

“A COMMUNION WITH CHRIST”

I Kings 8:54-61

Solomon blessed God’s people by blessing the Lord. May we, too, be a blessing to others as we bless the Lord. (cf. vv. 54-56)

- I. His PRESENCE WITH US. (v. 57 “May the Lord our God be with us...”)
 - A. To give us spiritual rest (v. 56a “Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to His people...”)
 - B. To give us sure promises (v. 56b “...according to all that He prom-ised; not one word has failed of all His good promise,...”)
- II. Our PRAYERS BEFORE HIM. (v. 59a “...may these words of mine...be near to the Lord our God day and night.”)
 - A. Prayer for a heart inclined to Him (v. 58a, 61a “that He may incline our hearts to Himself...Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to the Lord our God...”) cf. II Chronicles 16:9
 - B. Prayer for a cause maintained by Him (v. 59b “that He may maintain the cause of His servant and...of His people...as each day requires...”) cf. Jeremiah 11:20a, d
 - C. Prayer of a people knowledgeable of Him (v. 60 “that all peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no one else.”)
cf. I Kings 8:43

Real communion with the Lord:

1. ASSURANCE OF HIS PRESENCE
2. ANSWERS TO OUR PRAYERS