
SG021006 - For Week – 6/22 – 6/28

The Whole Counsel of God—I Chronicles 22-29

**(Questions about this week's study?
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Introduction

II Samuel/I Chronicles is really about the Rise, (II Samuel 1-10), Reduction (II Samuel 11-15) and Restoration of David's throne. (II Samuel 16-24/I Chronicles 22-29). In our study tonight we are going to look at a section from I Chronicles that II Samuel does not include in its historical narrative. David wanted to build God a temple, but God said no. What David did instead was everything he could short of building the temple, leaving a legacy to the next generation.

Overview of the Section – II Samuel 20-24

The Restoration of David's Throne (part three) – I Chronicles 22-29

Leaving a Legacy

#1 – Careful Preparation (I Chronicles 22:1-19)

David couldn't build the temple, but instead he got everything ready as possible. He prepared the materials, the workers, and even his son to accomplish the task of building the temple.

#2 – Temple Organization (I Chronicles 23-26)

Not only did David prepare the materials for building the temple, but David also organized the priests, the worship leaders and the door keepers or administrators for the temple.

#3 – Military Administration (I Chronicles 27:1-34)

Solomon was the wisest man to ever live, but he was not very experienced when it came to military matters. Before David's death, he set up a military rotation in times of peace so Israel would always have a standing army. Israel today follows this same model.

#4 – Sincere Consecration (I Chronicles 28-29)

In our final section David encourages both his son and the leaders around them to seek the Lord and obey His commandments. No one knew better than David how important this was and the problems that would arise if his advice was ignored.

Comparison to II Samuel

II Samuel contains nothing of the story given to us in I Chronicles 22-29

Going Deeper (think it over or discuss with your family or Home group)

#1 –Do you feel like you want to do something for the Lord, but the door has closed?

What can you do instead? Talk to the Lord about it

#2 –Read chapters 28-29 sometimes this week slowly. What do you think the Lord would say to you about your walk with Him through these chapters?

Read Ahead for “Summer in the Psalms” & “The Writings of Solomon”

July 6th – 12th – Psalm 1-25

July 13th – 19th – Psalm 26-50

July 20th – 26th – Psalm 51-75

July 27th – August 2nd – Psalm 75-100

August 3rd – August 9th – Psalm 101-125

August 10th – August 16th – Psalm 126-150

August 17th – August 23rd – Proverbs 1-10

August 24th – August 30th – Proverbs 11-20

August 31st – September 6th – Proverbs 21-31

September 7th – September 13th – The Song of Solomon

September 14th – September 20th – Ecclesiastes

I Chronicles 22-29

“The Restoration of David – part 3 – Leaving a Legacy”

Introduction

- We are wrapping up a side by side study of II Samuel and I Chronicles
 - The reason we are doing the books at the same time is because these two books basically cover the same time period and material
 - The only difference is the perspective

II Samuel was written by prophets

- **Samuel, Nathan and Gad**
- **Written from the perspective of the trenches**
- **Written near the time of the events**
- **Includes all the major failings of the Kings**

I and II Chronicles was written by priests

- **Ezra during the time of Nehemiah**
- **Written from the perspective of history**
- **Does not include the major failings**

One gives you the perspective of history, the other gives you the perspective of the events as they were happening

- from the prophets perspective you see one side of the heart of God toward sin – you need to run from it, it will cost you
 - From the other side, you see the other perspective of God’s heart – you confess your sin and as it comes to history and eternity – it is gone – praise the Lord!!
- Remember the outline we have been using

II Samuel/I Chronicles

The Rise of David’s Throne – II Samuel 1-10

The Reduction of David’s Throne – II Samuel 11-15

The Restoration of David’s Throne – II Samuel 16-24 - I Chronicles 22-29

- David rises to the throne
- David sins and experiences 10 years of consequences
- David gets right with God and God begins to restore David and his throne – this had 3 parts to it as well

The first in the road back to the throne which came through the defeat of Ahitophel’s counsel, the death of Absalom, and David learning to control his emotions

- The second part of the restoration was dealing with conflict while on the throne
 - And David faced tribal, ethnic, national and personal conflict in his last years, all the while remaining a worshipper and a leader of men, transferring his love for the Lord to the next generation – and tonight we see more of that

Tonight we come to the final part of David’s restoration and that deals with David’s legacy

- and to see that we need to shift our attention to I Chronicles tonight

We have been following II Samuel very closely and the reason for that is II Samuel gives us the most detail of the two books of most of the content

- again because it was written from the trenches as the events were happening
 - I Chronicles doesn’t deal with David’s major sin with Bathsheba, Uriah, or the failings of David’s kids – it just skips all of that
- But Chronicles adds a chunk to the story that II Samuel skips and that is what David does to prepare the way for the temple and to leave a legacy

Now before we jump into chapter 22 of I Chronicles, you need to understand a little about the overall book

- The best evidence points to the fact that Ezra is the author of I and II Chronicles
 - Ezra, just to jog your memory will live 400 years after the time of David – after David, his son Solomon starts to reign and after Solomon the nation of Israel breaks into two parts – the tribes of Judah and Benjamin stay loyal to the sons of David and become known as the nation of Judah, the northern 10 tribes follow the rebellion and remain to be called Israel– the northern tribes go through a series of different dynasties of Kings, the nation of Judah is ruled continually by sons and great grandsons of David

In 722 BC the nation of Israel falls to the Assyrian Empire (and we will go over all of this again when we study I and II Kings in the fall)

- then in 586 BC the nation of Judah falls to the Babylonians
 - they are in captivity for 70 years
- at the end of the 70 years – people like Nehemiah and Ezra lead the people back to Jerusalem to begin again the nation of Israel
 - Nehemiah was a political leader
 - Ezra was a scribe, a priest and a religious leader

Ezra is interested to tell the story of David and his son Solomon to show the people years later why the temple needs to be rebuilt and the worship of God restored

- So the first 9 chapters of I Chronicles is all genealogies if you want to thumb through the book, starting with Adam, it goes all the way to David and all the genealogies of the tribes

Genealogies were very important to priests, for in those days not everyone could go into the ministry, you had to be from the tribe of Levi, and you couldn't prove that without your genealogy

- So I Chronicles, written by Ezra the priest was sure to include this

Chapters 10-21 tells the story of II Samuel in abbreviated form

- From the death of Saul, to the rise of David's throne, to the moving of the Ark, to the 3 days of plague because David numbered the people – we studied last week

So up to chapter 22 I Chronicles is an abbreviated II Samuel with a long genealogy in the front

- but starting in chapter 22 through the end of the book in chapter 29 we have some details II Samuel skips over that deal with the legacy of David
 - and the final piece of the puzzle that was God restoring David to the throne and to his place as the greatest King Israel ever had
 - and it contains lots of lists as well, so don't be discouraged that we are going to cover 8 chapters tonight, many of the lists I will explain and we will skip over
- But for you note takers I do want you to note five things that were David's legacy to the nation of Israel and to us as we close out this study of David's life

I Chronicles 22-29 – Leaving a Legacy

#1 – Careful preparation – I Chronicles 22:1-19

- In chapter 17 as I believe Pastor Rob dealt with this weekend, David wanted to build the Lord a house
 - David looked at his house which was amazing and then he looked at God's house – this creepy tent, at least from the outside and David thought – that is not right

I want to build God a house

- but God told David no – he said because he was a man of war
 - and Bible scholars and the Talmud say that the reason for that was two fold
- #1 – there would have been a tendency of David to set up items of his war victories in the temple – that was normal in that day and the Talmud says that was in David's heart – we don't know that for sure but the temple was not to be a trophy case

- #2 – but the other reason and this might be more of the case is, during David’s time there was war and Jerusalem was not as secure as the time of peace that Solomon would rule over – so the timing was just better under Solomon’s reign

But I love it, instead of getting upset and moping around – what does David do – he does everything but build the temple

- what a lesson for you and me
 - maybe you have wanted to go on the mission field but God keeps closing the door – you have a choice, you can mope or you can send a missionary, you can support a missionary, you can pray for a mission field
 - tonight – you don’t have to get on a plane, you don’t have to spend any money – but you can spend an hour and pray for 15 minutes for the McKay’s and 15 minutes for the Halls and 15 minutes for the Stewarts, 15 minutes for the churches in Hungry

Maybe you want to preach or disciple – but we here at Calvary Chapel don’t recognize your talent – that Pastor Jason won’t give up the pulpit on Wednesday Night!

- maybe you could pray for Pastor Jason and Pastor Rob, we need it, maybe you could teach kids or seniors

Well why would I want to do that?

- Do you remember back in I Samuel 30 when David and his men came back to their city of Ziklag and it was burned to the ground?
 - David and his men started perusing the Amalakites, but some men just couldn’t go
 - Do David tells them to do what they can, stay and guard the supplies
- Well God gives David a great victory, but on the way back the men who had gone on to battle, tell David, lets give these men their wives and children, but none of the spoils of war, for they didn’t actually go
 - And David says back...

“But as his part *is* who goes down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike.” – I Samuel 30:24

- if the Lord or people are hindering you from doing what you feel God is calling you to do
 - you have a choice – you can get upset and bummed
 - or you can do what you can
- And what we see in the scriptures is if you have that heart God will reward you someday as if you actually went on the mission field or actually taught the Wednesday service
 - Do what you can church
 - Can you pray? – pray!
 - Can you encourage? – encourage!
 - Can you give? – give!

That is what David is doing – He is preparing –really two things

#1 – the materials for the temple

- Verse one says - This is the house of Lord God – he is referring to the piece of land he just bought in the story last week

David sinned by numbering the people and God dealt with David, dealt with the people at the same time who needed some chastisement

- But the plague stopped as David purchased the threshing floor of Ornan
 - And as he offered a burnt offering to the Lord that day, something pricked his heart, this is the spot of the temple, this is it
- So David bought the location and purchased the materials
 - And told his son, it needs to be done right
 - I love the term – “exceedingly magnificent”

David wanted Solomon to build God’s house exceedingly magnificent

- I love that – David wanted what was done for the Lord to be done right, not cut rate

And I mention that because so often as churches we are all about bargain basement jobs and I understand because funds are limited and you want to be a good steward of God's money

- And I understand that – we should never waste the Lord's money, but there is also a sense that if we are going to put God's name on it, we should do it right, so He gets the glory

David prepared the materials so this temple would be exceedingly magnificent – it was 3 times higher than the Dome of the Rock

- David provided 100,000 talents of Gold – that is 3750 tons of Gold or 6 billion dollars of Gold – historians say when the sun hit the temple just right, you could see it for 100 miles – exceedingly magnificent
 - 1 million talents of silver – 37,500 talents of silver

Bronze and iron in so much abundance they could not even weigh it

- David provided the materials and he also set up the workforce, the skilled labor to do the job

Some Bible scholars estimate when you figure in the land value, the materials, the labor force and the length of project – today this temple would exceed 1 trillion dollars to build

- That is a building project

And David provided it all for his son to build

- Solomon did not have to take up a special offering, Solomon didn't have to put out a thermometer of giving
 - His father provided it all
- The last time I taught this we were building the current location of Calvary Chapel Paris and reading through my old notes, the Lord kept encouraging me that my Father in heaven would do the same
 - It was such a faith builder – I mean at the time we had a monthly budget of about 10 thousand dollars for everything
 - We were looking at a \$500,000 remodel
- And the Lord just kept telling me, your Father will take care of it
 - And you know what I didn't know it then, but I do know – we paid off all the money we borrowed to do that project within 6 months – because our Father provided
 - That is way He works
 - Someone here tonight – just needs to hear that

David prepare the materials, but notice this with me, David also prepared his son

- so often we do so much to prepare material things for our kids

We prepare for college, we prepare to give them things when we are gone

- but that stuff is meaningless if we do not prepare them practically and spiritually
 - David told his son, God will bless you, if you keep His law - If you walk in his ways
 - Set your heart and soul to seek the Lord
- Precious people there is no better message for you to give your kids
 - You can tell them about the birds and the bees
 - You can teach them to balance their checkbook and to save
 - You can teach them not to eat yellow snow
- But if you never teach them to set their hearts and souls to seek the Lord – you haven't really prepared them at all
- And I don't mean that as a discouragement for some here tonight whose kids are gone – I mean it as an exhortation for those whose kids are still around
 - David left a legacy of careful preparation
 - Preparation of materials and preparation of his son.... Careful preparation and...

I Chronicles 22-29 – Leaving a Legacy

#1 – Careful preparation – I Chronicles 22:1-19

#2 – Temple Organization – I Chronicles 23:1-26:32 – read 23:1-6

- So often when a church is going through a building project there is so much attention to financial things and material things that we miss the spiritual things
 - And what you have so often after the year or years it takes to build is a divided and carnal congregation at the dedication service
- That was certainly not David's heart
 - So the next legacy he gives to Israel is an organization of those who would care for the spiritual needs of Israel

Chapters 23 – 24 – David organized the priests and Levites

- Some things to point out, in verse 3 we learn the priests were to begin official ministry at the age of 30, in verse 24 we learn they started being prepared and helping out in ministry at age 20, and when you put this together with Numbers chapter 4 and 8, the ministry picture for Israel looked like this..
 - At age 20-29 – they were trained for the ministry and served by cleaning and keeping up with needs around temple
- Then at 30 official ministry began – again something significant about the age 30 when it comes to ministry – Jesus, John the Baptist, David, the prophets all began their ministry at 30,
 - Anyway from 30 to 50 were to be productive years of service and then at age 50, they were to train the young pups, the 20 to 29 year olds and let the new generation take over
- Part of that was the strenuousness of the work but the other part is when guys reach a certain age, one of the best things a leader can do is pour into the next generation – I really appreciate that about pastor Rob, now, I am not calling him old, though he is 50 and I am not calling for his retirement, but he spends a lot of time pouring into the younger guys around here and I think that is so great – almost everything I learned about ministry I learned from him when I was 20 to 30
 - Now skipping around a little bit, if you breeze through to chapter 25

In Chapter 25 we have the organization of the worship leaders – because worship leaders can't organize themselves – just kidding (sort of)

But as David organizes them, notice in verse one these musicians were to prophesy with their instruments

- I don't know about you, but when I am worshipping the Lord, God often speaks to me more in that time than in the study
 - now you say of course because we have to listen to you
 - but I mean it
- I remember when I was a youth pastor here – we had a Sunday Night service and as Evan Wickham or Scott Cunningham would lead us in worship, I would have a notebook by me and I would write things down
- And Pastor Phil McKay would ask, what are you writing during worship
 - And I would say – I don't know, the Lord just gave me insight into something I have been praying about

I mention that to you, so you won't just be looking to hear from the Lord when Rob or I are teaching

- but from the minute we begin to worship, you would be ready for some prophecy
 - what – telling the future
 - prophecy means to forth tell the Word of God – yes it can be prophetic, but when I am receiving God's word for me – that's prophecy according to the definitions from the scriptures

Chapter 26 organizes those who were servants in the temple

- not those who were priests, not those who were worship leaders
 - but those who opened doors

And doorkeepers in David's day, didn't just open the doors, they did that – but they were also responsible to keep the books

- because just as it is a proven fact that worship leaders can't organize themselves, so it is also a proven fact pastors can't do booking and get in trouble when they try
- Hey I praise God for girls like Karen and Traci - they don't come on stage, many of you have no idea who they are, don't have their name in the bulletin, but faithfully serve this fellowship
 - And without them it would fall apart

I praise God for you guys who sit at the door, and greet people as they come in, help them out if they have never been here before

- David takes time to point out their ministry in the temple and I think we should as well
 - Thank you guys who serve to open doors
 - Who serve in sound ministry – and no one notices you unless you do something wrong – you are like a goal keeper from a soccer team
- Thank you who serve in children's ministry and working the front counter – thank you guys so much!

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#3 – Military Administration – I Chronicles 27:1-34

- Now we are not going to read it, but chapter 27 is David organizing the military

David was a military genius, but he knew his son although more wise than anyone, was not so much when it came to war

- And so in chapter 27 David organizes the military and the advisors for Solomon

What the chapter is about as you thumb through is David divided the military into 12 groups of men who were serve one month in peace time and 11 months they would be home

- But everyone served
 - And then in times of crisis the whole army would be gathered together and it was a force of over 1 million men
- And what is interesting to me about this is this idea of everyone serves continues on today
 - Kind of weird when you go over to Israel to see teenagers carrying guns in the mall
 - As every young man and women for that matter in Israel serves time in the military
- It adds stability and size to the military even today, but it is a legacy they get from David
 - Careful preparation, temple organization, military administration
 - And the fourth thing we see is....

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#4 – Sincere Consecration – I Chronicles 28 – 29

- It has been said that a politician looks toward the next election, a statesmen looks toward the next generation
 - David was a statesmen
 - And he made some calls to consecration that may have been hard to hear, but David knew they were good for them to pray in and apply, and do in their lives

The first call to consecration was to his son Solomon, as David exhorted him to “Know the God of your father”

- Notice not the God of the Universe, even though He is
 - Not the God of Israel, even though He was
 - The God of your father
- I believe David could say that because he had found such joy and fulfillment from his own walk with God
 - And so he could say to his son, know the God of your father
 - And at first this may have been hard for Solomon to hear, come on Dad, but it was true
- Serve the God of your father
 - If you seek Him, He will be found of you
 - If you forsake Him, you will loose out

This is so key to hear

- There is a lot of talk these days about blaming God because you are trying but He isn't responding
 - that just isn't true – it is plain and simple – seek the Lord, you will find Him and walk with Him
 - don't and you won't
- David knew this was true in his life and so he says to Solomon, serve the God of your father

My question is, if you and I can say that to our sons and daughters?

- not the God we theoretically know
 - but that which is the master passion of our lives
 - Can we say to our son, our daughters, follow the God of your fathers?
- or would we have to said, no son, all I have known is frustration and pain with that which is my master passion
 - Do you really want your son to follow in your footsteps? – because most likely they will

Serve the God of your Father Solomon

- David first call to consecration was to his own son, but..

The second call to consecration was to the leaders of Israel, to support Solomon and to support the building of the temple through giving

- Solomon is young David said, come along side him
 - And this project is important, so open up your wallets and consecrate yourself, be part of the solution

And David starts by example – He goes to his own personal wealth and gives 3,000 talents of gold

- That is about 200,000 million dollars of his own money
 - And as he does then he says to the people, now you, whoever is willing, you consecrate yourselves
 - This must have been a tuff moment – because what is David saying??? – He is saying, I have given, now if you want to, leaders you should give too

He tells them to give of their wealth, of their support, but also their worship to the Lord

- what a preparatory meeting for a building project this was

Solomon exhorted to seek the Lord

- The leaders exhorted to give to the Lord
 - And the people encouraged to worship and bless the Lord
- And I just felt led to take the rest of the evening to do just that

This summer – Summer in the Psalms, The writings of Solomon – take 5 weeks and study the book, shorter studies, time in worship, hope you will be with us