Bible Alive 365 – Day #164

2 Chron. 6-7, Psalm 136

2 Chronicles 6:1-42 Then 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.

2 Chronicles 7:1-22 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. **2** And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. **3** And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, *saying,* For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **4** Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. **5** And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. **6** And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. **7** Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle

of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat. **8** Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt. **9** And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. **10** And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. **11** Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. **12** And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. **13** If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; **14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. **15** Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. **16** For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. **17** And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; **18** Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel. **19** But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; **20** Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a byword among all nations. **21** And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? **22** And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

Psalms 136:1-26 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **2** O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **3** O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **4** To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **5** To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **6** To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **7** To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **8** The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **9** The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **10** To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **11** And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **12** With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **13** To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **14** And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **15** But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **16** To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **17** To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **18** And slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **19** Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **20** And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **21** And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **22** *Even* an heritage

unto Israel his servant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **23** Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: **24** And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **25** Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. **26** O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.