

## Daily Devotional, December 29, 2020

### "If You Seek Him", (1 Chronicles 28:9-10, NKJV)

*“As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”* (1 Chronicles 28:9-10)

The context of our devotional Scripture for today is David's instruction to Solomon to build a temple for the Lord God. In the New Testament, Paul calls the body of the believer a temple. *“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are”* (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). So let us follow the godly advice as we build our own *“temple.”*

1. First, you must *“know the God of your father.”* Without a true heart conversion and relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ the Son, you will build only that of lasting infernal value, and not a *“temple”* of true and lasting eternal value.
2. Second, you must *“serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind.”* A half hearted or double minded man or woman cannot please God.
3. Third, *“seek Him.”* The promise is that, *“If you seek Him, He will be found by you.”* If you feel as if God cannot be found, or cannot be present with you today in your situation, maybe you are not looking hard enough. Or maybe you are seeking something else to gratify your own pleasures, pride, or desires.
4. Fourth, be careful not to *“forsake Him.”* The Lord will *“not leave you nor forsake you”* (Joshua 1:5). But the unfaithful man or woman can turn the back to the Lord and to His Christ. The consequences of that are awful. We've all been there. Let's not put the Lord our God to the test.
5. Solomon had a monumental task before him, to build a great physical structure for the Lord. So too do each one of us. How much greater are men and women made in the image of God than a structure made of wood,

stone, and even precious metals. God wants to come and dwell with you today, and calls you to live for him, to worship Him and to serve Him—to live a spiritually useful life. **“Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”**

So turn to the Lord today. Seek Him and receive the promise of His presence. Things may not go perfectly today for you, but it will all be okay when God’s peace goes with you.” **“If you seek Him, He will be found by you.”**