

1 CHRONICLES 29:10-19 -- DAVID'S PRAISE TO GOD

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"Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

1Ch 29:11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all.

1Ch 29:12 Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.

1Ch 29:13 "Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name.

1Ch 29:14 But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.

1Ch 29:15 For we are aliens and pilgrims before You, As were all our fathers; Our days on earth are as a shadow, And without hope.

1Ch 29:16 "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own.

1Ch 29:17 I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

1Ch 29:18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

1Ch 29:19 And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision."

DAVID'S PRAISE TO GOD -

David's great prayer of praise and supplication marks the climax of his reign. Israel's king **praises God for His universal kingdom and recognized Him as the source of all wealth and strength.** Indeed, even the generosity of David and the people in providing for the temple comes from God Himself. They depend entirely on God for their security and well-being and even in the Promised Land they are strangers and sojourners before God. David then reflects that God examines the human hearts for uprightness or integrity, a further indication that the Chronicler cares above all for the inner reality of faith. **David concludes by praying that God will keep the people in the same purpose and mind as they have shown this day and will give to Solomon a whole heart in obedience to God's commandment.**

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- The generous giving made David rejoice and praise God. It wasn't for the sake of the wealth itself, but because it demonstrated that the hearts of the people were really interested in God and in His house.

and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

- This is **the first time in the Bible that God is addressed directly as a Father** over His people.
- Jesus taught His disciples to pray beginning with this phrase, **our Father** ([Matthew 6:9-13](#)). Jesus may have had this passage in mind when teaching His disciples about prayer, because there are other similarities between the two passages.

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- "This verse supplies the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer: 'For thine is the kingdom' ([Matthew 6:13](#), KJV)."

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- David could say this as a man who had a life full of both **riches and honor**. He knew that those things came from God and not from David himself.

(1 Chronicles 29:13-15) David expresses thanks for the privilege of giving

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- David knew that **both the ability and the heart to give were themselves gifts from God**. He was actually humbled by having such a heart to give, both in himself and in the people of Israel as a group.
- David knew this was true because he knew that **all things come from God**, and whatever they gave to God was His **own** to begin with.

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1Ch 29:15 For we are aliens and pilgrims before You, As were all our fathers; Our days on earth are as a shadow, And without hope.

- By emphasizing the weakness of man, David recognizes the greatness of God. He can take hopeless, alien pilgrims and shadows and use them to build a great house unto a great God.

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- ([1 Chronicles 29:16-19](#)) David commits the offering received from the people unto God.

in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things;

- David knew that it was important to emphasize that his offering had been made **willingly**. He gave because he wanted to, not merely as a demonstration to induce the people to give. David therefore also knew that the **people** made their offering **willingly** to God. ("willingly" is used 22 times in the Bible, 6X right here); First use- *Ex. 25.2* in the offerings by the people for the building of the Tabernacle

and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

1Ch 29:18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

- David knew that the people of Israel were in a godly, wonderful place on this day of offering to the temple.
- "Praise then merged into prayer that the state of mind in which they had given might be maintained; and for Solomon, that he might be kept with a perfect heart to complete the work of Temple building. It was a fitting and glorious ending to a great reign." (Morgan)

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- David knew that this was the key to the lasting health of the kingdom of Israel and the security of his dynasty.

SUMMARY:

- **How willingly am I offering my tithes and offerings to the Lord?**
- **How willingly am I offering my time and availability to the Lord?**
- **How willingly am I offering my whole being and self to the Lord?**
- **Does this praise/prayer of David sound strange to me as compared to my praising and my praying to the Lord?**
- **Can it be said that I have a loyal, an upright and obedient heart to and for the Lord?**

"How Great Thou Art"

***Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.***

***When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, To take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim my God how great Thou art!***

***Refrain: Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
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