

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

August 5, 2020

1 Chronicles 22:5-10

⁵ Now David said, “Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it.” So David made abundant preparations before his death.

⁶ Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the Lord God of Israel. ⁷ And David said to Solomon: “My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the Lord my God; ⁸ but the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight. ⁹ Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. ¹⁰ He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’

David had determined that he was to build the temple for God but God had other ideas.

David was humble enough to understand that the Lord’s ways are higher than his own and he was big enough to be encouraging and supportive of his son being called to do it as opposed to being angry or jealous. In a way, it wasn’t David’s life plan to be a man of war, it was the time he was appointed for and the road he was given. However he didn’t shirk from it, he stepped up and gave 100%. Nevertheless, if he couldn’t be the builder, he could still be a supporter. He was a man after God’s own heart (1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22).

1 Chronicles 22:11-16

¹¹ Now, my son, may the Lord be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the Lord your God, as He has said to you. ¹² Only may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the Lord your God. ¹³ Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the Lord charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed. ¹⁴ Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the Lord one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them. ¹⁵ Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work. ¹⁶ Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and the Lord be with you.”

It is interesting, for as much work as David put into making sure Solomon had all he needed to build the temple, he put more work into building Solomon. The most important thing was not that Solomon build the temple, the most important thing was, the Lord be with you.

1 Chronicles 28:4-9

⁴ “Yet the Lord, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and from the tribe of Judah he chose my family, and from my father’s sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel. ⁵ Of all my sons—and the Lord has given me many—he has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. ⁶ He said to me: ‘Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. ⁷ I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.’

⁸ “So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever.

⁹ “And you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

In Chapter 22 David addressed Solomon in private, in Chapter 28 David addresses Solomon before all Israel. He begins by acknowledging God’s great love and grace in his own life. The advice he gives his son is what every father needs to tell his son – “know the God of your father”. Verse 7-Genesis 17:7-8, Verse 8-Deuteronomy 8:1, Verse 9-Jeremiah 17:10, Matthew 7:7-8

1 Chronicles 29:10-15

¹⁰ 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.

David refers to God as ‘Our Father’. In fact, Jesus tells us to pray in much the same fashion as David sets forth here (Matthew 6:9-13). Raised a Catholic, The Lord’s Prayer is fundamental to my faith and with good reason. It seems that The Lord Himself took David’s heart and perfected it. In verse 14-15, David humbly recognizes that all things are a gift from The Lord, our Father. John Trapp a bible commentator 1601-1669 said this, “A shadow seemeth to be something, when indeed it is nothing; so is man’s life: and the longer this shadow seemeth to be, the nearer the sun is to setting.” I think David recognized this. All our hope is in Jesus. Our hope is in heaven not on earth.

1 Chronicles 29:16-20

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. 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. 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. 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.”

²⁰ Then David said to all the assembly, “Now bless the Lord your God.” So all the assembly blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the Lord and the king.

David, the king, prayed over his people and over his son to always have their hearts on Jesus – how great is that?! David’s heart was genuine and his motives were pure; he was a man of integrity. Integrity has two meanings: 1–the quality of being honest and of good moral principles and 2–the state of being whole and undivided. David embodied both.

1 Chronicles 29:26-30

²⁶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. ²⁷ And the period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem. ²⁸ So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place. ²⁹ Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, ³⁰ with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

These are the closing words on a life well lived. David died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor and his son took his place...who could ask for more?

Jonathan Edwards on David as a Type of Christ

“There is yet a more remarkable, manifest and manifold agreement between the things said of David in his history and the things said of the Messiah in the prophecies. His name, David, signifies beloved, as the prophecies do represent the Messiah as in a peculiar and transcendent manner the beloved of God. David was God’s elect in an eminent manner. Saul was the king whom the people chose (1 Samuel 8:18 and 1 Samuel 12:13). But David was the king whom God chose, one whom he found and pitched upon according to his own mind, without any concern of man in the affair and contrary to what men would have chosen. When Jesse caused all his elder sons to pass before Samuel, God said concerning one and another of them, “The Lord hath not chosen this, neither hath the Lord chosen this,” etc. [1 Samuel 16:8–10]. See 1 Chronicles 28:4: there David says, “The Lord God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever: for he hath 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 liked me to make me king over all Israel.” (See Psalms 78:67–70.) Psalms 89:3, “I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant”; agreeable to Isaiah 42:1, “Mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles,” and Isaiah 49:7, “And he shall choose thee.” He was a king of God’s finding and providing, and [God] speaks of him as his king. 1 Samuel 16:1, “I will send thee to Jesse... for I have provided me a king among his sons.” 2 Samuel 22:51, “He is the tower of salvation for his king”; agreeable to Psalms 2:6, “I have set my king on my holy hill of Zion.” He is spoken of as a man after God’s own heart, and one in whom God delighted. 2 Samuel 22:20, “He delivered me, because he delighted in me”; agreeable to Isaiah 42:1, “Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth.”

David was in a very eminent manner God’s anointed or messiah (as the word is), and is so spoken of. 2 Samuel 22:51, “He showeth mercy to his anointed, unto David.” And 2 Samuel 23:1, “David the son of Jesse... the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob.” Psalms 89:19–20, “I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.” Samuel anointed him with peculiar solemnity (1 Samuel 16:13). David’s anointing remarkably agrees with what the prophecies say of the anointing of the Messiah, who speak of it as a being anointed with the Spirit of God. So David was anointed with the Spirit of God at the same time that he was anointed with oil. 1 Samuel 16:13, “And Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.”... <https://feedingonchrist.org/jonathan-edwards-on-david-as-a-type-of-christ/>