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We want to be quiet

In 1 Kings chapter 6, the details of Solomon's efforts to build the temple are recorded. This chapter focuses on the details of the building, including the size, materials, and decoration of the building. Inside the temple, wooden walls, floors, and roofs were installed, and the walls, ceilings, and porticos were decorated with gold. Outside the temple, the walls and porticos were built of stone and cedar wood. In addition, two temples built next to the temple are described, one for priests and the other for kings. Finally, the chapter also mentions that Solomon took seven years to complete the construction of the temple.

6:7 The temple was built of stone hewn out of the mountain, and the sound of hammers, axes, and other iron tools was not heard when the temple was built

We are all vessels of the temple because we will be built into the New Jerusalem, but we will have to be hewn in the mountains if we are to be prepared materials. When we were chiseled out, there was a lot of noise, but when we moved to the temple, there was no more noise. It's a metaphor for the course of our lives, when our lives are confronted with the impact of economic, family, health, and even ministry frictions, until we are almost built up, and we are quiet. When we are quiet, we are ready to go to the temple.

In this world, we are dressed in mortal clothes, shouldering all kinds of responsibilities and challenges, and striving to prepare for the coming kingdom of heaven. However, when we finally return to Heaven, we become the most perfect vessel for eternal light and divine love. In the journey of life, we are often surrounded by the sounds of friction, which come from the hustle and bustle around us, inner struggles, and communication with people. However, when we

finally quiet down, away from the hustle and bustle of the world, the inner lake can be calmed and become the best vessel for the soul.

In this noisy world, we often feel anxious, tired, and lost. Every day, we are in a race against time, against pressure, and against challenges. In this case, the heart becomes noisy, like a ship in a storm, unable to resist the impact of the outside world.

However, when we seek silence and step into the depths of our hearts, like a traveler looking for a harbor in the middle of the ocean, we find a calm sea. In this tranquility, our hearts begin to listen, to reflect, to begin to dialogue with ourselves. In moments like these, we become vessels of the soul, holding the flow of wisdom, peace, and inspiration.

The quiet moment is not only the purification and calmness of the heart, but also the encounter and dialogue with the creator. In this wordless conversation, we present our struggles, worries, and exhaustions to Him, asking for His guidance and strength. In this kind of exchange, we find inner peace, find the direction of moving forward, and find the meaning of life.

When we finally return to the bosom of Heaven, it houses the divine light and the energy of love. We will no longer be plagued by worldly bondage and desires, but will live in peace with the Creator and sing praises with the angels. On the other side of heaven, we will have eternal peace and joy and enjoy the good times with God.

Therefore, let us sow seeds of good deeds and love on our journey in this life, and cultivate them with faith and perseverance. Let us always remember the promises of the kingdom of heaven, courageously follow God's will, and strive to return to the kingdom of heaven. For when we return to Heaven, we will be the most perfect vessels, containing eternal light and divine love, with the Creator forever.

There are several verses in the Bible that emphasize the importance of silence and calm, some of which include:

Psalm 46:10: "Rest and know that I am God, and I will be exalted among the Gentiles and exalted in all the earth." "

Isaiah 30:15: "For thus saith the Sovereign LORD the Holy One of Israel: In your salvation is to rest, and in your strength is to be quiet." "

Ephesians 4:31-32: "Let all bitterness, anger, wrath, clamour, slander, and all malice be put away from you." And be kind to one another, forgiving one another, with compassion and kindness, just as God in Christ forgave you. "

I Corinthians 14:33, "For God does not cause confusion, but quiet." "

These verses remind us to seek peace and quiet in our busy and distracted lives, to encounter God, and to receive His peace and comfort.

We pray

Lord, we bow our knees before You and pray to You. Give us the humility to be a testimony of Christ's glory throughout our lives, rather than a clamor to take it away for the sake of self-manifestation.

Lord, help us to walk in our daily lives not for selfish desires and ego, but for the love and humility of Christ. Ask You to guide our words and actions so that we can be witnesses of Christ's character and glory at all times.

Boost our faith so that we stand firm in Your truth and not be shaken by the temptations of the world. Let our lives be a breeding ground for Your glory, drawing people to know and come to You through love, good works, and truth.

Lord, as we face challenges and difficulties, please give us the courage and wisdom to respond by Christ's example. Let our patience and faith show your power and grace so that people come to you through testimony.

Preserve the purity of our hearts from the temptations of the world. May our lives be a song of praise to Your name, and to bring Your glory to the highest place. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, amen.

## 1 Kings 6

1Kg. 6:1 In the four hundred and eightieth [Hebrew; Septuagint four hundred and fortieth] year after the Israelites had come out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, he began to build the temple of the LORD.

1Kg. 6:2 The temple that King Solomon built for the LORD was sixty cubits long, twenty wide and thirty high. [That is, about 90 feet (about 27 metres) long and 30 feet (about 9 metres) wide and 45 feet (about 13.5 metres) high]

1Kg. 6:3 The portico at the front of the main hall of the temple extended the width of the temple, that is twenty cubits, [That is, about 30 feet (about 9 metres)] and projected ten cubits [That is, about 15 feet (about 4.5 metres)] from the front of the temple.

1Kg. 6:4 He made narrow clerestory windows in the temple.

1Kg. 6:5 Against the walls of the main hall and inner sanctuary he built a structure around the building, in which there were side rooms.

1Kg. 6:6 The lowest floor was five cubits [That is, about 7 1/2 feet (about 2.3 metres)]; also in verses 10 and 24] wide, the middle floor six cubits [That is, about 9 feet (about 2.7 metres)] and the third floor seven. [That is, about 10 1/2 feet (about 3.2 metres)] He made offset ledges around the outside of the temple so that nothing would be inserted into the temple walls.

1Kg. 6:7 In building the temple, only blocks dressed at the quarry were used, and no hammer, chisel or any other iron tool was heard at the temple site while it was being built.

1Kg. 6:8 The entrance to the lowest [Septuagint; Hebrew middle] floor was on the south side of the temple; a stairway led up to the middle level and from there to the third.

1Kg. 6:9 So he built the temple and completed it, roofing it with beams and cedar planks.

1Kg. 6:10 And he built the side rooms all along the temple. The height of each was five cubits, and they were attached to the temple by beams of cedar.

1Kg. 6:11 The word of the LORD came to Solomon:

1Kg. 6:12 “As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, carry out my regulations and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfil through you the promise I gave to David your father.

1Kg. 6:13 And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel.”

1Kg. 6:14 So Solomon built the temple and completed it.

1Kg. 6:15 He lined its interior walls with cedar boards, panelling them from the floor of the temple to the ceiling, and covered the floor of the temple with planks of pine.

1Kg. 6:16 He partitioned off twenty cubits [That is, about 30 feet (about 9 metres)] at the rear of the temple with cedar boards from floor to ceiling to form within the temple an inner sanctuary, the Most Holy Place.

1Kg. 6:17 The main hall in front of this room was forty cubits [That is, about 60 feet (about 18 metres)] long.

1Kg. 6:18 The inside of the temple was cedar, carved with gourds and open flowers. Everything was cedar; no stone was to be seen.

1Kg. 6:19 He prepared the inner sanctuary within the temple to set the ark of the covenant of the LORD there.

1Kg. 6:20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty wide and twenty high. [That is, about 30 feet (about 9 metres) long, wide and high] He overlaid the inside with pure gold, and he also overlaid the altar of cedar.

1Kg. 6:21 Solomon covered the inside of the temple with pure gold, and he extended gold chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, which was overlaid with gold.

1Kg. 6:22 So he overlaid the whole interior with gold. He also overlaid with gold the altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary.

1Kg. 6:23 In the inner sanctuary he made a pair of cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits [That is, about 15 feet (about 4.5 metres)] high.

1Kg. 6:24 One wing of the first cherub was five cubits long, and the other wing five cubits — ten cubits from wing tip to wing tip.

1Kg. 6:25 The second cherub also measured ten cubits, for the two cherubim were identical in size and shape.

1Kg. 6:26 The height of each cherub was ten cubits.

1Kg. 6:27 He placed the cherubim inside the innermost room of the temple, with their wings spread out. The wing of one cherub touched one wall, while the wing of the other touched the other wall, and their wings touched each other in the middle of the room.

1Kg. 6:28 He overlaid the cherubim with gold.

1Kg. 6:29 On the walls all round the temple, in both the inner and outer rooms, he carved cherubim, palm trees and open flowers.

1Kg. 6:30 He also covered the floors of both the inner and outer rooms of the temple with gold.

1Kg. 6:31 For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood with five-sided jambs.

1Kg. 6:32 And on the two olive wood doors he carved cherubim, palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid the cherubim and palm trees with beaten gold.

1Kg. 6:33 In the same way he made four-sided jambs of olive wood for the entrance to the main hall.

1Kg. 6:34 He also made two pine doors, each having two leaves that turned in sockets.

1Kg. 6:35 He carved cherubim, palm trees and open flowers on them and overlaid them with gold hammered evenly over the carvings.

1Kg. 6:36 And he built the inner courtyard of three courses of dressed stone and one course of trimmed cedar beams.

1Kg. 6:37 The foundation of the temple of the LORD was laid in the

fourth year, in the month of Ziv.

1Kg. 6:38 In the eleventh year in the month of Bul, the eighth month, the temple was finished in all its details according to its specifications. He had spent seven years building it.

Here's a detailed summary of chapter 6 of 1 Kings:

Chapter 6 opens with a description of the construction of the temple, which began in the fourth year of Solomon's reign and was completed in the eleventh year. The temple is said to have been built according to specific measurements and specifications given by God to Solomon.

The chapter goes on to describe the interior of the temple, including the main room, or "holy place," which housed the lampstands, tables, and the altar of incense. The inner sanctuary, or "most holy place," contained the ark of the covenant and was separated from the holy place by a curtain made of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and fine linen.

The walls and floors of the temple were covered in cedar wood, which was carved with decorative images of cherubim, palm trees, and flowers. The interior of the temple was also overlaid with gold.

The chapter concludes with a description of the final touches to the temple, including the addition of two large pillars at the entrance, named Jachin and Boaz, and the installation of doors made of olive wood. The temple is said to have been a magnificent and awe-inspiring structure, befitting the glory of God.

Overall, chapter 6 provides a detailed account of the construction of the temple, emphasizing the meticulous care taken in its design and construction. The chapter also highlights the importance of the temple as a physical symbol of God's presence among his people.

Here are some important verses from 1 Kings chapter 6 in the Christian Bible:

1 Kings 6:1-4 - A description of the timeline and dimensions of the construction of the temple, including the fact that it took seven years to complete.

1 Kings 6:5-10 - A description of the structure of the temple, including the fact that it was built of stone and cedar wood and contained three levels.

1 Kings 6:11-13 - God promises to dwell among the people of Israel in the temple and to bless them as long as they remain faithful to him.

1 Kings 6:14-22 - A description of the interior of the temple, including the wooden paneling and carvings, as well as the decorations made of gold.

1 Kings 6:23-35 - A description of the inner sanctuary of the temple, known as the Most Holy Place, which contained the Ark of the Covenant.

These verses provide a detailed description of the construction and design of the temple in Jerusalem, which was a major accomplishment of Solomon's reign. They also highlight God's promise to dwell among his people in the temple, which was a central aspect of Israelite worship and belief.

In the sixth chapter of the book of 1 Kings in the Bible, we read about the construction and completion of the temple in Jerusalem during the reign of King Solomon. Here are some reflections on this chapter:

**God's presence among His people:** The construction of the temple signifies God's desire to dwell among His people. The temple was a physical manifestation of God's presence and a place where the Israelites could come to worship Him. It reminds us that God desires a close relationship with His people and provides a place where we can seek and encounter Him.

**Attention to detail and excellence:** The description of the temple's construction emphasizes the intricate details and craftsmanship involved. The temple was built with great care and precision, utilizing the finest materials and skilled workers. This highlights the importance of offering our best to God and striving for excellence in all that we do, recognizing that our work can be an act of worship.

**The symbolism of the temple:** The temple represented more than just a physical structure; it had deep spiritual significance. It served as a symbol of God's covenant with Israel, His faithfulness, and His dwelling place among His chosen people. The temple foreshadowed the ultimate fulfillment of God's presence through Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the temple (John 2:19-21). It reminds us of the spiritual reality and fulfillment found in Christ.

**The passage of time and patience:** The construction of the temple took seven years to complete. This highlights the importance of patience and perseverance in fulfilling God's plans. It teaches us that significant endeavors often require time, dedication, and steadfastness. It encourages us to trust in God's timing and remain committed to His purposes, even when progress seems slow.

These reflections offer insights into the themes and lessons found in the sixth chapter of 1 Kings. They emphasize God's desire to dwell among His people, the importance of excellence in our work, the symbolism of the temple, and the value of patience and perseverance. As you continue

reading, you will encounter more narratives and teachings that further develop these themes and provide spiritual guidance.