

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **The First Book of Kings** chapter **8** verses **22-30**, which can be found on page **385** in the **old testament** of your pew bible.*

²²Then Solomon, standing in front of the altar of the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands towards heaven and said, ‘O Lord God of Israel, there is no god like thee in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant with thy servants and showing them constant love while they continue faithful to thee in heart and soul. Thou hast kept thy promise to thy servant David my father; by thy deeds this day thou hast fulfilled what thou didst say to him in words. Now therefore, O Lord God of Israel, keep this promise of thine to thy servant David my father: “You shall never want for a man appointed by me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons look to their ways and walk before me as you have walked before me.” And now, O God of Israel, let the words which thou didst speak to thy servant David my father be confirmed.

‘But can God indeed dwell on earth? Heaven itself, the highest heaven, cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built! Yet attend to the prayer and the supplication of thy servant, O Lord my God, listen to the cry and the prayer which thy servant utters this day, that thine eyes may ever be upon this house night and day, this place of which thou didst say, “My Name shall be there”; so mayest thou hear thy servant when he prays towards this place. Hear the supplication of thy servant and of

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thy people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling and, when thou hearest, forgive.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Matthew** chapter **6** verses **7-15**, which can be found on page **9** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

⁷'In your prayers do not go babbling on like the heathen, who imagine that the more they say the more likely they are to be heard. Do not imitate them. Your Father knows what your needs are before you ask him. 'This is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, thy name be hallowed; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we have forgiven those who have wronged us. And do not bring us to the test, but save us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others the wrongs they have done, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, then the wrongs you have done will not be forgiven by your Father.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.