

1 Chronicles Chapter 14

V: 1-2 God gave David favor among men, Hiram the king of Tyre just loves David and sends him gifts to bless him.

- Hiram was not a Jew, but he could see that the God of Israel was blessing David and that it would be wise to ally himself with Israel.

Proverbs 16:7 “When a man’s ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.”

- God gave David a confidence, and a sense of approval, and peace.

Philippians 4:6-7 “⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Parallel account:

2 Samuel 5:12 “And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that He had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel’s sake.”

- David knew that it wasn’t all about him, that God had done this for His people Israel’s sake. God had blessed him so that he could be a blessing to others.
- Godly leadership is a blessing to any nation.
- Hiram wants to help establish David and specifically to build him a house, a palace.

Psalms 23:5 “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.”

- This is a picture of David’s life: He’s just been feasting for 3 days, celebrating his coronation with the Philistines being ever present, he’s just been anointed king over Israel, and his cup is running over with blessings from God.
- David is taken aback, he’s overwhelmed by the blessings of God upon him.
- We too have been blessed mightily of God and we should be rejoicing in 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: 3-7 **2 Samuel** relates the same information, along with the fact that David added “concubines” as well as wives when he was in Jerusalem.

- This may have been culturally acceptable, but it is contrary to God’s Word. Just because it’s recorded in the Bible we shouldn’t mistake that for approval.

Speaking to kings about wives:

Deuteronomy 17:17 “Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away:...”

- Concubines were considered legitimate wives but of a secondary ranking, more of a “consort” – concubines were a symbol of wealth and power, and not uncommon with kings.
- Our sins always look worse when we see them in our kids; the same was true for David: Solomon took David’s weakness to extremes and would have 300 concubines, and 700 royal wives. (Father’s day...)
- Previously in Hebron David had two wives and 6 sons, now add to that:

1.	Shammuah: “One who had heard”, “Renowned.”	2.	Shobab: “Fallen Away”, “Rebellious.”
3.	Nathan: “Gift”	4.	Solomon: “Peace”, “His Peace”, “God’s peace.”
5.	Ibhar:	6.	“He Elected” / “Jehovah Chooses.”
7.	Elishua: “My God is Wealth”, “God is Salvation.”	8.	Nepheg: “Boaster” / “Sprout.”
9.	Japhia: “May He Bring Light” / “Shining.”	10.	Elishama: “God Heard”, “My God Has Heard.”
11.	Eliada: “God Has Known”, “God Knows.”	12.	Eliphalet: “God is Deliverance”

V: 8-9 Whenever God is doing a work, the enemy will always resist - or raise up their ugly head:

- As David is crowned king of the now unified kingdom, the Philistines realized that he was no longer their vassal and they sought to deal with him and all Israel.

([Map - Jerusalem / Valley of Rephaim.](#))

V: 10-12 The first instinct of a warrior is to fight, there’s a challenge - then address it. David resisted his first impulse and sought the Lord - asking the Lord for counsel and permission.

- God told David “yes” go up against the Philistines, and He assured him of victory.
- David smote the Philistines and immediately gave God the glory for the victory!

V: 12 Points out that there is a spiritual dimension to every battle. David destroyed the images that were left behind, they were a sort of spiritual booby trap - left behind by the enemy to ensnare the victors - an attempt to snatch that victory away.

Ephesians 6:12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Subtleties...)

V: 13-17 The Philistines come out again to challenge David (the enemy is persistent!); and David could simply have just assumed that God was on his side and just gone out against them again.

- David very wisely inquired again of the Lord. We should never assume that God will always do things the same way. As David inquires, God says “no” - let’s do something different.

Isaiah 55:8-9 “⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

- David was obedient and once again God gave him the victory.
- David’s fame spread to all the surrounding lands, and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all the nations.

1 Chronicles Chapter 15

V: 1 Side note: David made houses (plural) - no doubt to accommodate his numerous wives, concubines, and lots of kids.

- At the same time he was preparing a place for the Ark of the Testimony.
- David gets a house, houses actually - and God gets a tent, seems out of proportion or slanted, but the reason is that this is what was recorded in God’s word. The Ark was maintained or resided in a tent, like the Tabernacle.
- This is just a tent, the Tabernacle in presently in Gibeon along with the rest of the furnishings, where they would remain until the days of Solomon.

1 Chronicles 16:39 “And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the Lord in the high place that was at Gibeon,”

V: 2-3 David has learned from his mistake, he’s done his homework and he is preparing to bring the Ark of the Testimony to Jerusalem in accordance with God’s stated requirements.

- David's previous mistake wasn't intended to frustrate him, but to motivate him to search the scriptures, to be a Berean.

2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

The scriptures truly cover every situation:

2 Peter 1:2-3 "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according 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:"

V: 4-10 David gathers the priests, the family of Levi, the descendants of Aaron all in preparation for receiving the ark. (812)

Deuteronomy 10:8 "At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name, unto this day."

V: 11-13 They are told to "sanctify" themselves - because they are the ones who are actually going to bring up the ark.

Leviticus 10:3 "Then Moses said unto Aaron, this is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh Me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace."

- Sanctification is to be set apart, made distinct and special as in set apart for God's exclusive use.
- From a practical aspect this would mean being ceremonially clean, physically clean, confessing their sins along with the corresponding offerings and being careful not to be defiled.
- David has realized his mistake and he is making the proper corrections, making sure to do it "*after the due order.*"
- "Due order" is according to God's Word, according to His will:

John 4:24 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

John 17:17 "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is Truth."

- David truly is a man after God's own heart; he is a warrior, he seeks God's counsel, and he seeks to honor God in obedience to His word.

- David is exerting spiritual leadership over the nation and the people respond in obedience.

V: 14-16 Things are being done properly in accordance with the Word of God and David directed there to be praise and worship as the Ark was being brought.

Psalm 100:1-5 “¹Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. ²Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. ³Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. ⁵For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.”

V: 17- 24 So the Levites were obedient and appointed men to the worship of the Lord.

- Along with the singing voices they used:
 1. Cymbals of brass.
 2. Psalteries: six stringed guitar. (Key of Alamo / virgins - high notes)
 3. Harps - like what angels play. (Key of Sheminith, lowest octave / note, male.)
 4. Trumpets - horns.
- They also placed door keepers, guards before the tent making sure that no one came into the presence of the Ark of the Testimony that weren't supposed to.
- We are here today in the presence of God; and just like the days of old there are gate keepers in our midst.

1 Corinthians 5:11 “But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.”

V: 25-28 David and all the elders of the nation go to retrieve the Ark “*with joy*” - such a contrast to the last attempt where there was sadness. The difference?

Psalm 19:7-11 “⁷The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desire are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.”

- ²⁶God commanded the Levites, and He enabled them, He helped them to do what He commanded.

1 John 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.”

- The Levites offered sacrifices as they went: every six paces they sacrificed oxen and fatlings. (**2 Samuel 6:13**)
- ²⁷David was fully clothed as he danced and rejoiced before the Lord, wearing both a linen robe and an ephod - a priestly garment.
- David removed his kingly garments and wore a simple linen ephod or robe, similar to what the priests wore, also similar to what everyone else was wearing.
- In doing this, in removing his royal robes and wearing the same outfit as everybody else he's saying that we are all equal before the Lord.

Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.”

- David danced, rejoicing before the Lord – it was a great celebration.

V: 29 Every party has to have a pooper...

- Sadly she didn't appreciate what was taking place any more than her father - king Saul would have, like her father she had no heart for the things of God.
- For some, coming into the presence of God isn't and won't be a pleasant thing - it will be a terrible thing.

Hebrews 10:26-27, 31 “²⁶For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.” - “³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

- Her bitterness towards God overshadowed her relationship with David and she ended her life childless, fruitless, and bitter.
- On the other hand, if we truly love the Lord then worship is part of who we are, and we worship Him regardless of what any of the bitter nay sayers speak.

Psalms 16:11 “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”