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1 Kings 8

18 But the Lord said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well that it was in your heart.'

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Order Of Events

- ◆ Babylon Lays Siege To Jerusalem (588 B.C.)
- ◆ Babylon Conquers Judah's Other Strongholds (587 B.C.)
- ◆ Judah's Leaders Release Their Slaves
- ◆ Egypt Moves Against Babylon's Army
- ◆ Babylon Stops The Siege To Meet Egypt
- ◆ Judah's Leaders Enslave People Again
- ◆ Egypt Retreats Without A Fight
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Obedience must come from devotion within us and not depend on circumstances around us. These masters were in greater slavery than their servants because they did not seek to please the Lord.

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Exodus 21

- 2 If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing.
- 3 If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him.

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2 Corinthians 7

10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

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Genesis 15

9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." **10** Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. **18** On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates

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Before we condemn these dishonest masters too much, let's admit that God's people often make promises to the Lord when they're in tough times, only to repudiate them when things get better.

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