

II Chronicles 8-9 – 6 November 2025

“A Chance To Magnify God”

Introduction

*In II Chr 1-4, we began with Solomon’s reign & his desire “To Work God’s Will” in building the Temple

*In II Chr 5-7, we saw the dedication of the Temple & the need to make Christ the centerpiece in all ways

*Today we’re given the final accounts of Solomon’s life, with much expansion & opportunities to witness of God’s greatness to others

*How do we grow into making God known clearly, powerfully, effectively?

Today, we look at 3 methods for expanding the glory of God

#1 Method– Purity Powers Progress (Chap 8:1)

Read Vs 8:1-4

1. I Kings 9 says Solomon gave cities in Galilee to Hiram, but he didn't like them & gave back
2. Don't give away God's Promised Land
 - a. It's against Him Word & His plan
 - b. Impurity causes more work later
 - c. Solomon had to spend money to fix these camps once they were returned
 - d. Modern Israel is paying the price for giving the Gaza Strip to others in 2005

Read Vs 5-6

1. I Kings 9 also say that some of this building was fueled by contention with the Egyptian Pharaoh b/c of Solomon's marriage to his daughter
2. Impurity of his marriage delays God's work

Read Vs 7-10

1. Israelites were paid for their hard service to the central government

2. Canaanites put under tribute to pay & serve
 - a. More compromise – Israel was told to wipe out these sinful Canaanites
 - b. This impurity causes trouble for many years

Read Vs 11

1. He recognized her as unclean related to God's holy things, but what about unclean to his own life

Read Vs 12-16

1. All things of the Mosaic Law surrounding the yearly schedule of worship was implemented
2. Solomon's mind was to honor God, but his flesh often fell into impurities

Read Vs 17-18

1. He had a great Red Sea navy obtaining gold
2. What would we use God's riches for?
 - a. Achan & Gehazi always lusted for more
 - b. Apostle Paul & Zacchaeus were willing to give it all away for service to God

#2 Method – Questioning Quells Quarrels (Chap 9:1-12)

Read Vs 9:1-4

1. I Kings' account says she came b/c she heard of Solomon regarding the name of the Lord
 - a. Solomon was known to give credit & promote the Lord
 - b. Very different account later with Hezekiah who brought the Babylonian to Jerusalem to brag of his own greatness (II Kings 20)
2. Solomon didn't brag of his possessions
 - a. He answered her questions & THEN she was impressed by seeing his possessions

Read Vs 5-8

1. Wisdom shouldn't lead to strife and envy, but to peace and joy
2. God's blessing led him into honor & respect by others

Read Vs 9-12

1. They mutually blessed each other & she left
2. What if we had a chance to learn from Solomon's wisdom and be blessed? Would we?
 - a. Read Matt 12:42
 - b. We can & should be asking Jesus questions
 - i. Not to challenge Him, but to gain wisdom

#3 Method – Prominence Provides Possibilities (Chap 9:13-31)

Read Vs 8:13-16

1. 25 tons of gold comes in every year
2. Many shields were made of the gold
3. We'll read later of Shishak, King of Egypt taking away the gold of Israel
 - a. In 1939 Shishak's mummy was found in Tanis, Egypt in an amazing gold-covered sarcophagus

Read Vs 17-19

1. Throne of ivory covered in gold decorated with lions

Read Vs 20-22

1. Egypt, Babylon & Assyria are all weak at this time, Greece is just beginning to rise
2. Israel is the jewel of the world

Read Vs 23-28

1. Solomon made Israel the center of the world's economic system
2. All b/c he asked for wisdom & God gave him wisdom, honor AND riches
3. God's path will always yield good results & vis versa

Now, it's at this point, the Chronicler skips the entire chapter of I Kings 11

1. Indicates all that Solomon did in turning his heart away from God
2. Our closest relationships, like Solomon, will steer our hearts toward or away from God
3. Don't allow our heart to make a convert of the mind
4. Smartest person in the world still has to crucify the flesh and be born again

Read Vs 29-31

1. This is typical conclusion to a king of Israel
2. Notice that there are other books written about 'Bible people', but that doesn't make those books 'Bible'
 - a. We have all that we need for life & godliness (II Pet 1:3)

Conclusion

So do we recognize these chances when we get them?

1. **Purity Powers Progress**

- a. Read Psm 24:3-5
- b. Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” (Matt 5:8)

2. **Questioning Quells Quarrels**

- a. If anyone lacks wisdom let him ask of God who will give to all
- b. Questioning draws us all closer together

3. **Prominence Provides Possibilities**

- a. God has given us all some resource or ability or influence
- b. Use it for the glory of God to make Him known and loved