

I Chronicles 23-29 –16 October 2025

“You Can Lead A Horse To Water...”

Introduction

*I Chr is the reign of King David

*In Chap 21-22, David began to provide for the future of Israel so that they may continue to glorify God

*David role-modeled & taught dependance of God

*How we live determines the fruit of tomorrow

*How we live adds or subtracts from other's success

*The book finishes today with the changeover of the Kingdom from David to Solomon

These chapters are that age old question, “You can lead a horse to water...”

***How will David set up the kingdom and his son for a Godly new era that's above to begin?**

***Today, we'll see 3 ways that David will do just that**

1st Way – He reorganizes the existing structure (Chap 23-27)

Chap 23:1-23 – The Men of the Levites

1. Read Vs 1-2 – Of his sons, David choose Solomon
 - a. Solomon became Crown Prince this day
 - b. I Kin 1 details Solomon's ride thru the city on the donkey proclaiming David's choice
2. Big gathering to prepare for the future of serving God
3. Read Vs 3-6 – These 4 make our outline for chap 23-26
4. Vs 7-11 – 1st of 3 sons of Levi – Gershon
5. Vs 12-20 – 2nd of 3 sons of Levi – Kohath by which came also the priests
6. Vs 21-23 – 3rd of 3 sons of Levi - Merari

Chap 23:24-24:31 - Levities Doing The House's Work

1. Read Vs 24-26 – Division for the tabernacle had been that Gershon did tent care, Merari did structure care & Kohath did furniture care

2. Vs 27-32 (Read vs 27)
 - a. Num 4 instructed 30 years & older for tabernacle
 - b. Here David sets it at 20 years & older anticipating much work for the new Temple
3. Vs 1-19 – Priests divided into 24 divisions to work twice a year for a week each around the calendar
4. Vs 20-31 – Makes it clear that the rest of the Kohathites that weren't priests were also divided up to do the work of the House with many other Levites

Chap 25 - Levities That Were Musicians

1. Vs 1-7 (Read vs 1) – Those assigned to instruments & vocals
2. Vs 8-31 (Read vs 8) – 24 divisions by name

Chap 26:1-19 - The Levities That Were Gatekeepers

1. Those responsible for the spiritual & physical security of the House

Chap 26:20-28 - Treasurers

1. Those responsible for storing & administering the money that came in

Chap 26:29-32 - The Levities That Were Officers & Judges

1. Governmental records, decisions and administrative actions

Chap 27:1-15 – Military Commanders divided into 12 months

Chap 27:16-24 – Governors for the tribal territories named

Chap 27:25-31 – Leaders of the national resources & economy

Chap 27:32-34 – David's most trusted cabinet members

2nd Way – He challenges them to a public verbal commitment to use their resources on godliness (Chap 28)

Read Chap 28:1

1. Now we read of this assembly that chap 23 began to tell us about
2. This is a public declaration of David's will for Solomon to reign & build the Temple
 - a. Regardless, David's son Adonijah attempts to take the throne when David dies (I Kin 1-2)

Read Vs 2-8

1. David is using his own experience of walking with the Lord, to help guide the nation
 - a. Use our faith walk as an example to others
 - b. He uses his walk to challenge them in vs 8
2. David basically said, I committed to God & He blessed me – now you do the same

Read Vs 9-10

1. What are we asking of others?
 - a. Simply to come to know of God
 - b. Or to serve Jesus w/ our whole heart

2. And are we giving them assurance that there is a blessing for doing it – We WILL find Him

Read Vs 11-13

1. In front of everyone, David literally handed Solomon a detailed plan for the Temple
2. David did 100% of all he was allowed to do

Read Vs 14-19

1. Notice these details were all given by God
 - a. Vs 12 – ‘All David had in mind & spirit’ from God
 - b. Vs 19 – Insight was given to him by God

Read Vs 20-21

1. Just as David rehearsed of his own life in vss 2-8 (I acted & God blessed), now he charges his son to do the same
2. What a promise that as we seek God’s will, God cannot, God will not, abandon us or fail at all
 - a. Seek His will & go for it!

3rd Way – He challenges them to public tangible commitment to serve & worship God (Chap 29)

Read Chap 29:1-5

1. David pledges before all that his inheritance should further go to the building of the temple
 - a. He's publicly deeding his own to the temple
2. He makes it clear that this temple is to be dedicated to God and it's not for man
 - a. Be careful not to take something back that we dedicate to God – it's now His

Read Vs 6-9

1. David's commitment stirred the leaders to support the mission as well
 - a. This is leading by example
2. David didn't publicly give to gain reputation, he's going to die soon
 - a. This wasn't manipulation but appreciation

Read Vs 10-12

1. David praises God's eternal power

2. In vs 10 'God is forever & ever' isn't repeating
 - a. It's from eternity past to eternity future
3. Can we say w/ David, all of this belongs to You

Read Vs 13-15

1. David praises God the source of all things
2. It's fitting to give God our whole life, since it all came from Him
 - a. We're simply stewards of what He gave

Read Vs 16-19

1. David now entrusts the supplies & his very son to God
2. What better prayer than to ask God to work FULLY in your family's heart and life

Read Vs 20

1. David calls for a response & the people do
2. It's not enough to listen to another worshipper (David), we must be worshippers ourselves

Read Vs 21-25

1. 1st time he's anointed as king is recorded in I Kin 1:38-39 in haste as his half-brother Adonijah's rebellion is afoot
2. Vs 21-22 is connected to Solomon's 2nd coronation after the events of Adonijah in I Kin 1-2
3. "Solomon sat on Yahweh's throne"
 - a. Doesn't mean Solomon took God's place
 - b. It means that it's the throne that God established and gave to a man to lead Israel
4. There are positions of power that were established & given of God for a person to take
 - a. Positions of husband & wife are established & given to people to function on God's behalf
 - b. Position of leading govt is established & given to people to function on God's behalf
 - c. Position of pastor is established & given to people to function on God's behalf
 - d. It's our responsibility to use these positions properly

Read Vs 26-30

1. The greatness of David is summed up in that he was always a confessor and repentor constantly returning to the Lord
 - a. After personal sin (Bathsheba & Uriah)
 - b. After worldly problems (Philistines)
 - c. After spiritual warfare (Saul's attempts to kill him)
2. He is a great model for us of constantly confessing and repenting of sin
 - a. And coming back to active service

Conclusion

So, you can lead a horse to water, and then the results are up to them

1. **Is there some structure we're being called to reorganize to enable others to succeed?**
2. **Is there someone we're being called to verbally call to commit to Christ?**
3. **Is there someone we're being called to commit tangibly to Christ?**