

# MAY 9

## Read 2 Chronicles 3-6

### CHAPTER 3

**T**HEN Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 ¶ Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the porch that *was* in the front of *the house*, the length of it *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.

6 And he garnished the house

with precious stones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim.

7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10. And in the most holy house he made two cherubims of image work, and overlaid them with gold.

11 ¶ And the wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long: one wing of *the one cherub* was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And *one* wing of the other

cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* inward.

14 ¶ And he made the vail *of* blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.

15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.

16 And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains.

17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

#### CHAPTER 4

**M**OREOVER he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 ¶ Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

3 And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* cast, when it was cast.

4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

5 And the thickness of it *was* an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths.

6 ¶ He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and

set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred basons of gold.

9 ¶ Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

11. And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;

12 *To wit*, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapters which *were* on the top of the pillars;

13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters which *were* upon the pillars.

14 He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases;

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it.

16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass.

17 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

19 ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shewbread *was set*;

20 Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;

21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *made he of gold, and that perfect gold*;

22 And the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers, *of pure gold*: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy *place*, and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of gold*.

## CHAPTER 5

**T**HUS all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

2 ¶ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which *was* in the seventh month.

4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up.

6 Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims:

8 For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

9 And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.

10 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put *therein* at Horeb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*: (for all the priests *that were* present were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course:

12 Also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood

at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD;

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

## CHAPTER 6

**T**HEN said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.

4 And 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,

5 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:

6 But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

8 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:

9 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.

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.

11 And in it have I put the ark,

wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel.

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,

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:

15 Thou 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.

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; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

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!

19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:

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.

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; and when thou hearest, forgive.

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;

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.

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;

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.

26 ¶ When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;

27 Then 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

send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

28 ¶ If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness *there be*:

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:

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:)

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 ¶ Moreover concerning the stranger, 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; if they come and pray in this house;

33 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy 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;

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man which sinneth not,) 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;

37 Yet *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;

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:

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.

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and *let* thine ears *be* attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.



## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Israel had gone for 400 years with only a tent as God's dwelling place among the people. Apparently the tent had satisfied God (II Samuel 7:5-7). Now that it seemed expedient to build a Temple, God wanted to have a say as to the kind of building it should be. Therefore, He gave David the plans for the building in his "own handwriting" (I Chronicles 28:19). It was to be "exceeding magnificent, of fame and glory in all the earth" (I Chronicles 22:5).

Though God did not allow David to actually build the Temple, David laid the plans for it, and devoted a large part of his reign to collecting vast stores of gold and silver, and all kinds of building material. It was to be the crowning glory of the kingdom.

The Temple was built of great stones, cedar beams and boards, overlaid within with gold. The gold and silver, and other material, used in building the Temple is variously estimated to equal, in our money, from two to five billions of dollars; no doubt the most costly and resplendent building on earth at that time.

The Temple was built after the general plan of the Tabernacle, and faced the east. The west thirty feet constituted the Most Holy Place, and the east sixty feet was the Holy Place. The two were separated by a veil.

The Ark of God was placed in the Most Holy Place, overshadowed by the two Cherubim. In the Holy Place, next to the veil, in the center, was the Golden Altar of Incense. There were five golden candlesticks on the north side, five golden candlesticks on the south side, five tables of shewbread on the north side, and five on the south side.

Tomorrow we will conclude our comments on the Temple.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold" (Proverbs 8:10).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 15:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 12.

## HYMN FOR TODAY

### DAY IS DYING IN THE WEST by Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913

It is so easy to lose oneself in the majestic spectacles of the setting sun as it slowly fades over the hori-

zon—yet forget to praise God, the source of all beauty. Mary Lathbury reminds us to "wait and worship" the "Lord most high" as we stand in awe at the passing of each day.

With a desire to encourage religious and cultural activities, Miss Lathbury worked with others to establish the Chautauqua Movement on the shores of beautiful Lake Chautauqua near Jamestown, New York. She became affectionately known as the "Poet Laureate and Saint of Chautauqua." In 1877, Mary was asked to write a hymn that would be suitable for the evening vesper services of Chautauqua. As she stood on the shore of the lake watching the magnificent setting sun one evening, Mary received the inspiration for the first two stanzas of her hymn. The final two stanzas were added 2 years later. After the music director of Chautauqua, Professor William Fisk Sherwin, composed a suitable melody for the text, "Day Is Dying in the West" was used that same summer. It has been used as the vesper hymn for all evening services of Chautauqua at its lovely New York site ever since.

*Day is dying in the west,  
Heav'n is touching earth with rest;  
Wait and worship while the night  
Sets Her evening lamps alight  
Thru all the sky.*

*Lord of life, beneath the dome of the universe,  
Thy home, gather us who seek Thy face  
to the fold of Thy embrace,  
for Thou art nigh.*

*While the deep'ning shadows fall, heart of Love,  
enfolding all, through the glory and the grace  
Of the stars that veil Thy face,  
Our hearts ascend.*

*When forever from our sight pass the stars,  
The day, the night,  
Lord of angels, on our eyes  
Let eternal morning rise,  
And shadows end.*

**Chorus:**  
*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thee!  
Heav'n and earth are praising Thee,  
O Lord most high!*

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**1700**

### **NICHOLAS LUDWIG ZINZENDORF DIED.**

He was the reorganizer of the Bohemian Brethren. His life's motto was, "I have but one passion—it is He—He only." Let us make the same statement today and make Christ our everything.

**1900**

### **THE BIRTHDAY OF D. RAY EDMAN.**

Ray Edman served for many years as president of Wheaton College.

**1905**

### **THE BIRTHDAY OF MERRILL DUNLOP.**

Mr. Dunlop was born in Chicago, Illinois. He was long-time music director of the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, and one of the greatest hymn writers of his generation. Among his famous hymns and songs, perhaps none stands out above, "My Sins Are Blotted Out." Why not pause to sing it now and thank God for the truth of its message.

### **MY SINS ARE BLOTTED OUT, I KNOW!**

*What a wondrous message in God's Word!*

*My sins are blotted out, I know!*

*If I trust in His redeeming blood,*

*My sins are blotted out, I know!*

### **Chorus:**

*My sins are blotted out, I know*

*My sins are blotted out, I know.*

*They are buried in the depths of the deepest sea;*

*My sins are blotted out, I know.*

*Once my heart was black but now, what joy,*

*My sins are blotted out, I know!*

*I have peace that nothing can destroy,*

*My sins are blotted out, I know!*

*I shall stand some day before my King,*

*My sins all blotted out, I know!*

*With the ransomed host, I then shall sing:*

*"My sins are blotted out, I know!"*

**1910**

### **THE BIRTHDAY OF ERIC HUTCHINGS.**

Hutchings is a great English evangelist. His radio

program, "Hour of Revival," has been heard across the British Isles. Pray today for your favorite Gospel radio program and Gospel radio preachers today. Support them financially and with your prayers.

**1882**

### **THE BIRTHDATE OF HENRY J. KAISER.**

Kaiser was a famous ship builder as well as a Christian layman.

**1960**

### **THE DEATH OF CHARLES ROSENBURY ERDMAN.**

Erdman was Professor of Practical Theology at Princeton Seminary from 1906 to 1936. He authored many expositional books on the Bible and was a well-known Presbyterian leader.

**1926**

### **ADMIRAL BYRD DISCOVERED THE NORTH POLE.**

This reminds us that no matter where one goes, he cannot escape the presence of God. God is everywhere. He is with you today. He knows your name. He knows the name of the street on which you live. He knows your house number. He knows your telephone number. He knows what your thoughts are. He loves you. Trust Him today as your companion and guide.

## ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

**1800**

### **JOHN BROWN, ABOLITIONIST, BORN.**

**1974**

**HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OPENED HEARINGS** to decide whether to recommend the impeachment of President Nixon in the Watergate controversy. Two blacks, Rep. John Conyers of Michigan and Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas were members of the committee.

**1977**

**MABEL MURPHY SMYTHE CONFIRMED AS AMBASSADOR** to the republic of Cameroon.

**1952**

**DEATH OF ACTOR CANADA LEE** (45), New York City.

# A Christian Life

**JOHN HYDE**  
**1865-1912**

John Hyde, better known as “The Praying Hyde,” was born in Carrollton, Illinois. His father was a Presbyterian minister who faithfully proclaimed the Gospel message and called for the Lord to thrust out laborers into His harvest. He prayed this prayer not only in the pulpit but also in the home, around the family altar. This made an indelible impression on the life of young John, as he grew up in that atmosphere.

John was graduated from Cathage College with such high honors that he was elected to a position on the faculty. However, he had heard the divine call to the regions beyond, and was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. So he resigned his position and entered the Presbyterian seminary. In Chicago, he was graduated in the spring of 1892 and sailed for India the following October.

His ministry of prayer in India during the next 20 years was such that the natives referred to him as “the man who never sleeps.” Some termed him “the apostle of prayer.” But more familiarly he was known as “the praying Hyde.” He was all these and more, for deep in India’s Punjab, he envisioned his Master, and face to face with the eternal, he learned lessons of prayer which were amazing.

Often he spent 30 days and nights in prayer, and many times was on his knees in deep intercession for 36 hours at a time.

His work among the villages was very successful, in that for many years he won four to ten people a day to the Lord Jesus Christ. Hyde was instrumental in establishing the annual Sialkote Conferences, from which thousands of missionaries and native workers returned to the stations, empowered anew and afresh for the work of reaching India with the Gospel.

Hyde’s life of sacrifice, humility, love for souls and deep spirituality, as well as his example in the ministry of intercession, inspired many others to effect these graces in their own lives and ministries. He died February 17, 1912. His last words were, “Shout the victory of Jesus Christ!”



# The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

## MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

### DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I MUST BECOME BETTER BEFORE BECOMING A CHRISTIAN"

(Assignment 15)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

( ) Luke 5:31

And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

( ) Luke 5:32

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

( ) Luke 18:10

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

( ) Luke 18:11

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

( ) Luke 18:12 (see Luke 18:13-14)

I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.