

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 2 Chronicles Chapters 29-30 9/14-15/2026

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OPENING PRAYER

LAST WEEK: *2 Chronicles Chapter 26* – Uzziah Reigns in Judah; The Penalty for Uzziah's Pride. *Chapter 27* – Jotham Reigns in Judah. *Chapter 28* – Ahaz Reigns in Judah; Syria and Israel Defeat Judah; Israel Returns the Captives; Assyria Refused to Help Judah; Apostasy and Death of Ahaz.

THIS WEEK: *2 Chronicles Chapter 29* – Hezekiah Reigns in Judah – (vs. 1-2); Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple – (vs. 3-19); Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship. *Chapter 30* – Hezekiah Keeps the Passover – (vs. 1-27).

Hezekiah Reigns in Judah

- **Ahaz was one of the most wicked of all of the kings of Judah.** He did every vile, abominable thing imaginable. He closed the temple of the LORD. He began to worship Baalim, Ashtoreth, Molech, Mammon, all of the gods of the pagans. He placed little pagan altars on every corner in Jerusalem. As the result of his total apostasy, God allowed the nation to suffer tremendously in the hands of her enemies. Some of the people were carried away captive, and the nation was in a very serious condition of weakness by the end of his reign.

- He had a son, named Hezekiah who ascended to the throne on his death.
2Ch 29:1-2 Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah. [2] And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.
- David was called, "A man after God's own heart." Hezekiah became the same. He used David as his model, and he did the right things before the LORD, even as David, and he sought to model the kingdom after the times of David. (Said also of Asa and Josiah.) He sought to model the worship of the temple after that which David had set up. Hezekiah had them singing David's psalms again within the temple.

Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple

2Ch 29:3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them.

- The temple had been closed by his father. His first action is to open the doors, and to repair them. It seems that Hezekiah is saying the first thing we need to do is to get that temple, which represents the presence of God in our midst, cleaned up. and get worship restored back into the nation.

2Ch 29:4-5 Then he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them in the East Square, [5] and said to them: "Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy place.

- The temple of God had been profaned. It had become a place of just junk and trash, under his father's reign. So he ordered them to clean the place up. Even the Holy of Holies had become just a place of filthiness.

2Ch 29:6-7 For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of the LORD our God; they have forsaken Him, have turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and turned their backs on Him. [7] They have also shut up the doors of the vestibule, put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

- Notice the indictment against their fathers. First of all, they have trespassed. They trespassed by doing evil in the eyes of the LORD. They have forsaken Him. They have turned their faces away from the temple, the place of His habitation, and turned their backs on God.
- These lamps that were in the temple were to be kept burning before God continually. "They have put them out." A total turning away from God, from the worship of God within the temple. The doors had been closed. The fire has gone out. No offerings, no burnt incense!

2Ch 29:8 Therefore the wrath of the LORD fell upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has given them up to trouble, to desolation, and to jeering, as you see with your eyes.

- The jeering was the scorn of their enemies, because of the problems that they had. That is the idea behind the hissing. Just hiss, you know. "Look what's happened to you." So God delivered them to trouble.

2Ch 29:9 For indeed, because of this our fathers have fallen by the sword; and our sons, our daughters, and our wives are in captivity.

- Possibly Hezekiah had a wife, even a child that was carried away as a captive to their enemies. For he said, "our sons, our daughters, and our wives are in captivity."

2Ch 29:10-11 "Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us. [11] My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense."

- Hezekiah deals with the priests, which is the heart of the problem. A corrupted priesthood means a corrupted religion. A corrupted religion means a corrupted people. So he comes right back to the beginning to get things straightened out. The Bible says, (1Pe 4:17) *For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?* Hezekiah is sharing with the priests his covenant that he has made with God. "We are going to serve the LORD."

2Ch 29:12-15 Then these Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah; [13] of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; [14] of the sons (appointed singers) of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. [15] And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

- According to the commandment of King Hezekiah, they all went through the purification rites for themselves, in order that they could enter and begin to cleanse the temple.

2Ch 29:16-17 *Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the LORD to the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron. [17] Now they began to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. So they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.*

- It took them sixteen days to clean the place up completely; to sanctify it again; to set it apart as a place where the people can worship the LORD.

- **How long would it take us to clean up all the stuff in our lives that we need to get cleaned up?**

2Ch 29:18-19 *Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles. [19] Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of the LORD."*

- The priests, having finished the work of cleansing the temple went to Hezekiah and gave their report.

Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship

2Ch 29:20 *Then King Hezekiah rose early, gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.*

- Hezekiah is going to restore worship there at the temple. He cannot wait to do it. He gets to it early in the morning (46x in Bible). The best worship of the LORD really happens early. As soon as that thing is cleansed, he is ready!

2Ch 29:21-23 *And they brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for Judah. Then he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer them on the altar of the LORD. [22] So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. Likewise they killed the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar. [23] Then they brought out the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them.*

- The laying the hands upon the animal before it was sacrificed was a symbol of transference of sin, a substitution for sin. In the same way all of our sin was upon Jesus on the cross! When they lay their hands on that animal, it was the communication. God was reinforcing in their minds, the death of the innocent for the sin of the guilty; and the sin of the guilty being transferred to the sacrifice of the innocent, all of which is just a type and a small picture of what Jesus did on the cross for us. He died as our substitute in our place and our sin was transferred to Him. He who knew no sin became sin for us. (2Co 5:21) *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* These beautiful Old Testament pictures point us to Christ.

2Ch 29:24 *And the priests killed them; and they presented their blood on the altar as a sin offering to make an atonement (the covering) for all Israel, for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering be made for all Israel.*

- The first offering that they made was the sin offering. When God created man, God created man for fellowship; "to be one with, to become one," in heart, mind, and purpose. So it is much deeper, it is much more an intimate, fellowship from a biblical sense. Where there is that beautiful intimacy of sharing heart, mind, and purpose with each other. That was the purpose of God in creating man. Thus, as they cleansed the temple, as they cleaned up the place, the first thing they offered was the sin offering unto the Lord.
- Now, after the sin offerings, the next offerings were the burnt offerings. The burnt offerings were the offerings of consecration. It is saying, "LORD, I want You to burn out the flesh, that I might live, and walk after the Spirit. I want to consecrate my life to serving You, and to walking after the Spirit." The burnt offerings of consecration.
- The third offering would be the peace offering, which was the offering of fellowship. Having taken care of my sin, having now made my commitment to walk after the Spirit, I now offer the sin offering, and I enter into the communion with the LORD, into the fellowship.
- Now the purposes of God for man, are once again fulfilled, as man is brought into fellowship with God through the peace offering. So, Hezekiah following this pattern, first of all brought the animals for the sin offerings, to offer not only for their own, but for the sins of the nation. "LORD, Judah as a nation, has sinned against You, and we are offering these sin offerings for all Israel."

2Ch 29:25-27 And he stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. [26] The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. [27] Then Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD also began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel.

- So as they offered now, the burnt offering; the sin offering, solemn and quiet! But now with the consecration, it was made with the singing, with the music and all, rejoicing that the way is now made where man can approach God, because the sin has been dealt with.

2Ch 29:28 So all the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

- Oh! Glorious day! A day of restoration. A nation that had turned its back upon God and was suffering the consequences, is in a period of national revival! Movement towards God, a happy day, a joyous day! As these burnt offerings are being made, the worshiping of God, the singing, the praising of the LORD, as the people now are making this renewed commitment to serve the LORD.

2Ch 29:29-30 And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped. [30] Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

- Nothing that was forced. It was something that has to come willingly from your own heart. So with all things that you bring to God.
- How willing is my heart as to my worship and with my service to God? It always has to be from a free heart. You cannot force it, or else it is not meaningful. It has to be something that you do from your own heart!

2Ch 29:31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, "Now that you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near, and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD." So the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings.

- They have offered up all of these sin offerings and burnt offerings on behalf of the nation to cleanse the altar. Hezekiah now speaks to the people, inviting them to bring their sacrifices forward to be offered to the LORD. For them to engage in the worship service and express personally and individually their own worship to the LORD. They were glad for all of that, but they wanted to make a personal sacrifice to the LORD to express their personal devotional love for Him. Hezekiah knew that that was in the hearts of the people and so he invites them to bring these offerings to the LORD to be sacrificed on their behalf to the LORD. And the assembly responded.
- There is no constraint or anything here. This is just pure, holy, beautiful God-person worship that is happening; an expression of that and the relationship between men and women and their God.
- **Whenever I give to God, I must give willingly to God from my heart, it must be something I have determined in my own heart to do. (Col 3:17) And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. It should not be because someone is pressuring you saying, "Now, you give!" It must be willingly from your heart, all to Him, for His glory!**

2Ch 29:32-33 And the number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD. [33] The consecrated things were six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep.

- All of these offerings from the people are coming forward. They want to sacrifice to the LORD to express their devotion to Him.

2Ch 29:34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not skin all the burnt offerings; therefore their brethren the Levites helped them until the work was ended and until the other priests had sanctified themselves, for the Levites were more diligent in sanctifying themselves than the priests.

- *The priests were too few!* Many of them likely were suspended and laid aside as defiled for having sacrificed to idols in the last reign. The rest had not the zeal that one might have expected upon such an occasion. They apparently took no care to sanctify themselves, and being unqualified, they made that their excuse for being absent from the service. It is recorded here, to the perpetual shame of the priests, that the abundant offerings of the people required many priests. Here was work to do, and there too few sanctified hands to do it.

- Notice those who were serving around the temple precincts were more excited about their tasks though they were not esteemed as high as the task of the priests, and they had been more eager to sanctify themselves and more diligent to do it than the priests were. It says they were able to step in and help.
- **The Levites were more diligent in sanctifying themselves than the priests. How diligent am I in my service to my Lord? How ready, How prepared am I to meet an unexpected spiritual difficulty or to offer help to another who has? Am I daily in the Word? Prayed up? Spiritually filled for immediate response?**

2Ch 29:35 Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings and with the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.

- Worship services were re-established in the first month of his reign. Hezekiah made this his top priority! He got right on this. In the first month of his reign there in the city of Jerusalem.

2Ch 29:36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced that God had prepared the people, since the events took place so suddenly.

- Just think, all of this occurred in sixteen days from the time that they started their work. They got the temple cleansed, the priests got sanctified, and they began to offer the offerings. It really was an expedited project! You can imagine what it did to the heart of the righteous in the land!

Passover Celebrated

2Ch 30:1-4 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah (the remnant remaining after Assyrian captivity), and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the LORD God of Israel. [2] For the king and his leaders and all the assembly in Jerusalem had agreed to keep the Passover in the second month (a month later than usual for the Passover). [3] For they could not keep it at the regular time, because a sufficient number of priests had not consecrated themselves, nor had the people gathered together at Jerusalem. [4] And the matter pleased the king and all the assembly.

- Here was the first month. According to the Law, on the fourteenth day of the first month, they were to have this Feast of the Passover, with the various offerings and all that were made to the LORD. But they did it so suddenly they did not have time to get the place cleaned up and go through all of the rites for the purification and sanctification.
- The LORD did allow the Passover to occur in the second month of the Jewish religious calendar. It occurred in the second month if there was an issue of uncleanness or someone was far away and they could not get there on time. If there was a legitimate reason for not being able to keep the Passover at the appointed time in the first month, it could be kept in the second month
- They decided to have a great gathering of the people! Something that had not been done for years! To gather the people together before the LORD to observe the beginning of the nation really, the Passover, when the nation was born. When God brought them out of Egypt, one of the most important of all of the ceremonies in the Jewish calendar.

2Ch 30:5 So they resolved to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem, since they had not done it for a long time in the prescribed manner.

- They are going to include the invitation to those that are in the northern kingdom. For the northern kingdom already had been subdued by Assyria. Many of the inhabitants of the northern kingdom were already displaced into other parts of the world by the Assyrians. There was only a remnant left out of the tribes. So they decided to invite them to come down. He is inviting them to come, and to submit themselves again unto the LORD. "From Dan to Beersheba."

2Ch 30:6 Then the runners (ruts - to post; postmen) went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: "Children of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.

- First of all, the challenge for them to return to God, with the promise, "If you will return to God, God will return to you. You that still remain. You that have not yet been taken captive." Over and over God promised that if you seek the LORD, you will find Him. If you forsake the LORD, He will forsake you. That is a basic law of God. (**Jas 4:8a Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.** Over and over, (**2Ch 15:2c The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.**

2Ch 30:7 *And do not be like your fathers and your brethren, who trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, so that He gave them up to desolation, as you see.*

- Your fathers and brothers are existing now, under the desolate conditions of captivity to the Assyrians. They are in a desperate state because they forsook the LORD! Do not be like them!

2Ch 30:8 *Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you.*

- Now do not be stiff-necked. It means to be rebellious. Deliberately rebellious and disobedient to God's word. Not getting their head turned around the right way. Make this agreement with God. Yield yourselves and serve the LORD your God.
- They had already begun to experience the tragic consequences of their turning away from the LORD as their fathers, sisters, and families were carried away captives to Assyria.

2Ch 30:9 *For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him.*

- God can still restore. Even though they have been carried away, God can restore! God is so patient, God is so long suffering! He puts up with so much. Even after you have begun to suffer the consequences of your sins, even then, God will restore, if you will just turn to Him. Though you may be a long way down the road in judgement, still if you will turn to God, there is forgiveness; cleansing; pardon! *“For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him.”*
- So the mercy and the graciousness of God. He is so gracious, so merciful!

2Ch 30:10 *So the runners (the posts) passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they laughed at them and mocked them.*

- Here they are, stiff-necked, continuing in their rebellion against God. Having set themselves against the LORD. When people come and warned them, “Look this has happened to you because you have forsaken God. Just turn back to God and He will help!” They just laughed at them and mocked them.
- The call to serve the LORD, to worship the LORD, always seems to receive varied types of responses. There are always those even today, who when you talk about the Lord, they just mock. They can be on the border of eternity and still mock over the things of God!

2Ch 30:11 *Nevertheless some from Asher, Manasse h, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.*

- They responded to the invitation. But the indication here is that it was not a full whole-hearted, singleness of heart, as was the response of Judah. It was just sort of half-hearted.

2Ch 30:12 *Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the LORD.*

- In the southern kingdom of Judah, everybody was all in on this. They were excited to do it. No mocking, no scorning.

2Ch 30:13-14 *Now many people, a very great assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month. [14] They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the incense altars and cast them into the Brook Kidron.*

- Remember Ahaz, the father of Hezekiah, put altars on every corner. They are now going to clean up the city. They got rid of all of these altars that Ahaz had set up there in Jerusalem.
- We do not want to keep these feasts knowing that the whole city is full of these idolatrous altars. We will get rid of them and then we can fully enjoy the worship of the LORD.

2Ch 30:15-16 *Then they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed (because of negligence were unsanctified), and sanctified themselves, and brought the burnt offerings to the house of the LORD. [16] They stood in their place according to their custom, according to the Law of Moses the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood received from the hand of the Levites.*

- They see that here is a king that has provided leadership that they were supposed to provide, and it shamed them. But they got on board with what Hezekiah was doing, recognizing the hand of God was in it. They sanctified themselves and they brought the burnt offerings to the house of the LORD. The priests sprinkled the blood as required.

2Ch 30:17-19 *For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves; therefore the Levites had charge of the slaughter of the Passover lambs for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to the*

LORD. [18] For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone [19] who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary."

- Many of the people were not ceremonially clean, according to the law. They really should not be participating. But yet, they wanted to. They wanted to return to the LORD, but they had not gone through the full legal kind of preparation that was required for participating in the Passover. They were not ceremonially clean to do it. Thus, the Levites were killing the sacrifices for them.
- **But Hezekiah, seeing their earnest desire for God**, even though they were a bunch of rough, unready people, yet they were there because they were seeking the LORD. So **Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone."**
- **I love it! Hezekiah was watching these guys. Instead of getting all uptight, responded with love and compassion for those that were seeking the LORD. Not being judgmental or pointing a finger of accusation, but rather, praying, "May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone!"** Realizing that they had a heart for God, Hezekiah just asked for God to, "Overlook it, and pardon them LORD."

2Ch 30:20 And the LORD listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

- **This reveals that the form and the ceremony are not the important things.** God is interested in the condition of the hearts of the people. This shows the wonderful mercy of God. By the letter of the Law the people deserved judgment for their disobedience. Yet God showed his mercy and goodness to those who had prepared their heart to seek God, though they did it in ignorance of the Law!
- **What a wonderful, glorious lesson this is here. What great mercy and grace from our Lord! Notice the importance of our hearts! He wants our hearts! Our obedience more than sacrifices. More than our deeds! Does He have my whole heart? My prepared heart?**

2Ch 30:21-23 So the children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing to the LORD, accompanied by loud instruments. [22] And Hezekiah gave encouragement to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of the LORD; and they ate throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers. [23] Then the whole assembly agreed to keep the feast another seven days, and they kept it another seven days with gladness.

- Great spiritual revival! Oh happy day! The people are praising and worshiping God day after day. As they are offering the sacrifices, there is an excitement! There is a thrill! There is a move of God's Spirit once again upon the hearts of the people. Everyone is just rejoicing, and is so happy, having returned to the God of their fathers. In fact it was so great that they decided, "Let us do it for another week! Let us just keep it going you know!"

2Ch 30:24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep, and the leaders gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

- **For Hezekiah, the king of Judah indeed gave generously**, considering the treasury was nearly exhausted by the great expense of cleansing and restoration of the temple, as well as making preparations for this great feast.
- **(2Ch 35:7-8) Then Josiah gave the lay people lambs and young goats from the flock, all for Passover offerings for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, as well as three thousand cattle; these were from the king's possessions. [8] And his leaders gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred from the flock, and three hundred cattle.**
- **(1Ki 8:63) And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.**

2Ch 30:25-26 The whole assembly of Judah rejoiced, also the priests and Levites, all the assembly that came from Israel, the sojourners who came from the land of Israel, and those who dwelt in Judah. [26] So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.

- **This was the greatest thing that had happened since Solomon!** It must have really been something to be a part of that, all of the excitement that was there

2Ch 30:27 Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard; and their prayer came up to His holy dwelling place, to heaven.

- **The Levites arose and they blessed the people out loud**, preparing them for their departure. (*Num 6:22-27*) *And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [23] "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: [24] "The LORD bless you and keep you; [25] The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; [26] The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ' [27] "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."*
- **God, and the people are united again! The people worshipping the LORD.** Notice the result of the emotions when a person gets right with God, re-committing himself to serving the LORD? What are the emotions that you feel? Joy, gladness; great joy and gladness, as your heart is right with God, as you are worshipping Him! The bible says, "In His presence is fullness of joy!" As you are there worshipping the Lord, what joy there is! What gladness of heart!
- **You know there is nothing like having peace with God.** There is nothing like surrendering yourself to God. There is nothing like stopping your rebelling and your war against God, just saying, "Lord, I surrender. I am on Your side now." You know, "Not running anymore. Not fighting anymore against God." What joy, what gladness, what peace when you finally get right with God! So it was with the people. There was a tremendous revival, as the people gathered together under the command of Hezekiah and returned to the LORD. The result was the joy and the blessing.
- (*Deu 26:15*) *Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, "a land flowing with milk and honey." '*
- **Oh that we would turn again to God! Oh that we would seek the Lord!** Oh that Jesus would become first in our lives again! The joy, the gladness, the blessing, which accompanies that kind of commitment! May you experience the joy of the Lord this week, as His love fills your heart, and as you make your commitment to serve God, in Jesus' name.

SUMMARY:

- **2Ch 29:17 It took them sixteen days to clean the place up completely;** to again sanctify it; set it apart as a place where the people can worship the LORD. **How long would it take us to clean up all the stuff in our lives that need to get cleaned up?**
- **2Ch 29:31 Whenever I give to God, I must give willingly to God from my heart, it must be something I have determined in my own heart to do.** (*Col 3:17*) *And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.* It should not be because someone is pressuring you saying, "Now, you give!" It must be willingly from your heart, all to Him, for His glory!
- **2Ch 29:34 The Levites were more diligent in sanctifying themselves than the priests.** How diligent am I in my service to my Lord? How ready, How prepared am I to meet an unexpected spiritual difficulty or to offer help to another who has? Am I daily in the Word? Prayed up? Spiritually filled for immediate response?
- **2Ch 30:20 What a wonderful, glorious lesson this is here.** What great mercy and grace from our Lord! Notice the importance of our hearts! **He wants our hearts! Our obedience more than sacrifices.** More than our deeds! Does He have my whole heart? My prepared heart?

2Ch 30:27 Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people,

10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD! – Redman (4:16/4:19)

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes

Refrain: Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great And Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find (Refrain) And on that day, When my strength is failing, The end draws near And my time has come. Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years And then forevermore. Forevermore – (Refrain) I'll worship Your Holy name Lord I'll worship Your Holy name.

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study 2 Chron icles, Chapters 31-33