**Romans Series June 25, 2023**

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* + The place and means to worship, sacrifice, and give thanks to God (1 Kings 8)

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