

“The Kingdom of God!”



Part 8: “A ‘permanent’ dwelling-place for God among His people ...

I Chronicles 28:1-8, 29:10-25

Introduction: Once you confess Jesus Christ as Lord, your life is not all about YOU! It’s all about GOD!!!!

God has entrusted to Christ’s Body the task of building a dwelling-place for Him where HE is at the center!

Acts 17:24-25, 30-31: “The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything!” (vss. 24-25).

We who know God and who are part of His kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ and the work of His Spirit desire to worship Him and to give Him all we have!

David realized that it was a privilege to have God dwelling with THEM, out of all the nations on the earth. How much more should we!!!

I. We are called to “bless the Lord!”

I Chronicles 29:10-13: “David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly ...” (vs. 10).

David was doing here what every man who knows God is called to do: He was leading the people in worship!!

Verse 11: “YOURS, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory, and the victory and the majesty ... Yours is the kingdom, O LORD ...”

What has God done for YOU? Why are you here?? What did you come to DO?

Psalm 100:1-5: “Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; Bless His Name!” (vs. 4).

Psalm 34:1-3: “Oh magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His Name together!” (vs. 3).

Psalm 118:19-26: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the Lord!” (vs. 26).

John 4:21-24: “The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him!” (vs. 23).

The goal of preaching is in proclaiming the knowledge of God and the wisdom and power of God so those who are moved by His Spirit will worship Him and be drawn to His Word to learn His ways.

II. We are called to build a house for the Lord!

As we build it is not about a physical building, but what we can do to use a physical building to build a spiritual building for God!!!

I Chronicles 29:14-15 ...

David’s question expresses the humility needed to build a house for the LORD: “Who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly?” (vs. 14).

“We are strangers before You and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding” (vs. 15).

What are YOU part of that is making an eternal difference in the lives of others?

Galatians 6:10: “As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

John 13:35: “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another!”

III. We are called to GIVE to the Lord!

I Chronicles 29:16-18 ... The attitude of giving that David describes is produced by the Spirit of God in the hearts of His people.

The truth is: You can’t “give” anything to the Lord ... all you can do is return it to Him.

Verse 17: “... and now I have seen your people ... offering freely and joyously to You!”

Matthew 6:19-21,24; II Corinthians 9:6-10 ... It is not possible to bless the Lord without joyful worship; it is not possible to build a “house” for the Lord without joyful service; it is not possible to give to the Lord without joyful hearts!

Verse 18: “O LORD, ... direct their (our) hearts toward YOU!!”