1 Kings 9

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God's Second Appearance to Solomon

9 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king’s house, and all Solomon’s desire which he wanted to do, 2 that the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

- Solomon saw the Lord Jesus Christ two times - once in Chapter 3 when Solomon in humility and genuineness prayed for wisdom, and the second time after Solomon finished building the Temple and tired and struggled
  - The Lord's appearance (or revelation) to people is when they are humble (like in Ch 3) or else when they faithfully serve Him and struggle with Him
  - King David said "One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." (Psalm 27:4)
  - We don't need to see the Lord in Revelation or Vision here on earth (lest we fall into pride), but we will see Him in heaven. There are people who saw the Lord with their eyes and in the end did not walk in His way
    - Solomon after these two times, we'll see in the next chapter that he starts to mess up
    - Judas not only saw Christ, but lived with Him, ate with Him, walked with Him
  - Seeing the Lord in Revelation or Vision does not mean someone is going to heaven... but they must complete their struggle and sojourn in this world
  - The more someone is dedicated, genuine, humble, asking wisdom from all his heart, holding vigil in prayer and praise - the more the Lord will visit Him with His grace and encourage him and fill him with the Holy Spirit. The more someone struggles and tires and gives his all to the service of the Lord, the more the Lord may visit Him with grace and comfort him and encourage him.
- The whole time Solomon was building the Temple, he did not see the Lord with his eyes - but when he finished the Temple
  - All of our struggle and service and persecution and endurance is with this goal in mind: to hear the Lord say "well done good and faithful servant"

3 And the Lord said to him: “I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

- The Lord said "I have consecrated this house"

- Every heavenly gift requires human effort and divine grace
  - Holiness: does it come only with human effort? impossible. Is it a grace from God only? No, or else all would be saints. But rather, it is a cooperation between God's grace which sanctifies and makes holy, and human effort to strive for holiness.
  - Faith
  - Love for others
  - Prayers
  - Knowledge and Understanding
  - For all of these, do your part and the Lord will complete
- You build an expensive house, with the best wood and adorned with gold, and an altar and all of the best materials and yet "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it have labored in vain." (Psalm 127)

- The consecration of the Temple of Solomon is a symbol of the consecration of our hearts
  - "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" (1 Cor 6:19)

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4 Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to
do according to all that I have commanded you, *and* if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 5
then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father,
saying, ‘You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.’ 6 *But* if you or your sons at all [a]
turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments *and* My statutes which I have set
before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will [b]cut off Israel from the
land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out
of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 And *as for* this house, *which*
is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, ‘Why has the Lord
done thus to this land and to this house?’ 9 Then they will answer, ‘Because they forsook the Lord
their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and
worshiped them and served them; therefore the Lord has brought all this calamity on them.’ ”

Solomon and Hiram Exchange Gifts

10 Now it happened at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house
of the Lord and the king’s house 11 (Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and
cypress and gold, as much as he desired), *that* King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities in the
land of Galilee. 12 Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, but
they did not please him. 13 So he said, “What *kind of* cities *are* these which you have given me, my
brother?” And he called them the land of [c]Cabul, as they are to this day. 14 Then Hiram sent the
king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

Solomon's Additional Achievements

15 And this *is* the reason for the labor force which King Solomon raised: to build the house of the
Lord, his own house, [d]the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. 16 (Pharaoh king
of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer and burned it with fire, had killed the Canaanites who dwelt

in the city, and had given it *as* a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.) 17 And Solomon built
Gezer, Lower Beth Horon, 18 Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land *of Judah,* 19 all the
storage cities that Solomon had, cities for his chariots and cities for his cavalry, and whatever
Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 All the people *who were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who *were*
not of the children of Israel— 21 that is, their descendants who were left in the land after
them, whom the children of Israel had not been able to destroy completely—from these Solomon
raised forced labor, as it is to this day. 22 But of the children of Israel Solomon made no forced
laborers, because they *were* men of war and his servants: his officers, his captains, commanders of
his chariots, and his cavalry.

23 Others *were* chiefs of the officials who *were* over Solomon's work: five hundred and fifty, who
ruled over the people who did the work.

24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the City of David to her house which [e]*Solomon* had built
for her. Then he built the Millo.

25 Now three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which
he had built for the Lord, and he burned incense with them *on the altar* that *was* before the Lord.
So he finished the temple.

26 King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber, which *is* near [f]Elath on the shore of the
Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 27 Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the
sea, to work with the servants of Solomon. 28 And they went to Ophir, and acquired four hundred
and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought *it* to King Solomon.

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