Where Is God? 1 Kings 5-7

1. OUR GREATEST HOPE: TO DWELL IN

Colossians 1:27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

2. SOLOMON'S STRATEGY: ______ FOR THE LORD TO DWELL IN. 1 Kings 5:4–5 The LORD my God has given me rest on every side, and there is no adversary or disaster. I intend, therefore, to build a temple for the Name of the LORD my God, as the LORD told my father David, when he said, 'Your son whom I will put on the throne in your place will build the temple for my Name.'

3. GOD'S PRESENCE HAD A PRECONDITION: THE KING'S

1 Kings 6:11–13 The word of the LORD came to Solomon: "As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people, Israel."

4. THE GIFT: KING JESUS ______ AMONG US. John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

5. THE RESULT OF THE CROSS: _______. John 2:19–21 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

In Christ, we collectively form the new dwelling place of God.

Ephesians 2:21–22 *In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple* in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

6. THROUGH FAITH, JESUS WILL NEVER _____ NOR _____

Hebrews 3:6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

7. IN

, WE HAVE MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

Revelation 21:3–4 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."