

1 Chronicles

Chapter 16

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto Him. Talk of all His wondrous works.

10 Boast in His Holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice¹ that seek Yahweh.

Chapter 22

1 And David said this is the house of the Lord God and this is the altar of the burnt offering of Israel².

¹ One of the most essential aspects of seeking God is to rejoice before Him for all of the wonderful things that He has done and has promised to do (Psalms 70:4; 100:2; 105:3; Isaiah 25:9; Hebrews 11:6). God desires us to be continually filled with the Spirit so that we may be supplied with the supernatural resources to be all that He has called and chosen us to be. When the Holy Spirit is allowed control over our emotion and given place to prophecy through us then our tongues will be glad and we will shout for joy and the Lord will be magnified (Psalms 132:9, 16; Galatians 5:22; Romans 14:17; Acts 2:11, 26). God's will for our lives is that we continually give thanks speaking to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in our heart (Ephesians 5:19-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). He has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light for the purpose of making known all His goodness (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 2:10; Isaiah 61:6).

It is impossible to worship God and interact with Him unless you are rejoicing in Him for rejoicing is the act of praise and thanksgiving (Deuteronomy 16:11-15; 2 Chronicles 23:18; Psalms 5:11; 9:2; 26:7; 50:14; 69:30; 95:2; 107:22). When we rejoice in God we are declaring with our mouths all the things that He has done and that He has promised to do. Such a relationship with God will produce a state of even greater joy and thanksgiving. The more you will allow the Holy Spirit to lead you and guide you into truth you will discover that God has done more than can be reckoned and more than can be numbered (Jeremiah 15:16; Psalms 40:5; 68:19; 103:2). As you give yourself over to this state of joy and rejoicing in the Holy Ghost watch what will happen. Your eyes will be opened to the promises of God and faith will rise up and produce a certainty that calls it all done! In such a state you will discover God's glory and presence all around you and a divine ability that will enable you to both boast of great things and do them as well. As you acknowledge all that God is doing and every good thing that is in you faith will begin to work and you will find yourself living in a whole new dimension of glory. If we do what God has told us to do and agree with the things that He has said then we discover fullness of joy that will both boast and radiate with the wondrous works of God (John 15:11; 16:24; 1 Peter 1:8; 1 John 1:4). Rejoice and never allow a sad countenance to veil the glory of God that is on you.

² The Lord had long desired to have His dwelling in the midst of His people Israel. Yet time and again they rejected His will and His presence but never was there a breach like the one that took place soon after the tabernacle of God was set up in the wilderness. Israel had so rejected God and grieved His heart that He removed His tabernacle from the midst of the people of Israel and separated a place for Himself far away from them (Exodus 33:3,7).

Chapter 29

11-To you Lord is the greatness and the strength and the glory and the victory and the splendor for all that is in heaven and in the earth belongs to you the Kingdom belongs to you Lord and you are exalted as head over all.

12- And the riches and the glory come from your presence and you reign over everything and in your hand is the power and the strength and it is in your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone³.

The sacred place of God found no place in the midst of Israel for more than 400 years. During the days of Joshua it was established in Shiloh where it remained for about 300 years (Joshua 18:1). The Israelites continued to corrupt themselves and do even worse things than the inhabitants of the land that dwelled in their midst. Yet God in His mercy continued to deal with them to bring them to a place of surrender to His will. By the time Samuel was born the priesthood had been reduced to the vile practices of Hophni and Phinehas who had become sons of Belial (1 Samuel 2:12,22). Therefore, God finally gave that which represented His presence over into the hands of the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:17).

The sacred things of God had lost all of its true meaning to the people of Israel. When God brought back the ark of the covenant into Israel the Israelites treated it like a novelty having no concept of the sacred nor the awesome reverence that should accompany the holy things of God. Instead they laid it out upon a rock for everyone to look at. They had lost all sense of protocol as to how to approach the sacred things of God much more God Himself (1 Samuel 6:15, 19). After God reached forth his hand and destroyed over 50,000 men because of the way they treated His holy things the people of Bethshemesh sent the ark to Kirjathjearim where it remained until the time of David.

Although David loved the Lord and was the anointed of the Lord the proper protocol of approaching unto the sacred things of God had been forgotten and was foreign to him. His heart yearned to be near to God and to the place of His holiness so he sent to Kirjathjearim to bring the tabernacle of God into the midst of Israel. Yet he failed to seek God according to due order and his dear friend which sought to bring stability to the ark was struck down (1 Chronicles 13:9-10; 15:13). The ark was then taken to the house of Obededom. After three months David's heart still yearning for the holy things of God went again to bring the ark into the midst of Israel but this time he did with all reverence and worship using only that which was consecrated to the Lord to approach unto the holiness of holinessess. David choose to take the ark to the high place of Gibeon thinking that this would be the place that the house of the Lord would be build but he was wrong.

God had given David the supernatural strength to purge the land of Israel from all of the foreign powers that should have been driven out from the midst of Israel long before David. David and his mighty men destroyed the last of the giants who poised not only a threat to Israel but to humanity as a whole. Yet, David still did not know how to defeat his spiritual foe, Satan. Now, God's anger was against Israel and so He allowed Satan to provoke David to number Israel (2 Samuel 24:1; 1 Chronicles 21:1). When David gave into this temptation and allowed this thing to take place he was in fact defiling the people of God whose seed could not be counted. Furthermore, he was doing so as an assessment of their military might forgetting that God Himself was their military might and their defense. Because of this offense God sent a plague, which destroyed 70,000 men. While David was repenting for his sin that had caused this great evil he looked up and saw both the judgment of God and the mercy of God (1 Chronicles 21:17). His eyes beheld the means by which the death and the plague would be stopped not just for this one event but for all time. At that moment he beheld the altar of God and the place of His mercy seat where Satan would be destroyed. As Abraham had lifted up his eyes in the same location and saw the sacrifice of God's lamb even so David beheld the place where that lamb would be slain (1 Chronicles 21:18; Genesis 22:8,13).

³ Everything that is in the heaven and the earth belongs to God and He desires to bless His people with everything that He has. One of the great tragedies that exist among Gods people is that they underestimate the power of God. He is not limited to a heavenly realm but everything in the heavens and in the earth and all of its fullness are His. Too many days pass through our lives in which we fail to recognize the greatness of God. Instead in our worry and concern we look to men and to the earth for what we need. We need to

stand in the presence of God until we realize who He really is! Everyday and in every situation we must acknowledge that God reigns supremely and that all of the splendor and beauty and glory and the greatness of all wealth and riches are His and He gives to whom He chooses. We must equally recognize that He has chosen us and that He desires to bless us and to give us charge over all that He has. What we can be certain of is that it is His will to make everyone great and to give everyone strength to function in all of His wonderful riches both of the precious things of the heavens and of the precious things of the earth (Deuteronomy 33:13-16).

If we would only realize that riches and glory of both the things in the heaven and in the earth to not come as men suppose but as a result of standing in His presence then we may further realize how that it is impossible to have these things without a deep and intimate relationship with God (Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Proverbs 8:18; Psalms 112:3; 2 Corinthians 9:8-9; 3 John 2). Only those appointed by the king are allowed to stand in his presence and this is certainly true of the King of Kings who stands in the Holies of Holies. God has appointed all men unto salvation through Christ Jesus (2 Peter 3:9; Titus 2:11; John 12:32; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13). He has open the door and provided the blood of cleansing and purification so that sin and its darkness can be removed (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Revelation 1:5; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 10:19; 13:12; Colossians 1:14; Ephesians 1:7; 2:13). With the life and glory of these royal garments of holiness and purity we can stand in the presence of the One who has all power and might and receive from Him the splendor of His manifest presence and walk in the majesty of His anointing. With this glory of His presence comes that strength and the anointing to take our place as His representatives on earth and to possess a glory and an honor that reaches far beyond that which king David inherited.