

## 1 Chronicles Chapter 16

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V: 1-2 The Ark of God is brought to Jerusalem and placed in the tent that David had prepared.

- All done in the manner prescribed by God, in obedience to God's Word.
- They worshipped the Lord offering burnt offerings and sacrifices; sacrifices of consecration (set apart for God's exclusive use) and peace offerings (being at peace with God), having fellowship with God.
- David blessed the people in the name of the Lord:

**Numbers 6:22-27** “<sup>22</sup>And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, on this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, <sup>24</sup>the Lord bless thee, and keep thee: <sup>25</sup>The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: <sup>26</sup>The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. <sup>27</sup>And they shall put My name upon the children of Israel; I will bless them.”

V: 3 Everyone received a gift: pointedly every man and every woman, the blessings of God applied equally to all.

- 3 things, a goodly piece of meat, bread, and a flagon of wine.
- They are celebrating the presence of God in their midst and with that in the gifts given a reminder for us as we look back, and a promise to them as they look forward.
  1. The meat; a portion of the sacrifice - blood that was shed.
  2. Bread and wine; the elements of communion - speaking of our Lord Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 11:26** “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.”

V: 4-6 As stated before, David appointed certain Levites to minister in the presence of the Lord by offering thanks and praise to the Lord.

**Psalms 134** “<sup>1</sup>Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. <sup>3</sup>The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.”

- They are told to do three things: “**record**” / remember, to “**thank**”, and to “**praise**” the Lord.

V: 7-36 This is the Psalm / song that David composed giving thanks to the Lord. It is also a song of **exhortation**, a call to action - look how many times we’re called to do something in this Psalm. (28x’s)

V: 8-10 Make known His deeds among the people; testify, boast of Him!

**Galatians 6:14** “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”

- Glory in Him, rejoice in Him!

**Ephesians 5:19** “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”

As we talk about the Lord to each other, the Lord is paying attention:

**Malachi 3:16** “Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name.”

V: 11-22 Seek His face, remember His marvelous works, remember His covenant, His promises.

**Genesis 17:2-8** “<sup>2</sup>And I will make **My** (not our) covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. <sup>3</sup>And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, <sup>4</sup>as for Me, behold, **My** covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. <sup>6</sup>And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish **My** covenant between Me and thee **and thy seed after thee** in their generations for an **everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. <sup>8</sup>And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an **everlasting possession**; and I will be their God.”

**Genesis 26** God confirmed this covenant to Isaac.

**Genesis 28** God confirmed this same covenant again to Jacob.

V: 23-24 Sing unto the Lord - all the earth: That is what heaven will be like - all voices united in praise to our God!

**Psalms 19:1** “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.”

*“Declare His glory among / to the heathen...”* - Our families, neighbors, here in Susanville.

V: 25-29 All glory, honor, and majesty belong to the Lord. He alone is God, there is no other, He alone is worthy of all praise!

**Isaiah 42:8** “I am the Lord: that is My name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.”

**Isaiah 43:11** “I, even I, am the Lord; and beside Me there is no saviour.”

- As it is mentioned here 3 times, there is an expectation in this exhortation that those who worship God will bring a sacrifice, that they will give unto the Lord.
- Saying it once is an exhortation, 3 times makes it emphatic, more forceful.

V: 30-36 The exhortation to “fear” the Lord; the understanding and acknowledgment that it is the Lord who reigns, not man.

*“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever...”*

V: 37-43 Everything and everyone set in place to minister before the ark continually, singing praises, offering burnt offerings - the morning and evening oblations required of the Law.

- David and all the people departed. David departed to bless his house. It was after they had been blessed in God’s house that they were able to pass that blessing on to their own house.
- This chapter is all about exhortation; remember His mighty works, thank Him for His many blessings, worship and praise Him for who He is!

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## ***1 Chronicles Chapter 17***

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V: 1-2 David brought the Ark back to the forefront of Jewish life. During the wilderness years the Ark was in the center of the camp. As the various tribes were organized and assigned their place in the camp, and finally each household, each tent had its opening facing the Tabernacle.

- So that when they came out of their tent each day they were immediately reminded of the presence of God in their midst.
- During the latter years the Ark had been neglected, and with it the reminder of God in their midst - but David is seeking to change that.
- As David sat in his own house / palace he was hanging out with Nathan the prophet, thinking or perhaps talking about the things of God, considering God, and the presence of God in their midst and he took note of the seeming disparity between how he was living and the manner in which the presence of God resided.
- First off, note who David is hanging out with? Another man of God; someone who will encourage Him in his walk. Who do we hang out with the most?

**Psalms 119:63** “I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.”

**Proverbs 13:20** “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

- David thought in his own heart something along the lines of “we can do better for God than this...”
- Nathan encouraged David because he was confident that God would guide him knowing that David wanted to honor God.

After Samuel anointed David:

**1 Samuel 16:13** “... and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward...”

- Nathan sees that David simply wants to honor God, there doesn't seem to be any ulterior motive, Nathan sees God's hand of blessing upon David – so he says go for it, whatever is in your heart to do, do it. He make an assumption regarding God's will.

V: 3-4 It seemed like a good idea; but the Lord had other plans and directs Nathan to inform David.

- As God instructs Nathan on what to say and how to explain this to David; God says specifically that David is God's servant - this is not a rebuke, it's a gentle correction.

V: 5-6 God relates through Nathan to David that He's never dwelt in a house before and that He's never asked for a house to be built for Himself, it's never been a question – “why haven't you built Me a house?”

- God gives David two reasons for not building him a house:

1<sup>st</sup> He's not asking for a house.

2<sup>nd</sup> reason is found in **1 Chronicles 22:8** as David is giving instruction to Solomon about the temple.

**1 Chronicles 22:8** “But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto My name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in My sight.”

- Jehovah Shalom is the God of peace and it would be inconsistent to allow David who is a man of war, who has shed so much blood to build a house for God.
- Mention is made in passing that there is an expectation that the leaders of Israel would <sup>6</sup>“... feed My people.”

**Acts 20:28** “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.”

- David is a shepherd at heart, that is part of why God called him it's already in his heart to protect the sheep / man of war, and to feed the sheep, he's a shepherd.
- A couple of other things come out of this short passage of Scripture:
  1. As much as both David and Nathan are men of God and God's favor is upon them, neither one asked God what He wanted in this situation, they consulted with each other but not so much directly with God.
  2. Even at our best; when we are walking in the Spirit and seeking to honor God – we're still sinners at heart.

**Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

**Proverbs 28:26** “He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool...”

**Romans 7:18** “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing:”

[We need to always seek the Lord's counsel:](#)

**Proverbs 3:5-6** “<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine on understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

V: 7-10 God then recounts some of the blessings that He's poured out upon David; brought him from humble beginnings to be king over Israel, God has given David victory over his enemies, and given him a name among the nations.

- God will continue to bless His people, and God will bless David's household - God will build David a house!

V: 11-15 God will build David a house that will be established forever, his son will build the house that was in David's heart - we'll see Solomon do that.

- And One of his descendants will reign forever – the Messiah, who's throne shall be established forever. David recognized this as a Messianic prophecy.

V: 16 David's response is that of praise and adoration, acknowledging that the Lord is an awesome and wonderful God.

- David starts out considering the things of the Lord wanting to somehow honor and glorify God – and here he ends up in His presence.
- Who am I, O Lord and what is my house? You've made me the king, you've given me this beautiful home, you've given me victory over my enemies, and fame, and glory, and honor – you've blessed me so much!
- Acknowledging that he is undeserving of God's blessing, acknowledging that it is only by God's grace that he should receive such blessing.
- Whether it is the blessings of our God, or salvation – it always comes down to God's gracious nature.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** “<sup>8</sup>For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: <sup>9</sup>Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

- John Newton / Amazing Grace - slave trader to preacher of the Gospel.

V: 17 Small thing in your sight – this is an easy thing for God to do, it is small compared to what He is going to do in the future.

- David acknowledges that it is God who has lifted him up, treating him like a man of “high degree” - treating him better than he deserves.

V: 18 David acknowledged that God does truly know all his ways: What more can I say, you already know it Lord, you know I don't deserve this honor.

**Psalms 139:1-2** “<sup>1</sup>O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. <sup>2</sup>Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.”

- “What more can I speak...?” David had reached the limit of his capacity to express to God his gratitude and thanks, words would no longer suffice.
- There are those times when we just can’t express how good God truly is!

V: 19 Parallel account records:

**2 Samuel 7:21** “For thy Word’s sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.”

- “For thy word’s sake...” David understands the value of God’s word.

**Psalms 138:2** “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

- Not because I’m so good or deserving, but for your glory Lord!

V: 20-27 There is no god like our God. Our God is incomparable!

**Isaiah 40:25** “To whom will ye liken me, or shall I be equal saith the Holy One.”

**Isaiah 46:9-10** “<sup>9</sup>...For I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me, <sup>10</sup>declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.”

- Looking at the past: David recognizes the blessing to the nation of Israel: David asks a rhetorical question - what other nation has been delivered in such a way, what other people has been blessed the way that Israel has been blessed?
- Focusing on the future: Let everything you’ve spoke come to fruition, may it all come true!
- All that you Lord would be glorified!