



Solomon At His Throne | Andreas Brugger | 1777

# Solomon

December 13  
*Sunday*  
1 Kings 6

As we read 1 Kings 6, we can just imagine the beautiful temple that Solomon was constructing to the glory of God—only the most precious building materials—stone quarried from the hill country, cedar wood harvested from Lebanon, cypress wood elaborately carved with gourds and flowers and furnished with carvings of cherubims. This was all covered in gold. Only the best for his God.

Isn't this also our mission? Not to build an elaborate brick and mortar building, but to build a life personally and within our church community that reflects, honors, glorifies, and points the world to the One whose birth we anticipate every Advent. The One who came to us as a vulnerable human baby, who grew to awaken us to the living God who walks beside us every step of our life journey and blesses us with life abundant. Thanks be to God.

**Dear Jesus, as we again commemorate the anniversary of your birth, help us to avoid being caught up in all the trappings surrounding this season, and help us to keep focused on you and our mission—to point the world to You, in love. Amen.**

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