2 Chronicles 6

King James Version (KJV)

6 Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. (a dark cloud – better translation) Leviticus-16:2

²But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever. (Nothing that man builds is forever – This is Solomon's ego talking. This temple lasted about 500 years. It was destroyed by the Babylonians, when they captured Judah)

NOTE: (The temple of the eternity will last forever. It won't be built by man. Rather, God as the Father <the Creator> and God as Jesus <the Savior> will be that temple thereof. There is only one God. HE has many offices) Revelation-21:22

- ³ And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.
- ⁴And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying,

(Solomon is quoting God's words to King David in verses 5 & 6)

- Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel: 1Chronicles-17:5->on
- ⁶But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

Ezekiel-16:8 (God wed Jerusalem to be His residence on earth. HE chose it long before it became Jerusalem. It was called Jebus then)

⁷Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. (David wanted to build a house for God. God appointed Solomon to do it) 1Chronicles-22:8

(In truth though, God's house is the whole universe. HE created everything and He rules over everything)

- But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart: (It was nice of David to think of it)
- Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. 1Chronicles-22:9 (Solomon comes from the same root word as Shalom peace; Solomon = peaceful)
- ¹⁰ The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

(God always keeps His promises. It is us who fall short from keeping our promises)

¹¹ And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel. (The Ten Commandment tablets, a bowl of manna & the staff of Aaron were in the Ark)

NOTE: (That was God's contract with Israel. Today, through the salvation of Jesus Christ, all who believe in Him and obey His Word are included in the new contract – the New Testament)

- ¹² And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:
- ¹³ For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven. (Solomon humbled himself before God. The scaffold was made so that the people could see him and hear his prayer to God)

(In his later years, he was very much less humble. His ego got the best of him. He fell to idolatry and perversion)

(Solomon's prayer to God)

¹⁴ And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

¹⁵Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

Leviticus-26, Deuteronomy-28 & 30 (The blessings and the cursing of God. It is up to us as to which of the two we receive. God defines the conditions that determine both)

¹⁶ Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; <u>yet so</u> that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. (Yet so = IF or provided that – that they will walk in God's ways - a condition which the people did not obey)

(Even so, by the mercy of God: Jesus, a descendant of David through Nathan, sits on the throne forever as our Savior)

- ¹⁷ Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David. (Let your promises be fulfilled)
- ¹⁸ But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! (Again, humility by Solomon; the temple was for the people to have a communal place with God. God doesn't need anything that was built by man. HE owns the universe)
- ¹⁹ Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his <u>supplication</u>, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: (<u>supplication</u> = to ask for favor)
- ²⁰ That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place. (Because God was there; not because of the building)

Daniel-6:10 (Daniel always prayed to God, facing towards Jerusalem when he was in captivity in Babylon)

NOTE: (The Muslims copied this by praying towards Mecca. The devil's M.O. is to always copy God. Even as antichrist, he will fool the people into believing that he is Messiah, returned for the Second Advent. He will fail in the end, when the true Messiah returns at the 7th Trump)

- ²¹ Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; <u>and when thou hearest, forgive</u>. (If we repent and change our ways. We all sin from time to time. We can repent and receive a fresh start though the mercy of our Lord, Jesus Christ)
- ²² If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; Leviticus-5 (the punishment for trespass against another person a fifth part <20%> for compensation to the injured party)
- ²³ Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness. (Asking God to judge the trespasser if he denies his trespass; and recompense the victim)

Psalms-37, Galatians-6:7 (The wicked don't get ahead in the long run. We all get what is coming to us. God is fair to all His children)

- ²⁴ And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; Leviticus-26:5, Leviticus-26:17
- ²⁵ Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers. (If the people stray, but then return to God and repent; forgive them and return them to their land) Deuteronomy-30:1-8
- ²⁶ When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, <u>because they have sinned against thee</u>; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, <u>and turn from their sin</u>, when thou dost afflict them; (If they repent)

Leviticus-26:3-4, 26:14-19 (If we abandon God, HE will leave us. If we repent and return to God, He will return to us and forgive us)

²⁷Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and <u>send rain upon thy land</u>, which thou

hast given unto thy people for an inheritance. (God really owns all of the land. We only use it while we're here)

Deuteronomy-11 (the former rain and the latter rain: the former rain to plant and germinate the crops; the latter rain to mature and harvest the fruits and vegetables)

²⁸ If there be <u>dearth</u> in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be <u>blasting</u>, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness there be: (dearth= famine) (blasting= blight)

Leviticus-26:27 (the 7 chastisements for sinning)

Also Amos-8:11 (The famine of the end times is not for water or bread but for hearing the true Word of God, unchanged)

NOTE: (The locust army of the end times will be the Kenites, the Muslims and the communists. All of them will be attacking Christians, with the help of antichrist and his fallen angels)

²⁹ Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:

Jeremiah-23 (Don't blame God for your burdens; you probably brought them upon yourself; by making bad decisions, or by going against God's Ten Commandments)

(If we repent in the House of God, He will forgive and bless us again)

³⁰ Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:) 1Chronicles-28:9, Galatians-6:7 (God knows our thoughts and our intentions. That's why He is the only one that is qualified to judge us)

Isaiah-29:9-16 (God knows when people are playing church. Don't try to con God. You will regret it)

³¹ That they may <u>fear</u> thee, to walk in thy ways, <u>so long as they live in</u> the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. (fear = revere - they are the same word in the Hebrew) (Revere God if you love Him; fear God

if you are His enemy) (This prayer is for the Israelites who live in Israel)

(The following verses are for the foreigners who choose to live in Israel)

³² Moreover concerning <u>the stranger</u>, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; <u>if they come and pray in this house</u>; (They are foreigners, but not heathen; because they choose to live in Israel and serve God) 1Kings-8:42

³³ Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; <u>that all people of the earth may know thy name</u>, and <u>fear</u> thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house <u>which I have built</u> is called by thy name. (<u>fear= revere < Hebrew></u>)

1Kings-8:48 (which THOU has built – better translation)

Hebrews-8:11 (In the Millennium, everyone will know God's name)

³⁴ If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; 1Kings-8:48 (which THOU has built – better translation; God built the house through Solomon and all of Israel)

NOTE: (War is sometimes necessary to defend and protect a nation from those that would invade it. Ignorant preachers tell soldiers that they are murderers. Nothing could be farther from the truth. God loved King David and gave him the victory in most battles; because David fought to defend Israel against their enemies)

See Psalms-144 (The warrior's Psalm)

³⁵Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their <u>cause</u>. (Cause = judgment)

(Support the judgment that our soldiers put on their captives. The soldiers are out there to protect our country and our people)

NOTES: (It is a very different story today – the government sends our soldiers to fight for politics & for the profit of multinational companies – oil, minerals, etc)

(God will not bless them. WW2 was that last war that we fought to protect our country and God blessed us greatly. HE gave us the victory over 2 superior powers – Germany and Japan)

³⁶ If they sin against thee, (<u>for there is no man which sinneth not</u>,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;

1Epistle of John-1 (We all sin. We all need to repent and receive forgiveness)

³⁷Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly; (Repentance)

³⁸ If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: (As long as we still live, it's not too late to repent and return to God)

(Praying towards Jerusalem mattered then; because God was there in person. Today, there is no need to face towards Jerusalem when we pray. Jesus Christ said – God is always with us. He will not leave us or forsake us) Hebrews-13:5-6

NOTES: (The Muslims also plagiarized this practice when they pray towards Mecca. Satan copies everything that God tells us. That is his MO, in order to fool the gullible)

(God said – You will know them by their deeds. Muslims are told to seek out Christians and Jews with the intent of destroying them. Christianity tells us to let them be and just separate yourself from them, so that they don't pervert your faith)

(When Iraq fell to the Taliban, they burned over 500 Christian churches within 1-2 years. They murdered whole Christian congregations, while their "police" looked the other way. Islam is

about forced conversion at the point of a sword. Christianity is about – whosoever chooses to believe. That's the difference. One is from God; the other is from Satan)

- ³⁹ Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee. (Thank God for His forgiveness, because we all sin)
- **Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears <u>be attent</u> unto the prayer that is made in this place. (be attent = be attentive to us hear us)
- ⁴¹ Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: <u>let thy priests</u>, <u>O LORD God</u>, <u>be clothed with salvation</u>, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. (<u>Salvation</u> = rescue better translation) <u>Luke-15:10</u>

(The priests acted as intercessors for the people, before God)

(Since Jesus opened salvation to all, we don't need a priest to be our intercessor with God. Jesus is our intercessor. God, as Jesus, lived a perfect life in the flesh. Only He is qualified to be our intercessor)

⁴²O LORD God, turn not away the face of <u>Thine anointed</u>: remember the mercies of David thy servant. (Jesus Christ – the Anointed One)

(Remember the grace that you showed to your servant, David)