

FINAL STUDY NOTES – *1 Chronicles Chapters 17-19* 6/22-23/2026

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OPENING PRAYER

LAST WEEK: *1 Chronicles Chapter 15* – The Ark Brought to Jerusalem. *Chapter 16* – The Ark Placed in the Tabernacle; **David's Song of thanksgiving**; Regular Worship Maintained.

THIS WEEK: *1 Chronicles Chapter 17* – God's Covenant with David - (*vs. 1-15*).; **David's prayer – (vs. 16-27)**.

Chapter 18 – David's Further Conquests – (*vs. 1-13*); David's Administration – (*vs. 14-17*). ***Chapter 19*** – The Ammonites and the Syrians Defeated – (*vs. 1-19*).

CHAPTER 17 - The LORD's Covenant with David (*2Sa Chapter 7:1-28*)

1Ch 17:1 Now it came to pass, when David was dwelling in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under tent curtains."

- **When David became king, he desired to center the nation again upon its worship of the LORD.** During the reign of Saul there was not much attention paid to the ark, with the exception that they tried to take it into battle against the Philistines. The Philistines captured the ark. It became a curse unto them. They sent it back to Kirjath Jearim.
- **Now David has been crowned king over all Israel.** He has established his throne in Jerusalem. One of his first priorities was to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem, so that they could again center the minds and the hearts of the people upon the LORD. That is always what the ark of the covenant represented, the presence of God among His people.
- **King Hiram had sent down cedar and skilled workers who had built a beautiful palace for David,** Now David is sitting comfortably in his palace, and says to Nathan, the prophet, "*I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under tent curtains.*"

1Ch 17:2 Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you."

- **Now here is the problem that we all experience.** We look at a concept, and say, “Great idea!” Without inquiring of the LORD. It sounds so right, surely God must be in it. That must be the plan of God. Nathan says, “David, yes! Do all that is in your heart. God is with you!” But he was speaking extemporaneously, without praying!
- **Like Joshua, when they came into the promised land,** they were told not to make any covenant with any people in the land. The Gibeonites came with their moldy bread, worn out sandals and ragged clothes. They wanted to make a covenant with Joshua. He looked at them, but did not inquire of the LORD, and signed the agreement with them.
- “Oh, what needless pain we bear, because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.” Nathan just said, “Great idea! God is with you David. Go for it!”
- **How guilty am I of moving into an idea that seems so right, without first going to the Lord and praying about it before I take action and pursue the activity?**

1Ch 17:3-6 But it happened that night that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, [4] "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "You shall not build Me a house to dwell in. [5] For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought up Israel, even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. [6] Wherever I have moved about with all Israel, have I ever spoken a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' " "

- David, “You shall not build Me a house!” He is going to have to give David some very disappointing news. I imagine David is quite excited at this point. He mentions his desire to his spiritual counselor and friend Nathan. Nathan says, “Oh great David, do all that is in your heart! God is with you.” Now Nathan’s going to have to come back to him the next morning with this disappointing news, and say, “David you cannot do it. God says no.” But twice as God gives the message to Nathan, He says, “Tell my servant David.” David is a servant of God, a great servant of God.
- **God said that He had never required that they build a house for Him. I wonder what God must think** about some of these extremely plush, kind of houses, that people have supposedly been built for Him. He said He was content to stay in a tent. Our problem is that we are not! We like the comfort of a plush house for our home!

1Ch 17:7 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel.

- **God is reminding David of his path from extremely humble beginnings.** Being a shepherd was the lowest thing you could do as far as a job went. But he is being told here, I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler, to be king over my people, Israel, from the very, very lowest place to the very highest place.
- **As we read this, do we not feel every bit of that verse in our lives? Think of what He has done for us! Think of what He has done for me.** He has taken me from the lowest of low beginnings, just really a sinner on my way to hell. He turned me around, gave me a new heart, a new life, lifting me from the lowest low to the highest high! As I think of the life that we have, that I have as a Christian, I would not trade for one day to that of being the king of Israel or the president of the world. What He has given each of us as a child is far superior. Has not God been good to us? Oh, how good He has been to us!
- **Am I truly grateful to my Lord for taking me from the lowest level of my life of being in bondage to sin to that glorious level of being His forgiven child, both now and forever? (Joh 1:12) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

1Ch 17:8 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men who are on the earth.

- **Now, just think what we see here. David is being reminded by the LORD of what He has done for him.** I have been with you wherever you have gone and cut off all your enemies before you and made your name like the name of a great man of them. That applies to us as well. Maybe we do not have a name of a great man on earth, but He has been with us wherever we have gone. He has cut off all our enemies before us.
- **Notice that when He has to rebuke or correct us.** Do we ever get the idea that God does not love us because of that correction? When in reality, the reason He does correct us, it is because He does love us.
- **Often we look at our lives, saying what have I done for God?** In these studies, I give you lists of what we are being exhorted to do. Here is what we must do. This is what we must do. But in reality, it is not so much what I should be doing for Him, but to be praising, blessing, and thanking Him for what He has done for me.
- **We notice the Bible puts very little emphasis on what you should be doing for God. It places a great deal of emphasis on what God has done for you!**
- **God is telling David that he was just a little shepherd boy following after sheep,** but God has made him ruler over the people of Israel. He has been going with him, cutting off all the enemies, and making him a great name! Here is what I have done for you David!

1Ch 17:9-10 Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, [10] since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Also I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore I tell you that the LORD will build you a house (dynasty).

- **I want to build a house for God!** God says, “No David, I’m going to build a house for you!” Again, God desires, and He has done so much for us. All He requires is that we love Him and believe in Him. Now that love and that faith will spark activities. But activities are never a duty, nor should they ever be considered a duty. Nor should you ever serve the LORD, or give to the LORD, out of constraint, or pressure!
- **All that I do for God, should be done in response to what God has done for me!** It needs to be a loving response. So, I never feel a heavy burden, a heavy obligation, a heavy pressure to do something for God. I am wrong if I ever put people under that sense of heavy pressure. Yes, God wants you to do things for Him, but He wants you to do them out of a heart that is responding to His grace.
- **The LORD says, “I have been happy with the tent.** I do not need big edifices and fancy buildings or anything like that. But God is saying, I do recognize that the tent worked best at this part of Israel's history because you didn't have a land, you didn't have a capital, you're moving all over, but now that you are settled, I will entertain the thought of a temple, and yes, it is in My will.
- **Then the LORD speaks to David, Furthermore, I tell you that the LORD will build you a house! (a dynasty!)** It speaks of something lasting; a house as opposed to a tent. So, the provisions of this covenant that is known as the Davidic covenant.
- **The LORD declares to David that He is going to build him a house.** David was not allowed to build the temple and one of the reasons, recorded elsewhere in the scriptures, is because he had fought so many wars. They were righteous wars. But there was a lot of blood on his hands, and the LORD said, “I do not want my temple to be associated with blood and with warfare, so one of your sons is going to build this. David understood all of that, did not have a problem with that at all. The temple will not be built by him, but by his son.

1Ch 17:11 And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

- **David is going to have a child who was not born yet who would succeed him and establish his kingdom.** This son, whom we know to be Solomon, will be raised up to sit upon the throne, after David.

1Ch 17:12 He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever (used **8 times** in this chapter).

- **Solomon will be the instrument that God will allow to build the house,** to build the temple; *and I will establish his throne forever.* Now the prophecy goes beyond Solomon, and the prophecy goes to David's seed. Even to Jesus Christ!

1Ch 17:13 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you.

- **The LORD is not referring to Solomon, but obviously now referring to Jesus Christ.** That descendant of David, that God will seat upon the throne forever. David understood God **to mean this**, all of the Old testament prophets understood God to mean this. The New testament writers understood God to mean this. They each one, understood that God was promising to David, that from his seed, the Messiah would come who would reign forever. “This is what I’m going to do for you David, will build you a house.”

1Ch 17:14 And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever. ' ' "

- **When the LORD spoke to him, your throne shall be established forever,** it refers to the **Messiah** who would be of the house of David and whose reign will last forever.
- **(Luk 1:31-33) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.** [32] *He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.* [33] *And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.* "

1Ch 17:15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

- **This is what God told Nathan in the night.** Nathan came to David the next morning, telling him all of these things. David, hearing these things must have had mixed emotions. It was on his heart to build the temple for God, and it must have very disappointing to hear that he cannot do that. But God has so softened the blow, cushioned it, that David is overwhelmed when he stops to think of, “What God has done for me.” God asks so little in return.

David's Prayer: (1Ch 17:16-27) - Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who am I, O LORD God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? [17] And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me

according to the rank of a man of high degree, O LORD God. [18] What more can David say to You for the honor of Your servant? For You know Your servant. [19] O LORD, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things. [20] O LORD, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. [21] And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people—to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt? [22] For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God. [23] "And now, O LORD, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have said. [24] So let it be established, that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. [25] For You, O my God, have revealed to Your servant that You will build him a house. Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray before You. [26] And now, LORD, You are God, and have promised this goodness to Your servant. [27] Now You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You have blessed it, O LORD, and it shall be blessed forever."

1Ch 17:16 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who am I, O LORD God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?"

- **David was looking now at his position.** "Here I am the king, here I am reigning over these people. Here I have a powerful kingdom! Who am I that I should have all this?" In his heart he was still a shepherd boy, following the sheep across the hillsides. Oh, how wonderful it is, when God blesses a person, and that person remains humble, and does not change. He does not take on an air of superiority, or pomp, or whatever, because God has blessed him, and God has used him. But he remains a very plain, simple person. He does not become elevated in his attitudes, and his feelings towards himself.
- **One of the most impressive things to me about Billy Graham,** was the man's genuine humility, in spite of the fact that God has used him in such fantastic ways. This man remained very real, very genuine, and almost as though he was totally unaware of what God has done through his life. What a beautiful characteristic!
- **Here was David, still aware of his roots. Who am I?** "I know I am nothing LORD." What You have done for me is just overwhelming. Who am I that You should bring me to this place of power, this place of making my name great. This place of reigning over Your people?
- **In light of what my Lord had done for me in taking me from such a low to a high position of being born again; and my responding by asking, "Who am I, O LORD God?" How humble am I now? As He continues to bless me and work through me, have I become more humble? Or more prideful?**

1Ch 17:17 And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

- **David is saying,** "This is really very small in comparison with what You say You are going to do. What You have promised for the future! David realized that God had promised, that from his descendants, the Messiah would arise, and that was just totally overwhelming!"
- **When I think of what God has done! So much! He has sent His only begotten Son,** to take our sins, to die in our place. He has washed us and cleansed us from our sins. He has lifted us out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay. He has established our goings. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His dear Son. He has delivered us from the bondage of death, and given to us, eternal life! Wow!
- **But that is just a small thing in comparison with what God said He wants to do and plans to do for you.** As God begins to lay out the future plans that He has for His children, the glory that shall be revealed! Paul the apostle, in talking of these things said, **(Rom 8:18)** *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* And **(2Co 4:17)** *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.* The bible speaks of God's plans of our being with Him, in the beauty, the glory, of His eternal kingdom! That we might live and reign with Him, forever, and ever!
- **Now what God has done for me already, is just too much to comprehend!** I am totally overwhelmed that God should love me, choose me, and call me to be His disciple, to follow Him! That God should bless me with His love, and with His goodness.
- **But, when I think of what God has promised for the future! It is just beyond!** You know the mind just cannot pull it all in! You just cannot fully fathom or comprehend it all!

- When I try to comprehend the eternal glory that God has promised, trying to understand some of these scriptures, where God speaks of that future that we have with Him, I hit that vanishing point. My mind just cannot go beyond a certain point. It just sort of fizzles out.
- You have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O LORD God. You have looked upon me as though I were somebody! I am just a shepherd, I am really just a nobody, and yet You have honored me!
- **How often do I simply sit alone with my Lord, counting the blessings for all that He has given me? Do I find myself praising Him and thanking Him above words?**

1Ch 17:18 What more can David say to You for the honor of Your servant? For You know Your servant.

- What can I say LORD, for this honor that I should be the progenitor of the Messiah?" David said, "For You know Your servant." In other words, "LORD, what can I say? You know me. God, You know what is in my heart. You know my feelings, you know my emotions, you know beyond that vanishing point.

1Ch 17:19 O LORD, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

- LORD, it was for my sake, you knew I was going to be disappointed, hearing that I could not build You a house! You did it for my sake, LORD?" Oh, that is so neat! David even saw the grace and the goodness of God the refusal of God allowing him to build the temple! You told me these glorious things for my sake, and for according to Your own heart. God loves me, and He has done all of these great things, because of His love, His great heart!

1Ch 17:20 O LORD, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

- There are no Gods like You!" It is impossible to quite fathom the tremendous ego that a person must have to think that he is God. Or to think that he could be God!

1Ch 17:21 And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people—to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?

- Coming into the New Testament, Jesus came to redeem His church. We believers, like the church of Jesus Christ, have been redeemed by God. Redeemed through the blood of Jesus, that we might be His people! He has bought us, purchased us, that we might be His.

1Ch 17:22-23 For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God. [23] "And now, O LORD, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have said.

- "Just go ahead and do what You said!" In other words, "You do Your work LORD."

1Ch 17:24 So let it be established, that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.

- Remember in the Psalms David said, (Psa 35:27; 40:16; 70:4) Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!" Let Your name be magnified forever!

1Ch 17:25-27 For You, O my God, have revealed to Your servant that You will build him a house. Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray before You. [26] And now, LORD, You are God, and have promised this goodness to Your servant. [27] Now You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You have blessed it, O LORD, and it shall be blessed forever."

- David says, "Okay God. Just go ahead and do it. You build me a house." One of the difficult things of my Christian experience is to accept the grace of God, gracefully. He blesses so much! I often have a hard time to accepting it. I say, "Oh LORD, that is great! Now, I am going to show you that I am deserving of that. I am going to go out and prove to You, instead of just receiving, and saying, "Oh, Thank You, LORD!" I am working on trying to receive grace, gracefully. David did it. He said, "Okay God, just go ahead. You build a house and thank You."
- **Do I really spend time in thanksgiving (1Ch 16:8-36)? As I think through David's heart here in the prayer of gratitude, (1 Ch 17:16-27), What similarities are there in my heart to his, regarding my gratitude to Him for what He has done for me? Forever?**

CHAPTER 18 – David's Further Conquests (2Sa Chapter 8:1-18)

1Ch 18:1 After this it came to pass that David attacked the Philistines, subdued them, and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

- Gath was the most important, and the largest city of the Philistines, right in the middle of the Philistine country.

1Ch 18:2-6 Then he defeated Moab, and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute. [3] And David defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his power by the River Euphrates. [4] David took from him one thousand chariots, seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David hamstringed all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred chariots. [5] When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Syrians. [6] Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought tribute. So the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

- God said, "I have subdued your enemies." God is continuing His work with David.

1Ch 18:7-8 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. [8] Also from Tibhath and from Chun, cities of Hadadezer, David brought a large amount of bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze Sea, the pillars, and the articles of bronze.

- Notice what David is doing. God said, "You cannot build Me a house David, I'm going to build you a house." God did not say, "You can't gather the materials for the house." David is going about to gather all of the gold, and all of the brass, and all of the silver, that is to be used in building the house of the LORD. He cannot build the house itself, "But he can and did gather all of the materials for the building of the house."

1Ch 18:9-10 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah, [10] he sent Hadoram his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou); and Hadoram brought with him all kinds of articles of gold, silver, and bronze.

- Which David safely stored to be used in the building of the temple.

1Ch 18:11-13 King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had brought from all these nations—from Edom, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, and from Amalek. [12] Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah killed eighteen thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt. [13] He also put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.

David's Administration

1Ch 18:14-17 So David reigned over all Israel, and administered judgment and justice to all his people. [15] Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army (the General); Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; [16] Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech the son of Abiathar were the priests; Shavsha was the scribe; [17] Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers at the king's side. David reigned over all Israel, and administered judgment and justice to all his people.

- Notice the shepherd's heart of David! Even though there are no battles or threats going on and Israel is at peace, David is administering judgment and justice to all his people! He was a shepherd at heart before he was a king. Oh, how good it would be if this could be written of all kings and those in authority!
- **He has delivered me from all my enemies and threats! How compassionate? How committed to prayer am I for the less fortunate? For unbelievers?**

CHAPTER 19 – The Ammonites and Syrians Defeated (2Sa Chapter 10:1-19)

1Ch 19:1 It happened after this that Nahash the king of the people of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place.

- David was a friend of Nahash. Nahash had shown kindness to David.

1Ch 19:2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came to Hanun in the land of the people of Ammon to comfort him.

- David, in a well-meaning gesture, sent messengers to express sympathy and condolences to Hanun, the son of Nahash, who had been a friend to David.

1Ch 19:3 And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? Did his servants not come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?"

- David's heart is completely innocent in what he has done. The princes wrongly accuse him of sending these servants in order to spy out the land. They are judging David's motive and his heart, coming to the exact opposite conclusion!

- This is a great example in the Bible of what happens when people violate God's commandment not to judge hearts or motives in this way. Because by the time this wrong judgment by these counselors to the king, runs its full course, 50,000 men are going to be dead.
- **How often do I judge another's motives? Looking at a particular situation, reading additional things into it in terms of judging the person's motives and intent of heart? What was the outcome?**

1Ch 19:4 Therefore Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent them away.

- *Shaved off half their beards!* It is a terrible, terrible insult! Then as if it could not get any worse in shaming them, *He cut off their garments* (robes), in the middle, a terrible, terrible thing that they do to them there.
- **What these men did to these ambassadors, they were doing to David.** They were doing to the entire nation of Israel. It was the equivalent of a declaration of war, and David understood it to be that.
- **This incident instructs us about how careful we need to be about who we make as our counselors and influencers in life, with whom we surround ourselves!**

1Ch 19:5 Then some went and told David about the men; and he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return."

- **The indignancy that was shown to these servants of David.** They came back and told David what they had done to these fellows. It was absolutely embarrassing.

1Ch 19:6-9 When the people of Ammon saw that they had made themselves repulsive to David, Hanun and the people of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen from Mesopotamia, from Syrian Maacah, and from Zobah. [7] So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, with the king of Maacah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. Also the people of Ammon gathered together from their cities, and came to battle. [8] Now when David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. [9] Then the people of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array before the gate of the city, and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

Ammonites and Syrians Defeated

1Ch 19:10-12 When Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best, and put them in battle array against the Syrians. [11] And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in battle array against the people of Ammon. [12] Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you."

- **Joab found when they came in, they were sandwiched between two armies!** The Syrians on this side, those from Ammon on the other side, so they divided their troops. Then he said, and I love this!
- *1Ch 19:13 Be of good courage, and let us be strong for (purpose) our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is good in His sight."*
- **Go into the battle with courage, be strong for our people and for the cities of our God!** Act vigorously, do your best in your respective posts, with an eye to God's glory and their country's good, not to any honor and advantage of their own. Joab called them to remember all they had to lose. If they lost this battle they would lose both their *people* and their *cities*. This was a battle bigger than themselves, and the army of the mighty men needed to remember that.
- **God expects us to get in there and do our best.** "Be courageous fellows, be strong, then we'll leave the rest up to the LORD." But you do your part! You do your part; God does His part. We are not to be passive and just expect God to do everything. There is that part that God expects from us. So, here it is, "Be of good courage. Get in there and behave yourselves valiantly. Let the LORD do that which is good in His sight."
- **It is always a good rule to follow to just to do your best and commit the rest.** You know you cannot do any more than your best! Often we are disappointed, "Oh I should've done more, I could've done better" or "I should have done better." But if it is your best, do not beat yourself! Commit the rest to Him! "LORD I did my best!"
- **Do I have a tendency to over-emphasize the negatives in the lives of others and have a critical attitude which overshadows their need for prayer and my giving it my best? How wonderful to see Joab trusting in the LORD, doing his best, and turning the outcome of the battle to that of "may the LORD do what is good in His sight!"**

1Ch 19:14-16 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near for the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him. [15] When the people of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled before Abishai his brother, and entered the city. So Joab went to Jerusalem. [16] Now when the Syrians saw that they had been defeated

by Israel, they sent messengers and brought the Syrians who were beyond the River, and Shophach the commander of Hadadezer's army went before them.

- Shophach, captain of the host regrouped. He called for more troops and came back again.
1Ch 19:17-19 When it was told David, he gathered all Israel (At first it was just the mighty men), crossed over the Jordan and came upon them, and set up in battle array against them. So when David had set up in battle array against the Syrians, they fought with him. [18] Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven thousand charioteers and forty thousand foot soldiers of the Syrians, and killed Shophach the commander of the army. [19] And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and became his servants. So the Syrians were not willing to help the people of Ammon anymore.
- We come now to chapter twenty, and continue the ventures of David, as king over Israel.

SUMMARY:

- *1Ch 17:2* How guilty am I of moving into an idea that seems so right, without first going to the Lord and praying about it, before I take action and pursue the activity?
- *1Ch 17:7* Am I truly grateful to my Lord for taking me from the lowest level of my life of being in bondage to sin, to that glorious level of being His forgiven child, both now and forever? (*Joh 1:12*) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
- *1Ch 17:16* In light of what my Lord had done for me in taking me from such a low to a high position of being born again; and my responding by asking, “Who am I, O LORD God?” How humble am I now? As He continues to bless me and work through me, have I become more humble? Or more prideful?
- *1Ch 17:17* How often do I simply sit alone with my Lord, counting the blessings for all that He has given me? Do I find myself praising Him and thanking Him above words?
- *1Ch 17:27* Do I really spend time in thanksgiving (*1Ch 16:8-36*)? As I think through David’s heart here in the prayer of gratitude, (*1Ch 17:16-27*), What similarities are there in my heart to his, regarding my gratitude to Him for what He has done for me? Forever?
- *1Ch 18:17* He has delivered me from all my enemies and threats! How compassionate? How committed to prayer am I for the less fortunate? For unbelievers?
- *1Ch 19:4* How often do I judge another’s motives? Looking at a particular situation, reading additional things into it in terms of judging the person’s motives and intent of heart? What was the outcome?
- *1Ch 19:13* Do I have a tendency to over-emphasize the negatives in the lives of others and have a critical attitude which overshadows their need for prayer and my giving it my best? How wonderful to see Joab trusting in the LORD, doing his best, and turning the outcome of the battle to that of “may the LORD do what is good in His sight!!

1Ch 19:13 Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is good in His sight. May we do our best as did Joab and Abishai, and commit the rest to Him!

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In heavenly armor we'll enter the land The battle belongs to the Lord

No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand The battle belongs to the Lord

Refrain: We sing glory and honor Power and strength to the Lord

We sing glory and honor Power and strength to the Lord

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood The battle belongs to the Lord

He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood The battle belongs to the Lord (Refrain)

To the Lord!

When your enemy presses in hard do not fear The battle belongs to the Lord

Take courage my friend, your redemption is near The battle belongs to the Lord (Refrain 2X)

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study *1 Chronicles, Chapters 20-22*