

1 Chronicles Chapter 29

V: 1 David continues his address to all the leaders of the nation, giving them direction for the building of the Temple and how to conduct themselves generally.

- David again affirms that it is God who has chosen Solomon to lead the nation and to build the Temple.

Psalm 75:6-7 “⁶For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. ⁷But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another.”

- 2 Chronicles doesn't talk about Adonijah's attempt to usurp the throne of David his father - but it becomes so much clearer that Adonijah was very much in sin because what he was doing was in direct opposition to the will of God.
- David charges Solomon in the presence of all the elders and leaders of the nation. Part of that charge goes out to the leaders as well. David says that Solomon is young and inexperienced and that he will need their help, which is true, no man can do it all.

Proverbs 11:14 “Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.”

- David expresses something very important when he says that the Temple is not for men, but for God.
- The church building, and the church that inhabits it is all intended to be pleasing to God, not necessarily pleasing to men.

Colossians 1:16 “For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.”

Revelation 4:11 “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

V: 2-5 David was more than just generous in his giving to God, he was enthusiastic he did it with all his might because that is how he worshipped God!

2 Samuel 6:14 “And David danced before the Lord with all his might;...”

- David was an enthusiastic worshipper and David was a enthusiastic giver - they are very much related one to the other.

Paul may have been thinking of David when he wrote to the church in Corinth:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 “⁶But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

- Previous chapters described what David had already dedicated to the Lord of the spoils of war and that which had come from the nation’s treasury so to speak - now we have a description of what David gave personally.
- 3,000 talents of gold = 225,000 lbs. = 3,600,000 ounces = 112.5 tons @ \$1,500 / oz. = \$5,400,000,000.00 (5 billion, 400 million)
- 7,000 talents of refined silver = 525,000 lbs. = 262.5 tons = \$168,000,000.00
- Add to all of that precious stones and gems - glistening treasure! The glory and fame of the Temple would exceed all other buildings and be truly marvelous.
- Gold, silver, precious stone + brass, iron, wood, marble, stones in abundance.
- Some years later the Queen of Sheba visits Solomon because of what she’d heard but didn’t entirely believe, sounded too good.

When she got there to see it all in person she proclaimed:

1 Kings 10:4-7 “⁴And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon’s wisdom, and the house that he had built, ⁵and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord there was no more spirit in her. ⁶And she said to the king, it was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. ⁷Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold the half was not told me:...”

- David first leads by example, then he challenges the leaders - who else will dedicate or consecrate their service, their skills, and their wealth to God?
- Were it not for David’s good example this would look like a shake down. David is pointedly looking for willing participants - not grudging participation because that type doesn’t count for much in God’s eyes - in fact it doesn’t count at all.
- It’s not a shakedown, we see the Spirit of God move amongst the leaders.

V: 6-9 David didn't command them to give. David led by example then gave them the opportunity, and the leaders respond by giving generously to the Lord.

- 5,000 talents of gold: 375,000 lbs. / 187.5 tons of gold. 9 billion dollars.
- 10,000 talents of silver: 750,000 lbs. / 375 tons of silver. \$240,000,000.00
- We're right at about \$15 billion just in gold and silver

1 Chronicles 22: 14-16 100,000 talents of gold. 75 lb. / talent = 7,500,000 pounds of gold, 3,750 tons. 120 million ounces at \$1,500 / oz = 180 billion dollars in 2014.

- \$195 billion dollars - all freely given unto the Lord - no pressure!
- First David gave. Then the leaders gave. Then the people gave. And the result was great joy. That's always the way it is.
- This is like the building of the Tabernacle where Moses had to finally turn the people away from bringing any more gold or silver, or precious stones because they already had more than enough for the job.

V: 10-19 Doxology of praise - giving of thanks - giving glory to God.

V: 10 Blessing the Lord!

Common theme:

Psalm 41:13 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen and Amen."

- In David's praise of God he acknowledges that anything we've given to God came out of what God had already give to us - it was His first and it came from Him.

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

V: 11-13 Everything belongs to the Lord to begin with. The acknowledgment that God doesn't "need" anything from us - it's all His, He just lets us use it or be stewards over His resources - because of that it's important what we do with His stuff - in a way it's kind of a test.

Jesus said:

Matthew 6:19-21 "19Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doeth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

“¹³... *we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.*”

Psalm 92:1 “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:”

V: 14 Recognizing God’s glory and goodness makes us acutely aware of how undeserving we are of the least of His many blessings in our lives.

Jacob prayed:

Genesis 32:10 “I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant...”

V: 15 We are nothing - sojourners, temporary residents - this is not our home.

James 4:14 “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”

- Our lives are a wisp of smoke, a vapour that comes and goes away. None abiding, no one lives forever.
- **Jim Eliot:** martyred missionary to the Auca Indians said, “*He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.*” It’s true. Anything you give to God you won’t regret. Make eternal investments.

V: 16 Again all this store / treasure came from your hand. (4th time)

Psalm 24:1 “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”

V: 17 The understanding that God knows our thoughts and motives - and that in our heart of hearts we have willingly offered these things to you!

Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Psalm 139:1-2 “¹O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. ²Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. ³Thou compassedst my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.”

- God takes pleasure in “up-rightness” - in our doing the right thing.

Micah 6:8 “He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.”

- There is a focus on the “willing” (7 times) offering unto the Lord. The attitude of the gift is of more value to God than the gift itself.

Luke 21:1-4 “¹And He looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. ²And He saw also a certain poor widow casting thither two mites. ³And He said, of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.”

- Hers was a sacrificial offering from a willing heart.

V: 18-19 Keep this in our remembrance, keep this in the forefront of our minds - help us to remember always your tremendous blessings.

- Intercession: give my son a perfect heart, and un-divided heart towards you, towards your word.

Psalm 86:11 “Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.”

V: 20 David commands all the congregation / the assembled nation to bless the Lord, to worship God - and they did!

“So all the assembly blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the Lord and the king.” NKJV

- “... and the king.” / As did the king! David led by example.

Paul:

1 Corinthians 11:1 “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”

V: 21 They sacrificed - burnt offerings - offering of consecration / sanctification - being set apart for God’s exclusive use.

1. 1,000 bullocks.
2. 1,000 rams.
3. 1,000 lambs
4. drink offerings - being poured out for the Lord.

V: 22 Eating and drinking before the Lord meant that they offered peace offerings to the Lord, symbolizing their peace and fellowship with God - so they could sit down and have a meal with Him.

- In the celebration they had a re-coronation ceremony. The first time Solomon was proclaimed king was when his ½ brother, Adonijah, attempted to usurp the throne (**1 Kings 1:39**).
- Now he's anointed king peacefully rather than in a state of emergency.
- All in all a great celebration!
- It is no wonder that the people experienced great gladness as they sacrificed "in abundance."

Jesus said:

Acts 20:35 "...it is more blessed to give than to receive."

- If you're feeling down or discouraged, find a way to give, not just money, but serve, minister - even if it's just a word of encouragement to someone else or a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord.

V: 23-25 Solomon sat upon David's throne - demonstrating that he was now the king, taking his father's place.

- All the assembled leaders, elders, and military men submitted themselves to Solomon - recognizing him as king, partly in obedience to king David, but not just because David may have picked one of his sons to replace him, but because God chose Solomon to rule over His people. They saw the Lord in it. (Husbands / clue)
- The Lord magnified Solomon! The Lord lifted him up in the sight of all Israel and bestowed upon him majesty like none before him.

V: 26-28 David's reign comes to an end with his death, he reigned over Israel for 40 years. 7 years in Hebron, 33 years in Jerusalem.

- The end of an era. David was a man after God's own heart, not perfect, but loved God with all his might.
 1. Even though David was a warrior, he died in a good old age, full of days.
 2. Even though the Lord was his heart's desire, he died full of riches.
 3. Even though a large part of his life was spent hiding from Saul, he died full of honor.

V: 29-30 We studied through the book of Samuel, or books of 1st and 2nd Samuel.

- The books of Nathan the prophet and Gad the seer have been lost to antiquity.

- These were the two prophets that probably knew David the best, might have been interesting to have had these books - but the Holy Spirit edited them out, he could have preserved them but chose not to.
- The books that we do have in the Bible were preserved by the Holy Spirit for our benefit and they are all that we need for faith and practice.

2 Peter 1:2-3 “²Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, ³according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

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- We crossed a line, passed the half way point in our race.
- Completed 51.58% of the Bible.
- The race being to finish the Bible before Jesus comes back.
- I don't think we gonna make it.