

# ***“Lessons from the Life of David” – Pastor Jim Ruddy***

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## **Study # 27 – 1 Chronicles 16 – Ministering Before The Ark**

### **I. THE MOVING OF THE ARK 1 Chr. 16:1-3**

- After various adventures and misadventures, David successfully brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.
  - cf. 1 Chr. 13:1-14; 15:1-29; 16:1-3; 2 Sam. 6:1-23

### **II. THE REJOICING OF THE KING 1 Chr. 16:4-6**

- David’s pattern of abandoned praise and worship is now imparted to a host of singers and musicians who minister before the Ark continually.
  - cf. 1 Chr. 15:16, 28; 16:4, 37; 25:1-7
- What was once found only in the fire of sacrifice is also now found in the song of worship. cf. Heb 13:15
- This event, which was done at the commandment of the LORD through His prophets (cf. 2 Chr. 29:25), marks the historical beginning of the ministry of the Levitical singers and musicians, and is a significant advancement in the history of Israel’s worship. cf. 2 Sam. 23:1

### **III. THE WRITING OF THE PSALM 1 Chr. 16:7-36**

- David sets his theology to music, knowing that praise and worship help to set divine truths within our hearts. cf. Col. 3:16
- The poem penned by David, which he commits “*to the Chief Musician,*” becomes the model psalm of thanksgiving, and is followed and republished throughout the greater history of Israel!
  - cf. Ps. 4:1; 5:1; 6:1, etc: “*To the Chief Musician*” = 55 x’s

	<u>1 Chron.</u>		<u>Psalm</u>
Introduction	16:8-22	–	105:1-15
Main Body	16:23-33	–	96:1-13
Conclusion	16:34-36	–	106:1, 47-48

### **A. THE ACTIVITY OF THE PSALM 1 Chr. 16:22-33**

- David saw worship as the alive and active response to God and not the cold, dead ritual of man. Worship is a verb!
  - Sing** (v23) – There are over 450 Bible references to singing and 50 direct commands to sing. cf. 1 Chr. 16:9
    - “*New Song*” - cf. Ps. 33:3, 96:1, 98:1, 144:9; 149:1, Is. 42:10
  - Proclaim** (v23) – to publish or show; to preach & tell openly
  - Declare** (v24) – to count, recount or number
  - Give** (v28, 29) – ascribe / present cf. 1 Chr. 16:8, 18, 29, 34, 35, 41
  - Bring** (v29) – Heb. = *nasa* - to lift up
  - Come** (v29) – to go or enter in
  - Worship** (v29) – to bow down; to prostrate oneself
  - Tremble** (v30) – to be pained; awe inspired, to fear

## **B. THE SYMMETRY OF THE PSALM**

### **1) The Person of God**

- a) **The LORD** (v23, 25, 26) Heb. = YHWH
  - God's covenantal name. cf. Ex. 6:3; Ps. 83:18
  - Note: not "Lord" - Heb. = *adoni* cf. Ps. 86:15; Ps. 97:5
  - He is the true and living God; all others are "non-gods!"
  - His greatness is seen in David's victory over his enemies.
    - If the battle is the LORD'S, then the victory is the LORD'S.
    - If the victory is the LORD'S, then the glory is the LORD'S
- b) **Honor** (v27) – splendor and brilliancy
- c) **Majesty** (v27) – pride and reputation, exalted status
- d) **Strength** (v27) – might and power
- e) **Gladness** (v27) – joy and satisfaction
- f) **Beauty** (v29) – holy appearance or adornment
- g) **Holiness** (v29) – separate or set apart
- h) **Glory** (v28, 29) – Heb. = *kabod* – heavy in weight; cf. 1 Sam. 4:18
  - Glory is not a static or passive quality, but rather it is the summation / composite of God's nature, character and attributes; His presence, power and action in the world.

### **2) The Power of God**

- a) **Salvation** (v23, 35) – to make wide; i.e. deliverance, safety
- b) **Wonders** (v24) – marvelous works and incomprehensible acts

## **C. THE PROPHECY OF THE PSALM**

- David's writings pointed to the fullness of God's future kingdom and called for the universal praise of Yahweh who is the supreme ruler over all. cf. Psa. 103:19

### **1. The Inclusion of All Nations**

- "all the earth" v30; "the nations" v31
- Yahweh is King (v31; cf. Rev. 1:5) and Judge (v33; cf. Acts 17:31).
- Note how James applies Amos 9:11-12 to include the addition of the Gentiles with Israel as the people of God. cf. Acts 15:15-17
  - The house of David is rebuilt in the Messiah, Jesus Christ, through whom the promises to David will be ultimately fulfilled and the eternal kingdom will be established. cf. Acts 13:32-34

### **2. The Redemption of All Creation**

- "for He is coming!" (v33); *Even so, come, Lord Jesus!* Rev. 22:20
- The groan of a frustrated creation will finally be stilled.
  - cf. Acts 3:21; Rom. 8:20,21; 2 Pet. 3:13
- The judgments of God will set things right! cf. Ps. 96:13
  - cf. Deut. 32:36; Dan. 7:22