

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 1 Chronicles Chapters 24-29 7/6-7/2026

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OPENING PRAYER

LAST WEEK: *1 Chronicles Chapter 20* – Rabbah is Conquered; Philistine Giants Destroyed. *Chapter 21* – The Census of Jerusalem and Judah. *Chapter 22* – David Prepares to Build the Temple. *Chapter 23* – The Division of the Levites. (*1Ch 23:1*) *So when David was old and full of days, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.*

THIS WEEK: 1 Chronicles Chapter 24 – The Division of the Priests – (vs. 1-19); Other Levites – (vs. 20-31).

Chapter 25 – The Musicians – (vs. 1-31). **Chapter 26** – The Gatekeepers – (vs. 1-19); The Treasuries and Other Duties – (vs. 20-32). **Chapter 27** – The Military Divisions – (vs. 1-15); Leaders of Tribes – (vs. 16-24); Other State Officials – (vs. 25-34). **Chapter 28** – Solomon Instructed to Build the Temple – (vs. 1-21). **Chapter 29** – Offerings (**willingly given**) for Building the Temple – (vs. 1-9); David's Praise to God – (vs. 10-20); Solomon Anointed King – (vs. 21-25); The Close of David's Reign – (vs. 26-30).

CHAPTER 24 - David Organizes the Priests

- In chapter twenty-four, we have the divisions of the sons of Aaron. *They were divided by lot.* They oversaw the sanctuary, the house of God. There were twenty-four courses. Each were to serve two weeks.

1Ch 24:1-10 Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. [2] And Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests. [3] Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to the schedule of their service. [4] There were more leaders found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar, and thus they were divided. Among the sons of Eleazar were sixteen heads of their fathers' houses, and eight heads of their fathers' houses among the sons of Ithamar. [5] Thus they were divided by lot, one group as another, for there were officials of the sanctuary and officials of the house of God, from the sons of Eleazar and from the sons of Ithamar. [6] And the scribe, Shemaiah the son of Nethanel, one of the Levites, wrote

them down before the king, the leaders, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites, one father's house taken for Eleazar and one for Ithamar. [7] Now the first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, [8] the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, [9] the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, [10] the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

- There is something interesting about the eighth course to Abijah. In (Luk 1:5) There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
- We see in the New Testament that this program that David inaugurated, was still being followed a thousand years later! Here is Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, his turn has come. He was of the family of Abijah, and thus it was his course, and he was of the eighth course of the priests. He was serving his two-week duty in Jerusalem. While Zacharias was there, his lot was to offer the incense to the LORD.
- This whole organizational chart of the order of priesthoods was set up by David. It was a very excellent program. David was amazing! He was a man of many talents, having tremendous organizational skills. David wrote many songs. He was an architect, a designer. David acknowledges it was all inspired by the LORD! (1Ch 28:19) "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."
- We are told in the New Testament that David was a prophet. Many of the Psalms are prophetic. David was also a king, a prophet, and a king. Being a prophet, God spoke to David, and God gave David understanding.

1Ch 24:11-19 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, [12] the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, [13] the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, [14] the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, [15] the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizziez, [16] the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkeel, [17] the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul, [18] the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. [19] This was the schedule of their service for coming into the house of the LORD according to their ordinance by the hand of Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

- Then, in verse twenty, a list of the remaining sons of Levi.

1Ch 24:20-25 [20] And the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. [21] Concerning Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah. [22] Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. [23] Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. [24] Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah; of the sons of Michah, Shamir. [25] The brother of Michah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

- Then the sons of Merari.

1Ch 24:26-31 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi; the son of Jaaziah, Beno. [27] The sons of Merari by Jaaziah were Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri. [28] Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. [29] Of Kish: the son of Kish, Jerahmeel. [30] Also the sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. [31] These also cast lots just as their brothers the sons of Aaron did, in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites. The chief fathers did just as their younger brethren.

David Organizes the Musicians - 1Ch 25:1 Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy (honoring, knowing it is from the LORD) with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was:

- Then he lists the families of the sons of Asaph, of Jeduthun, and of Heman.

1Ch 25:2-7 Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelai; the sons of Asaph were under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king. [3] Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise the LORD. [4] Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth. [5] All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to exalt (magnify) his horn. For God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. [6] All these were under the direction of their father for the music in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the authority of the king. [7] So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of the LORD, all who were skillful, was two hundred eighty-eight.

- Altogether, four thousand musicians were involved in the music. There was to be continual music, worship, and praise offered to God, by the singers and those that would play on the various instruments. Anytime you would come to the temple, day, or night, you would hear the music, the worship, the praises going up to God!
- **24 Divisions of twelve men each – 24/7 – day and night! What an emphasis on performing worship and praise! As I see the importance of worship before the LORD, how much do I appreciate worshipping during church? Do I primarily look at how much I can get out of it? Or realize the opportunity that it is to praise and thank my LORD?**

1Ch 25:8 And they cast lots for their duty, the small as well as the great, the teacher with the student.

- They divided them by the casting of lots, into twenty-four courses or shifts, which are given to us in the rest of the chapter.

1Ch 25:9-31 Now the first lot for Asaph came out for Joseph; the second for Gedaliah, him with his brethren and sons, twelve; [10] the third for Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [11] the fourth for Jizri, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [12] the fifth for Nethaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [13] the sixth for Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [14] the seventh for Jesharelah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [15] the eighth for Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [16] the ninth for Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [17] the tenth for Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [18] the eleventh for Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [19] the twelfth for Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [20] the thirteenth for Shubael, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [21] the fourteenth for Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [22] the fifteenth for Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [23] the sixteenth for Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [24] the seventeenth for Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [25] the eighteenth for Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [26] the nineteenth for Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [27] the twentieth for Eliathah, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [28] the twenty-first for Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [29] the twenty-second for Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [30] the twenty-third for Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve; [31] the twenty-fourth for Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

Divisions of the Gatekeepers (watchmen, security detail) from the Family of Kore - *1Ch 26:1-12 Concerning the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. [2] And the sons of Meshelemiah were Zechariah the firstborn, Jedaiel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, [3] Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. [4] Moreover the sons of Obed-Edom were Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth, [5] Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed him. [6] Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born who governed their fathers' houses, because they were men of great ability. [7] The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers Elihu and Semachiah were able men. [8] All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom, they and their sons and their brethren, able men with strength for the work: sixty-two of Obed-Edom. [9] And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, eighteen able men. [10] Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the first (for though he was not the firstborn, his father made him the first), [11] Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen. [12] Among these were the divisions of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, having duties just like their brethren, to serve in the house of the LORD.*

- They were there to minister in the house of the LORD in the maintenance aspects, superintending the watches, being heads of the twenty-four courses of the gatekeepers.

1Ch 26:13 And they cast lots for each gate, the small as well as the great, according to their father's house.

- Then, the guarding of the gates that led into the temple. The men that would stand, and guard the gates. They had the outer court, which was the court of the Gentiles, who could come in. There were signs warning Gentiles not to enter, with a threat of death. Then the inner court, and the gates that led into the temple, and the families that were assigned to guard the gates.

1Ch 26:14-19 The lot for the East Gate fell to Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and his lot came out for the North Gate; [15] to Obed-Edom the South Gate, and to his sons the storehouse. [16] To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came out for the West Gate, with the Shallecheth Gate on the ascending highway—watchman opposite watchman. [17] On the east were six Levites, on the north four each day, on the south four each day, and for the storehouse two by two. [18] As for the Parbar (possibly a courtyard, extending westward) on the west, there were four on the highway and two at the Parbar. [19] These were the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Korah and among the sons of Merari.

Treasurers and Other Officials - 1Ch 26:20-29 *Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasuries of the house of God and over the treasuries of the dedicated things. [21] The sons of Laadan, the descendants of the Gershonites of Laadan, heads of their fathers' houses, of Laadan the Gershonite: Jehieli. [22] The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, were over the treasuries of the house of the LORD. [23] Of the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: [24] Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was overseer of the treasuries. [25] And his brethren by Eliezer were Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. [26] This Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the dedicated things (spoils from battles) which King David and the heads of fathers' houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated. [27] Some of the spoils won in battles they dedicated to maintain the house of the LORD. [28] And all that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab (generals of the army) the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, every dedicated thing, was under the hand of Shelomith and his brethren. [29] Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons performed duties as officials and judges over Israel outside Jerusalem.*

- The next listing is for the officers, and the judges, for the judges also came from the tribe of Levi. They would judge in any manner that pertained to the law of God, and the affairs of the king.

1Ch 26:30-32 *Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, one thousand seven hundred able men, had the oversight of Israel on the west side of the Jordan for all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. [31] Among the Hebronites, Jerijah was head of the Hebronites according to his genealogy of the fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought, and there were found among them capable men at Jazer of Gilead. [32] And his brethren were two thousand seven hundred able men, heads of fathers' houses, whom King David made officials over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God and the affairs of the king.*

Military Divisions - 1Ch 27:1 *And the children of Israel, according to their number, the heads of fathers' houses, the captains of thousands and hundreds and their officers, served the king in every matter of the military divisions. These divisions came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division having twenty-four thousand.*

- They were sort of the personal army of the king that would come in each month. A new captain, with twenty-four thousand men. Those are listed here.

1Ch 27:2-15 *Over the first division for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel, and in his division were twenty-four thousand; [3] he was of the children of Perez, and the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month. [4] Over the division of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his division Mikloth also was the leader; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [5] The third captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, who was chief; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [6] This was the Benaiah who was mighty among the thirty, and was over the thirty; in his division was Ammizabad his son. [7] The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [8] The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [9] The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesheh the Tekoite; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [10] The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [11] The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbechai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [12] The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [13] The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [14] The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division were twenty-four thousand. [15] The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; in his division were twenty-four thousand.*

Leaders of Tribes - 1Ch 27:16-25 *Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel: the officer over the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri; over the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah; [17] over the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; over the Aaronites, Zadok; [18] over Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; over Issachar, Omri the son of Michael; [19] over Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; over Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel; [20] over the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; over the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiiah; [21] over the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; over Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner; [22] over*

Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel. [23] But David did not take the number of those twenty years old and under, because the LORD had said He would multiply Israel like the stars of the heavens. [24] Joab (the general) the son of Zeruiah began a census, but he did not finish, for wrath came upon Israel because of this census; nor was the number recorded in the account of the chronicles of King David. [25] And Azmaveth the son of Adiel was over the king's treasures (finances); and Jehonathan the son of Uzziah was over the storehouses (where the grains were brought in) in the field, in the cities, in the villages, and in the fortresses.

- David was tremendously organized! Of course, with all of this activity, you have got to have organization. *1Ch 27:26-34 Ezri the son of Chelub was over those who did the work of the field for tilling the ground. [27] And Shimei the Ramathite was over the vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the produce of the vineyards for the supply of wine. [28] Baal-Hanan the Gederite was over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands, and Joash was over the store of oil. [29] And Shitrai the Sharonite was over the herds that fed in Sharon, camels, Jehdeiah the Meronothite was over the donkeys, [31] and Jaziz the Hagrite was over the flocks. All these were the officials over King David's property. [32] Also Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons. [33] Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion. [34] After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, then Abiathar (also became a counselor). And the general of the king's army was Joab.*
- We remember how Ahithophel had gone over to Absalom, when he rebelled against David, and was upset, and went out and committed suicide.

David's Charge to Israel - 1Ch 28:1 Now David assembled (David's last public assembly) at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all the mighty men of valor.

- *David assembled all of the princes of Israel;* David is now getting ready to pass on. He realizes that he has done just about all he can do, as far as the house of the LORD is concerned. A big conclave of the chief people of the nation. *1Ch 28:2-4 Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it. [3] But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.' [4] However the LORD God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler. And of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel.*
- *The LORD God of Israel chose me above all!* David recognized that God had chosen him. He had chosen the tribe of Judah in Genesis when Jacob prophesied, (*Gen 49:10*) *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.* The scepter, the reigning power came to the tribe of Judah. David said, "The LORD was pleased with me, He liked me over my brothers." Now, that's just God's sovereign choice.
- **God had announced that there would be one from David's seed who would sit upon the throne forever.** The promise was of the Messiah, that would come. We still wait for the fulfillment of that promise. The coming of Jesus Christ, to reign forever. "And of the increase of His government, and peace there shall be no end."
- **The wonderful thing is that God has chosen each of you!** Often we hear the evangelist say, "Now choose to serve the Lord! Make your choice to follow Jesus!" But, in reality, the Lord has chosen you. Jesus said to His twelve disciples, (*Joh 15:16*) *You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. (Psa 33:12) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.*
- **From a technical sense, no one can blame God** and say, "Well God didn't choose me, that's not fair." Because God gave you the same opportunity as everybody else. He said, "Look, if you'll come, I'll not cast you out." The moment you come, and receive Jesus Christ, you discover the glorious thing, that God, from the beginning, had chosen you to be the heir of this glorious grace in Jesus Christ! You say, "I don't understand it!" That is all right, join the crowd. I do not either, but I do not argue with it. I just enjoy it; that He chose me!
- **Wow, God chose me! As David said earlier five times, "Who am I?" Oh, how spectacularly vivid and special this is, to humbly recognize that God chose me! And that He chose you! Am I praising Him? Thanking Him? Worshipping Him? Telling everyone about Him?**

1Ch 28:5 And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

- David recognizes now that this truth of God, as the one who made the choices. We are here because of God's divine choice. He recognizes that behind the scenes, I may act, but God is the one who is directing. God is the one who chose me. **He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne:** This was a significant event because there had never been a hereditary monarchy in Israel before. Saul, the previous King of Israel, was not succeeded by any of his sons.

1Ch 28:6 Now He said to me, 'It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father.

- David was chosen, Solomon was chosen.

1Ch 28:7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.'

- The LORD said, **"I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day."** It was a conditional promise. "If he'll just continue in My path," Solomon can reign in his kingdom. He can be a part of the whole thing. Unfortunately, Solomon did not continue in the ways of the LORD. **Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever:** God promised that if the royal descendants of David remained obedient, the LORD would protect their throne and the kingdom of Israel, and there would always be a descendent of David reigning over Israel.

1Ch 28:8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever.

- We **should be concerned about leaving an inheritance** for our children. The land as an inheritance. Leaving it intact, and we would do so if we would keep the commandments of God, and walk after the LORD. I often wonder just what are we leaving for our children and for our grandchildren?

David's Charge to Solomon - 1Ch 28:9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal (perfect, complete) heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts! If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever!

- **Know God! Serve God with a complete heart, and a willing mind!** What good advice! Let your service to God be a total commitment, a complete commitment to God. A willing mind, serving the LORD. Great advice for any son!
- **For the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts!** The bible says, "Everything is naked and revealed before Him, with whom we have to do." You do not hide anything from God. He knows what is in your imagination. He knows what is in your heart. David said, "God knows my thoughts before I think them. He knows them in their origins."
- **God knows what is in your mind, in your heart, in your imagination.** That is why David said, (*Psa 139:23-34*) Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; [24] And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. God knows my imaginations. God knows my thoughts. God knows my heart, that is why I need the grace of God. That is why I am so thankful that God chose me. Serve the LORD. And, He said:
- **If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.** If you seek the LORD, you will find Him. No one has ever sought for the LORD, and not found Him. Jesus said, "Ask, and you shall receive. Seek, and you shall find." David is saying that to Solomon. "Seek the LORD! You will find Him. But if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever."
- **What a powerful verse for us! Know God! Serve Him with a loyal heart! With a willing mind! Seek Him for He will be found! If you forsake Him, He will forsake you! LORD, help me to really understand and do this!**

1Ch 28:10-11 Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it." [11] Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat;

- David had drawn it all out. The specs, the design, the engineering.

1Ch 28:12 and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things;

- The LORD, by the Spirit, gave this all to David. Even as the LORD directed Moses in the building of the tabernacle, so the LORD directed David, by His Spirit, in the design of the temple. All of this organization and planning, God gave it all to David!

1Ch 28:13-15 also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the articles of service in the house of the LORD. [14] He gave gold by weight for things of gold, for all articles used in every kind of service; also silver for all articles of silver by weight, for all articles used in every kind of service; [15] the weight for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, by weight for each lampstand and its lamps; for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand.

- David had all of the gold weighed. “This gold for the basins. This gold is for the candlesticks,” and all. That is amazing, considering that no candlesticks had ever been made before; to know just how much gold it would take.

1Ch 28:16-19 And by weight he gave gold for the tables of the showbread, for each table, and silver for the tables of silver; [17] also pure gold for the forks, the basins, the pitchers of pure gold, and the golden bowls—he gave gold by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls, silver by weight for every bowl; [18] and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense, and for the construction of the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim that spread their wings and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of the LORD. [19] “All this,” said David, “the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans.”

- This has all come to me from God, the work of God’s Spirit.

1Ch 28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, “Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you! He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD!”

- *Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, do not be dismayed.* Why? Because the LORD is with us. That is always the key of strength and help, and courage, “God is with me.” That always dispels the fear, “God is with me. The LORD is with me; I will not fear what my enemies might do.
- ***May that be indelibly stamped on my heart! Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work!***

1Ch 28:21 Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and every willing craftsman will be with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service; also the leaders and all the people will be completely at your command.”

- “You are in charge son. Take over, and all of these people will be there.”

Offerings for the Temple - *1Ch 29:1 Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: “My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for the LORD God.”*

- This was the personal charge to Solomon, now he turns to all these people saying, *whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great.*
- This temple is going to be awesome! *It is not for man but for the LORD God.* Solomon is young. He is tender. He is inexperienced, so, I want you to stand behind him. I want you to work with him.

1Ch 29:2 Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance.

- My! It must have been something magnificent to see, with all of these sparkling gemstones! Everything was covered with gold and silver! When the Queen of Sheba came, and when she saw it, she was just totally wiped out. She said, “I heard of the glory and the fame, but they did not tell me the half of it!” She almost passed out at the glory and the magnificence of the whole thing.

1Ch 29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver:

- David called for consecrated giving to the project, based on the example of his generosity. David gave his personal fortune to the temple building, almost an immeasurable fortune!

1Ch 29:4 three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses;

- *Three thousand talents.* Assuming a talent weighed about 75 pounds, this amounts to almost 112 tons of gold, plus the 7,000 talents of silver which would be 260 tons. The total worth of such precious metals has been estimated in the billions of dollars. *Gold of Ophir.* This was held to be the purest and finest gold in the world.

1Ch 29:5 the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?"

- Giving the LORD your life, your service, your willingness to serve the LORD! David is calling for that commitment to serve God. A call that has gone out again and again. What a glorious life it is to serve the LORD! What tremendous rewards there are in serving the LORD, a deep satisfaction, in that commitment to Him. David is calling for this consecration of service.

- ***Am I willing to live the rest of my life fully consecrated to Him?***

1Ch 29:6 Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly.

- David said, "Who is willing?" They offered willingly! Anything that I give to God must come from a willing heart, if it is to be a valid, acceptable gift. God will not accept some gift from you if you feel pressured, or if you feel sort of obligated, or resentful, towards what you are giving.
- It is a crime that many times in the raising of funds that we get involved in pressuring people for money. Giving should never be done under pressure, but only with a willing heart!
- ***Is there total willingness in my heart to give and to serve the LORD? Are there any traces of doing it out of pride or out of duty?***

1Ch 29:7 They gave for the work of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

- Wow! Their giving was that of doubling David's silver, and almost doubled the gold that David gave. Imagine now, there was enough money to do a wonderful job here. We are exceeding the four-billion-dollar mark. What an offering!

1Ch 29:8-9 And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. [9] Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.

- That is the way to give! With rejoicing, a willing heart, a heart completely towards God! It is glorious. It is joyful! That is the kind of giving God wants.
- ***King David also rejoiced greatly!*** A time of giving should always be a time of great joy. Because, in reality, what can I give to God? Anything I have, God gave to me. David recognizes that!

David Prays in the Assembly - 1Ch 29:10-11 *Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. [11] Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all.*

- David goes on to say. LORD, You know, You really do not need a thing from us. LORD this is marvelous!
- The Lord's prayer, Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory, forever. "Yours O LORD," the greatness, the power, the glory. LORD, this all belongs to You! *Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all.* Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the honor, Yours is everything and anything, LORD! It is all Yours!"

1Ch 29:12-13 Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. [13] "Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name!

- Acknowledging the greatness of God, the glory of God, the magnificence of God, the goodness of God! "LORD, we just praise and glorify Your name!"

1Ch 29:14 But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.

- LORD, it is all Yours, and we just gave back to You which was Yours anyhow. It all belonged to You, and we have only given back what is Yours! We need to recognize that. I cannot really give anything to God, but what it is not His anyhow. God gave it to me, if I have it, and He has really entrusted me with it. It belongs to Him. I need to look at life, and possessions as God's entrusting unto me, these things as a steward to use them for His glory.

1Ch 29:15 For we are aliens and pilgrims before You, As were all our fathers; Our days on earth are as a shadow, And without hope.

- LORD, we are just passing through this earth." Only one life that will soon be passed. Only what we do for Christ will last! None of us are abiding. We are, all of us, just passing through. But as we are passing through, we are laying up treasures in heaven, if we are wise. Jesus said, "Don't lay-up treasures on earth, where moth and rust can corrupt, and decay, and thieves can break through and steal, but lay-up rather, treasures in heaven."

1Ch 29:16-17 "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own. [17] I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

- LORD, we have just given to You, what is Yours. LORD, You know my heart, and You like uprightness in heart, and as You know, and see my heart, I did this willingly with joy. And these people, they have done it with a willing heart."

1Ch 29:18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

- Do not let them ever forget this day! This day of blessing, this day of joy, this day of gladness, when they have discovered the joy of giving to God. Giving God some of your talent, using it for the LORD. What joy there is! What fulfillment, what satisfaction! It is glorious!

1Ch 29:19 And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision."

- God, bless my son. Give him what he needs, the wisdom to keep Your commandments, testimonies, and statutes!

1Ch 29:20-21 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." So all the assembly blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king. [21] And they made sacrifices to the LORD and offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the next day: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

Solomon Anointed King - 1Ch 29:22 So they ate and drank before the LORD with great gladness on that day. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him before the LORD to be the leader, and Zadok to be priest.

- It was a great celebration, a great feast! All of these sacrifices, of which they ate. They barbecued the meat, ate it, and just had a great time!

1Ch 29:23-24 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. [24] All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, submitted themselves to King Solomon.

- For a little while there was trouble with David's other sons, but they all came to surrender and submit to Solomon.

1Ch 29:25 So the LORD exalted Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

The Death of David - 1Ch 29:26-28 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. [27] And the period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem. [28] So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

- The end of the era! David, the beautiful Psalmist of Israel. A man with a lot of imperfections, but a man chosen by God, and a man that God acknowledged, "Was a man after My own heart!" In spite of his failures, and imperfections in many areas, God said, (Act 13:22b) 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID THE SON OF JESSE, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL.' He is a man after My own heart." Why? Because he was a man who was after the heart of God.

1Ch 29:29-30 Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, [30] with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

- We have the book of Samuel, but not the books of Nathan and Gad. It would be interesting to get a little further insight on David. However these books are not available. These are the two prophets, they knew David better than anybody else. But God loved him, and that is what counts.
- God loves me, that is what counts! God chose me, that is what counts!

SUMMARY:

- **1Ch 25:7 - 24 Divisions of 12 men each – 24/7 – day and night! What an emphasis on performing worship and praise!** As I see the importance of worship before the LORD, how much do I appreciate worshipping during church? Do I primarily look at how much I can get out of it? Or realize the opportunity that it is to praise and thank my LORD?

- **1Ch 28:4 – Wow! God chose me! As David said earlier five times, “Who am I?”** Oh, how spectacularly vivid and special this is, to humbly recognize that God chose me! And that He chose you! Am I praising Him? Thanking Him? Worshipping Him? Telling everyone about Him?
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MAJESTY, WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY Jack Hayford; Gaither (3:12/3:16)

Majesty, Worship His Majesty Unto Jesus Be Glory Honour And Praise Majesty, Kingdom, Authority Flows From His Throne Unto His Own His Anthem Raise So Exalt, Lift Upon High The Name Of Jesus Magnify Come Glorify Christ, Jesus The King Majesty, Worship His Majesty Jesus Who Died, Now Glorified King Of All Kings. Jesus Who Died Now Glorified King Of All Kings.

CLOSING PRAYER

- ***(1Ch 28:9) "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal (perfect, complete) heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts! If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever!***
- ***(Psa 33:12) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.***
- ***(Mat 18:6; Mrk 9:42; Luk 17:2) It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.***

NEXT WEEK: Study 2 Chronicles, Chapters 4-6