The cherubim wings were spread out. / Their open wings signify unity and cooperation. / They faced the front, which signifies that one should not look back.

/Verse 29 / speaks about the carvings. / The inner and outer rooms were carved. / The doors were also carved. / There were three carvings. / Verses 29, 32, and 35. / Cherubim, / palm trees, / and open flowers.

/In verses 31-35, / there are two doors. / There were doors to the entrance of the hall and to the Most Holy Place. / The size of the doors were different. / Because they were different, one had to lower himself to enter the Most Holy Place from the sanctuary. / One could only enter when he lowered himself.

/In Matthew 7:13, / Jesus told us to enter through the narrow door. / The door of the sanctuary was wide, but the door to the Most Holy Place was narrow. / It means that we must have faith to enter the Most Holy Place. / The material of the door for the Most Holy Place was olive trees.

/Zechariah 4:12-14 / says that oil from the olive tree were the two who were anointed. / It symbolizes Jesus Christ. / The doors of the Most Holy Place were made with olive trees, which means that one can enter only through Jesus Christ.

/In verse 36 is the inner courtyard. / The inner courtyard was, as written in 2 Chronicles 4:9, / the courtyard of priests. / It was only for the priests. / God told Solomon to build it in this way.

/The period of the building of the temple is written in verses 37-38. / Solomon began building the temple on the fourth year, in the month of Ziv. / Then he completed it on the eleventh year, in the

month of Bul. / It exactly took seven years and six months.

/Even with David's preparations, a great number of people were involved in the construction, and it took many years. / Like this, building something properly takes a lot of time. / Our spiritual growth also does not come easily.

/Like the Israelites, we must build the spiritual temple properly with gold, silver, and jewels, and we must participate in the glorious salvation.

/With this we will conclude the sixth lecture on 1 and 2 Kings. / Thank you.