

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 29th Jan 2023



2 CHRONICLES

Lessons For Today From The Stories Of Yesterday

Week 2

Turn From Evil & Seek God (Chapter 7)

Big Idea of the Message: Second Chronicles begins by highlighting the reign of Solomon, the temple he built, and the wisdom he had.

Application Point: We will be people who turn from evil and call on the name of the Jesus.

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/SAcksm5uRAA>
2. Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new
3. Read the passages below and reflect on the questions, if meeting with a group share your answers together.

2 Chronicles 7:11-22 NIV UK

|The LORD appears to Solomon

¹¹ When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, ¹² the LORD appeared to him at night and said:

‘I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.

¹³ ‘When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ **if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.** ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. ¹⁶ I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there for ever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

¹⁷ ‘As for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, ¹⁸ I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, “You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel.”

¹⁹ ‘But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, ²⁰ then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple which I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. ²¹ This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled and say, “Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and to this temple?” ²² People will answer, “Because they have forsaken the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshipping and serving them – that is why he brought all this disaster on them.”

Questions for discussion

Reflect on the message of the sermon using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Where is one place, outside of church, that you have heard or read 2 Chronicles 7:14?
3. What is the context of this famous prayer, and how does it shape the rest of 2 Chronicles?
4. What are truths from 7:14 that the church can apply today—and what are some things specific to the historical context that we can't apply?
5. How others pray for you?

Prayer

Take some time to pray for the church, our local community and for you to know more of God in your daily walking with him.