

I Chronicles 16-17 –25 September 2025

“The Verification Of Dedication”

Introduction

*I Chr 10-12 began this historical account w/ King Saul's death & the start of King David's reign

*In Chap 13-15 David learned to refine his faith in God thru the events of moving the ark to Jerusalem

*Now in Chap 16-17, we see David's heart for God

*He was chosen as king b/c he has a heart dedicated to loving and serving the Lord

*So what does it look like when you commit your life to Yahweh's lordship?

Today, we'll see 4 characteristics of true dedication to a spiritual life

#1 – It should be eventful: Hold special events (Chap 16:1-6)

Read Vs 1-3

1. See the 2 of 5 potential offerings to celebrate
 - a. Burnt Offering: Offering fully consumed for God, representing whole dedication to God
 - b. Peace Offering: Part is burnt (for God) & part is eaten representing fellowship with God
2. This *portion of meat* is from the Peace Offering
3. Word for ‘raisin cake’ means *pressed down*
 - a. Usually when the Bible refers to wine it’s a certain portion of ‘a hin of wine’
 - b. Probably best translated as ‘raisin cake’

Read Vs 4-6

1. At least 10 men & 4 types of instruments
2. A mission so important, to thank & praise God, that there are people dedicated to just that
 - a. This’s the same in heaven around the throne
 - b. Isa 6:1-3 & Read Rev 4:8 angels never cease

#2 – It should be worshipful: A heart connected to the actions (Chap 16:7-36)

Read Vs 7

1. This psalm is found in the Book of Psalms
 - a. 1st movement (8-22) in Psa 105:1-15
 - b. 2nd movement (23-33) in Psa 96:1b-13a
 - c. 3rd movement (34-36) consists of quoting opening & closing sentences of Psa 106:1-48

Read Vs 8-10

1. This is impossible unless we're proud of Him
 - a. Do we hide the things we're proud of?
2. Are we a part of the activities listed here or do we think of our faith as just one-directional intake?

Read Vs 11-14

1. Verses 8-14 are as the sound of a herald proclaiming to others the goodness of God
 - a. Are we His heralds today?
 - b. Are we telling people that they can call upon the Lord and be saved? (ie Psm 18:3)

Read Vs 15-19

1. Our God is committed to us
 - a. It's based in His infinite foreknowledge
 - b. It stays as a commitment forever
2. We serve a God that calls things that are not, as if there were (b/c they will be)
 - a. Even when Israel was no nation, He agreed to give them the land that they're in
 - b. Other than times of specific judgement or purpose, they've always possessed their land

Read Vs 20-22

1. *While waiting for the promise of receiving their own land, God protected them*
 - a. He would not destroy their lineage
 - i. Abe & Sarah w/ Pharoah (Gen 12)
 - b. He would not allow their number to be wiped out in the time of Jacob (Read Gen 35:5)
2. Now this phrase *touch not my anointed ones*
 - a. Modern false teachers would say, 'every believer should walk in divine protection' (Samuel Arimoro 'Touch Not My Anointed!' – Feb 20, 2025)

- b. Yet this is specifically about someone God gave a specific promise to that would be protected until fulfillment
- c. Read Gen 20:1-6 – God told Abimelech to *touch not my anointed*
- d. Bottom line: It's not a mandate for us to do whatever we want & walk in divine protection
- e. It's a mandate God placed on Himself to keep His promises & protections toward us

Read Vs 23-27

- 1. This is a call for the people to glorify God
- 2. We are to rejoice in His salvation

Read Vs 28-30

- 1. Now this is a call for the glory of God to fill the whole world
- 2. All nations are to reverence His glory

Read Vs 31-33

- 1. Finally the heavens & earth itself rejoices in God's coming judgement

2. For His judgement is righteous & true
3. Creation itself would evangelize if we didn't

Read Vs 34-36

1. Without God caring enough to take the initiative to save us, we would be lost forever

#3 – It should be continuous: Stays w/ you daily (Chap 16:37-43)

Read Vs 37-43

1. So all the singers, musicians, gatekeepers & priests are employed continually
2. Key word here is continually
 - a. This one-time celebration was used as the catalyst to begin a new habit and pattern
 - b. Daily worship of Yahweh hasn't been instituted for 100s of years at this point

#4 – It should be God-focused: Serving Him & not self (Chap 17)

Read Vs 1-2

1. David didn't desire God to have a house
2. David desired God to have better things than he

Read Vs 3-6

1. God set the Judges to feed the people
2. God says, "I never asked for house", or anything

Read Vs 7-10

1. David wouldn't build God (physical) house, but God's promised He would build David (spiritual) house
2. Principle: As you focus on God's glory, He focuses on your benefit (Read Hag 1:2-6)
 - a. Humble yourself & He'll exalt you in time

Read Vs 11-13

1. The blessing of David will extend to Solomon
2. Solomon would build the Temple that David desired for God to have

Read Vs 14-15

1. The blessing of David will extend forever!
2. A forever throne has to be more than physical
 - a. This has to be that Messiah will be a man born unto David's family
 - b. The physical kingdom of David on earth will be interrupted by Babylon & others, but the spiritual kingdom never will be

Read Vs 16-20

1. David expresses the greatness of God to give a small man such an honor

Read Vs 21-22

1. David expresses what a great position God has placed the nation in

Read Vs 23-27

1. So be it, let all your words be true O Lord!
2. Remember, David could have been mourning loss of what HE wanted, (building God a house), but he recognized that NOT getting his will was ever better!!

Conclusion

So commitment and dedication should be great, in quantity, but it should also have a great quality

1. **It's good to hold special events that show our dedication**
2. **Our spiritual activities should be connected to our heart in worship to God**
3. **Our dedication isn't just an event, but it's continuous daily activity**
4. **Finally, the substance of our dedication matters; we should be focused in serving God's will and not our own**