

Gleanings of Grace

1 Chronicles 28; 29:10-15

Lesson 14

1 and 2 Chronicles contain many of the same accounts as 1 and 2 Kings. As we return to the life of David, we find him at the close of his life. Denied the joy of building the temple, David gratuitously and thankfully committed the undertaking to his son, Solomon. May you gain a deep appreciation of David's attitude and David's God as you study his relinquishment of his dream that ended in adoration.

OBSERVATION: Read 1 Chronicles 28

1. Read 1 Chronicle 28 using the Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework). After reading through the chapter, what would you say to someone if they asked you what it is about?
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Key Words: *LORD/God, Spirit, David, and Solomon*
3. The contrasting word *but* is used two times in 1 Chronicles 28. Mark the word. Choose one instance of its use and record what is being contrasted.
4. The term of conclusion *therefore* is used one time in 1 Chronicles 28. Mark the word; record the conclusion and what it was based upon.

Background: Read 1 Chronicles 17

1. David had a dream. He wanted to build a house for God. Realizing that he *dwelled in a house of cedar*, what did he observe in 1 Chronicles 17:1?

2. David expressed his desire to the prophet Nathan. It appeared to be a good desire. What did Nathan tell him?
 - a. *But*, God had other plans. Using verses 4,5, what did He tell Nathan to tell David?
 - 1.) In light of this, consider God's words in Isaiah 55:8,9. Explain this as you would to someone who, like David, *thought* they were doing the right thing.
3. Scan verses 5-14 and list a few of the things God said He would do.
4. *According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David* (1 Chronicles 17:15). What are some ways David could have reacted to God's rejection of his plan?
 - a. Reflect upon and summarize David's response. verses 16-27
 - 1.) What impresses you?

Read 1 Chronicles 28:1-3

1. The time had come. It was time for the temple to be built. It was time for David to pass on his reign to his son, Solomon. David understood the importance of the support of the leaders of Israel for Solomon. He gathered them together. What did he tell them? verse 2
 - a. Solomon spoke of this at the dedication of the temple. Read 1 Kings 8:17,18 and record God's perspective of David's desire?
 - 1.) How does it speak to you that, although David had it on his heart to do something God didn't want him to do, God commended his desire?

2. 1 Chronicles 17 (background) excluded God's reasoning as expressed by David in verse 3. Those were expressed in 1 Kings 5:3 and 1 Chronicles 22:8. What do these verses explain?
 - a. God was not punishing David for being a *man of war*. Go back to 1 Chronicles 28:2 and note what David called the temple.
 - 1.) David's desire to build the temple was simply not in God's timing. God was waiting for a time of rest in the land. That time would occur when Solomon was king and efforts could go towards building the temple as opposed to fighting wars. What does Habakkuk 2:3 reveal about God's timing to perform His purposes?
 - a.) In what ways does this speak to you?

Read 1 Chronicles 28:4-8

1. The word *chose* or *chosen* was used four times in verses 4-6. List what God *chose*.
 - a. Notice the contrasting word *however* in verse 4. God had denied David the privilege of building the temple. *However*, David chose to rejoice in what God had done for him. What are some reminders in your life that you can use to counter disappointments?
2. What promise did God make in verse 7?
 - a. What was the condition?
 - b. *Now therefore...* Based on the condition of verse 7, David exhorted his son, *in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God*. What did he tell him?
3. Ponder the words *be careful* in verse 8. Describe what it means to *be careful to observe God's commandments*.
4. Bask in the words of God in Psalm 89:28-37 as they relate to His promises to David. List a few of the phrases that speak to you.
 - a. Although these promises were specifically made to David, which ones do you know also apply to you?

Read 1 Chronicles 28:9-19

1. Although David spoke these words in the presence of many people, he was a man that was not afraid to express his heart for his son. Bask in his words recorded in verse 9. What did he instruct Solomon to do?
 - a. David's first advice was to *know the God of his father*. Using Jeremiah 9:23,24, express the importance of this to the LORD.
 - 1.) How does *knowing God* affect a life?
 - b. David next advised Solomon to *serve the LORD with a loyal heart and a willing mind*. Describe this lifestyle.
 - c. What words or phrases did he use to describe God?
 - 1.) What does it mean to you that *the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts*?
 - a.) Consider why this can either provoke fear or comfort. Share your insights.
2. 1 Chronicles 28:9 closes with a promise that contains both a positive and a negative. What are they?
 - a. Write a few thoughts about the wonders of *finding God*.
 - b. There was a period of time in Solomon's life that he *forsook the LORD*. That time is recorded in 1 Kings 11. What was God's response to Solomon's choice to not live as God had commanded? See 1 Kings 11:11
3. 1 Chronicles 28:11-18 records all that David contributed. Don't miss the phrase in verse 12: *...and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit*. Connect this to verse 19. What do you see?

Read 1 Chronicles 28:20,21

1. David again spoke to Solomon by giving him instructions and reminding him of God's character and promises. List the instructions David gave to his son.
 - a. Take into consideration the many instructions David could have given to Solomon. Reflect upon the magnanimous project that building the temple would be. Why do you think Solomon needed to hear these particular words?
 - b. In reassuring Solomon, David referred to God as *my God*. David was reassuring Solomon from his personal experience of God's faithfulness. What are a few things that you can personally confirm about God?
 - c. Notice the promises at the end of verse 20. Why is it important to you to personally know that *God will be with you and not leave you, nor forsake you*?

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Observation Worksheet

1 Chronicles 28:1-21

Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all the mighty men of valor. ² Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it. ³ But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.' ⁴ However the LORD God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel. ⁵ And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. ⁶ Now He said to me, 'It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father. ⁷ Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.' ⁸ Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever. ⁹ "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. ¹⁰ Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it." ¹¹ Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; ¹² and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; ¹³ also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the articles of service in the house of the LORD. ¹⁴ He gave gold by weight for things of gold, for all articles used in every kind of service; also silver for all articles of silver by weight, for all articles used in every kind of service; ¹⁵ the weight for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, by weight for each lampstand and its lamps; for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand. ¹⁶ And by weight he gave gold for the tables of the showbread, for each table, and silver for the tables of silver; ¹⁷ also pure gold for the forks, the basins, the pitchers of pure gold, and the golden bowls--he gave gold by weight for every bowl; and for the

silver bowls, silver by weight for every bowl;¹⁸ and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense, and for the construction of the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim that spread their wings and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of the LORD. ¹⁹ "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans." ²⁰ And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. ²¹ Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and every willing craftsman will be with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service; also the leaders and all the people will be completely at your command."

1 Chronicles 29:10-15

Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. 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. 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. ¹³ "Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name. 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. 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.