

Sunday School Lesson – Tuesday, December 27, 2022 & Sunday, January 1, 2023  
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**Winter Quarter's Theme: "Chosen, not Choice—rooted and grounded in GOD'S G.R.A.C.E."**

(December, January, February)

**Unit I Theme**, December— "GOD Prepares The Way"

**Unit II Theme**, January— "GOD'S Promises" ... 5 lessons from 2 Chronicles, Isaiah, and Joel, reminding us we can "Trust GOD'S WORD—Promises" ...

**GOD'S Promises ...**

--Paul – Romans 8: 28 – "to work everything out for your good--**GOD**."

--Abraham – Hebrews 11: 8 – "by **FAITH** alone." [He *left* his home... He *believed*

**GOD'S Covenant**... He willingly sacrificed his son Isaac...]

--Paul – Romans 10: 9, 10 – "**The Promise** of Salvation.

--Paul – I Corinthians 10: 13 – "**The Promise** of Freedom from Sin's."

--**JESUS** – Matthew 6: 25, 26 – **The Promise** of **HIS** Provisions. [Don't *Worry* about everyday life. 1. *Worry*, damages your health. 2. *Worry*, disrupts your productivity. 3. *Worry*, makes you negatively treat others.]

--Joshua – Joshua 1: 9 – **The Promise** of Freedom from fear. ["I command your—be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for **The LORD** your **GOD** is with you wherever you go."

II Chronicles 7, concludes **The Temple** dedication services. **GOD** appears to King Solomon again (first time, II Chronicles 5: 13, 14). Here **GOD** gives King Solomon "*oracles*," divine, prophetic, **promises** of **The LORD**.

Two main subjects – **The Temple & The Throne**...

--**The Temple** – Solomon had prayed about **The Temple**... that **GOD** would accept it as 'a place of worship, 'prayer,' 'praise,' and 'thanks-giving.'

This meant **GOD'S Presence** would/must be manifested. Without **GOD'S Presence**, [what would **The Temple** be like? What would our lives be like?]

2 Chronicles 7: 12, 16 – The *Choosing* of this Place. "...I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place... For now have I chosen and sanctified [set apart for **GOD'S** honor/ **GOD'S** house]."

2 Chronicles 7: 15 – The *Purpose* of this *Choosing* – "Prayer!" "Now **MINE** Eyes shall be open, and **MINE** ears attent unto the **PRAYER**..."

2 Chronicles 7: 13 – The *Chastening* if we fail – *Draught* (no rain) – no seeking of **GOD'S WORD** (Amos 8: 11, 12). *Devouring*—Locus. *Disease*—Pestilence.

2 Chronicles 7: 14 – The *Command* in Response. 1. Humble. 2. Prayer. 3. Seek **MY** Face. 4. Turn from their wicked ways.

Then *Compensation* – *Reception*, "Then will I hear... {**GOD** will do something about our prayers. (Psalms 66: 18)} *Remission*, "Forgive our sin." *Recovery*, "Heal our land."

Response about **The Throne**—Monarchy—form of government—One **GOD, KING, and PRIEST!**

2 Chronicles 7: 17, *Requirement*, 1. “...walk before **ME (GOD)**.” And the example of David (others). 2. “...walk in *Obedience*.” “Do according to all **I** have commanded.”

3. “...walk is *Observation*.” “Observe [detect, discern, examine, inspect] **MY** statutes and judgments.”

2 Chronicles 7: 18, *Reward*, “Then **I** will... there shall not fail thee...”

2 Chronicles 7: 19, *Rebellion*, “But if your turn away... go after other gods—worship them...”

2 Chronicles 7: 20, *Retribution*, “Then,” *Deport*— “**I**’ll pluck you up by the roots—let you be hauled off by your enemies. *Destruction*— “This house... cast out of **MY** sight.”

2 Chronicles 7: 21, *Disrespect*—folk will disrespect you!

2 Chronicles 7: 22, *Denunciation*— “They forsook **The LORD GOD**.”