



The Shepherds You Choose

Two aspects of the Christian life are illustrated by the events following Solomon's prayer of dedication of the temple:

1. Our _____, 2 Chronicles 7:1-10, 12-15

(1 Kings 8:65) "At that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven more days; fourteen days."

(Romans 12:1) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

(Romans 12:1) "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship." [paraphrase]

(Psalms 118:1-4) "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

{2} Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."

{3} Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever."

{4} Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy endures forever.""

(Psalms 118:28-29) "You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.

{29} Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."

(2 Chronicles 7:6) "And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, "For His mercy endures forever," whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood." [paraphrase]

(Matthew 26:6-13) "And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, {7} a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. {8} But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? {9} "For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor." {10} But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman?"

For she has done a good work for Me. {11} "For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. {12} "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. {13} "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.""

2. Our _____, 2 Chronicles 7:11-12, 15-22

(1 John 2:6) "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."

