

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

Study # 52 – “The House to be Built for the LORD” – 1 Chr. 22:1-19

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF FOUNDATION 1 Chr. 21 Review

- It was David's missteps and guilt that led him to the place that God had chosen for the building of His Temple. v8, 18
- God is not a reluctant forgiver, but rather, it is He who devised and initiated David's path toward reconciliation. Hence, it was the grace of God that led to the establishment of the Temple. Seeing that the desire to redeem and restore man is at the very core of God's nature, the Temple is clearly grounded in grace! cf. Gen. 3:9, 21
- The site chosen for the Temple would perpetually remind Israel that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. cf. Heb. 9:22
- God prepared the foundation for the Temple by soaking the ground with the blood of sacrifice. v26-28
- This same ground had been soaked before! cf. 2 Chr. 3:1; Gen. 22:2
- Foundations are important in the Kingdom. cf. 1 Ki 7:10; Ps. 11:3

II. THE IMPACT OF REVELATION 1 Chr. 22:1

- The LORD gave His approval of the threshing floor site by sending fire from heaven. v26 cf. 1 Kings 18:24, 38
- Once David received Divine confirmation that the location he had stumbled upon was indeed the spot where God desired the Temple to be built, he wasted no time getting started.
 - *“This is the house of the Lord God!”*
 - Frustration suddenly gave way to fulfillment!

III. THE INITIATIVE OF PREPARATION 1 Chr. 22:2-16

A. THE GATHERING OF THE MATERIALS v2-5

- David had received the plan for the construction of the Temple by Divine revelation from the Spirit of God. cf. 1 Chr. 28:11-12; 19
 - In the same way, Moses received the plan for the Tabernacle. cf. Ex. 25:40; Heb. 8:5
- David had been told that he would not build the LORD a house, but that did not stop him from preparing. cf. 1 Chr. 17:4, 11-12; 28:1-21
- David had amassed resources of stone, iron and timber in order to give his son a head start in the work of God.
 - cf. 2 Cor. 12:14; 2 Kings 2:9-13 - *“my father, my father!”*
- No expense was spared in David's provision of material.
Note: *“in abundance”* v3,4, and *“beyond measure!”* v3 cf. v14, 16
- The main goal in the design and building of the Temple was that the end-product should be worthy of God's glory; i.e. *“exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious!”* cf. Ps. 48:1-2; 50:2
- The visible and tangible qualities of our work should testify to the greatness of the God we serve! cf. 1 Cor. 10:31; Tit. 2:10

B. THE COMMISSIONING OF THE MAN v6-16

1. THE ASSIGNMENT v6-10

- The LORD had spoken to David and identified Solomon as the son who was to build the Temple. v8-10; 1 Chr. 28:5-6
- David calls for Solomon (privately?) and charges him to move forward with the construction project! v6
- He is to build a house to the name of the LORD, and not to his own name or reputation. v7 cf. Deut. 12:11
- While David, a man of war (of excessive violence), has been *the forerunner*, it will be Solomon, a man of peace (shalom), who will be *the fulfiller*!

2. THE ENCOURAGEMENT v11-13

- These words are deliberately reminiscent of when Moses commissioned Joshua. cf. Deut. 31:7,8; Josh. 1:1-13
- Although Solomon is being given a monumental task, he will still be required to conduct himself under the standard regulations of the Law.
 - Temple and Torah go together! = "Glory in the process!"
 - The Prophet of God is under the Word of God he declares.
 - cf. 1 Ki. 17:1, 7

3. THE ENABLEMENT v14-16

- David assures his son that enormous quantities of wealth have been accumulated and a multitude of craftsman and workers are at his disposal.
- Yet, because Solomon is inexperienced and unqualified, his success will be a testimony to God's enabling power.

IV. THE IMPERATIVE OF COOPERATION 1 Chr. 22:17-19

A. THE CRY FOR UNITY v17-18

- David solicits the willing aid of Israel's national and tribal leaders, promising them the provision of Divine Presence.
- David knew first-hand the possible harm that dissidents could bring to the project and sought to spare his son the pain he himself had experienced. cf. 2 Sam 15:1, 31

B. THE CALL TO DESTINY v19

- The goal was to bring the Ark, along with the holy vessels of Moses' Tabernacle that was once been in Gilgal (Josh. 4:19-20); Shiloh (Josh. 18:1; Judg. 21:19; 1 Sam. 1:-3; Jer. 7:12-14); Nob (1 Sam. 21:1-6; 22:9-11); and Gibeon (1 Chr. 16:39; 21:29) into the new Temple in Jerusalem as accomplished in 2 Chr. 5:7.
- "*Set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God!*"
 - Our unity and blessing are found in establishing and furthering God's purposes and not our own! cf. Mt. 6:33