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2 Chronicles 6:40 – 7:1

“Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place... Now when Solomon had finished praying fire came down from heaven and consumed... the sacrifices and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.” 2 Chronicles 6:40 – 7:1

Forever remove from your thinking that there is any sort of sacred spot where prayers are better heard by God. The ears of our Father are open to the prayer made in this most special of all places – the human heart. While there will always be special places that are conducive to prayer, these places are more for our ease than because they hold some special significance to God’s hearing our prayer. “Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God.” (Revelation 2:13)

“Fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifices.” How often do we have such immediate and dramatic answer to our prayer? Could it be that we seldom “finish praying”? To release faith finishes the need to pray. Faith obtains its reply even before the requested answer is seen! Faith offers thanksgiving – often long before the answer is manifest. And what of our sacrifices, could it be we rarely see such dramatic answers to our prayers because we have failed to offer the appropriate sacrifices? And what sacrifices are acceptable to the Lord? A broken and contrite heart, a forgiving and merciful posture – these sacrifices please our heavenly Father and release dramatic answers to prayer!

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