

1 Chronicles 22

Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

1 – Altar on a Gentile threshing floor is the site and motivation for the House of God.

- Without the altar of sacrifice, there is no dwelling place for God...starting point for relationship.
- Not with the proud but the humble. David offered himself in the last chapter but the sacrifice takes his place so he can live.
- Place of God's mercy, where the plague was stopped, where Abraham sacrificed, where God provided.

This threshing floor is supposed to be on Mt. Moriah which tradition states is near Jerusalem. This is the location where Abraham built an altar after God provided a sacrifice for Isaac. Is it any wonder that this location may be the site of the temple.

Where God showed His mercy is where worship begins and will be moved to. Where is your Mt. Moriah?

² And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. ³ And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; ⁴ Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

⁵ And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

2 – Stranger of foreigners were directed to assist in the building of the house of God.

3-4—David and others contributed in collecting materials in abundance.

5 – David knows his son is young and inexperienced and that the work at hand is important and needs to be magnificent. Be a wonder to other nations. So he commits to live out his days preparing and helping his son build something great for the Lord.

We can see what David is doing. Others, not just Jews are involved in the building of the Temple where God will dwell. This building is important because others will look at it and see the wonder. They will see that it is built for the glory of God.

Application: Where is this temple now? Where does God dwell now? See Isaiah 57:15. If we are the dwelling place of God, perhaps the same word applies to us.

- We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14).
- We should assist in the building up and support our children so that they become a dwelling place for the Lord.
- They will be young and inexperienced and may not fully understand what God desires:
 - That they be a wonder to others.
 - That they are built and created for the glory of God.
 - That they are being prepared for His glory.
- Question: What are we preparing our children to become? Is it for this world or the glory of God?

⁶ Then he called for Solomon his son, 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 unto the name of the LORD my God:

⁸ But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

⁹ Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto 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.

6 – David will prep it, but charges Solomon to build it. David provides tools and preparation. Father’s, what are we preparing our children for? What are we charging them to do for the Lord?

7 – David desired to build a great house for God. 2 Sam 7, 1 Chron 28, 1 Chron 17

8 – He couldn’t because of his previous actions or role. Killed many, great wars, etc., disqualified him from building the temple at this time. Could only lay a foundation and prep it.

- God gives him the reason for not letting David build the temple. It was because he was a fighter and warrior who had killed along the way.

- Opinion – While there are varying opinions as to why God disqualified David from actually building the temple, my personal opinion based on what I see in the Word is that the concept of the temple focuses on peace. It is symbolic of the 7th feast where the King dwells on the earth. The idea of war and death while part of the process, it is not the end objective.
- See my notes for 1 Chronicles 28

9 – Prophecy and appointment from God was that his son would complete the work. Son would be a man of peace or rest...Solomon means “man of peace”. There will be rest and peace in the Kingdom when the House of God is built. Why does God do it this way? I think it is a shadow and partial fulfillment of God’s plan and end time prophesy.

10 – Typical of Christ.

Application: Again, it should be the goal of every parent to prepare their children to build something great for the glory of God. Notice the steps David takes in this approach to prepare his son.

- There comes a time while he is preparing that he calls for Solomon to talk to him. We need to talk with them.
- David gives him a charge, build something where God can dwell. Tell them to become someone where God can dwell inside.
- David explains he is not able to but it is the will and plan of God that Solomon continue the work he has started.
- David explains and encourages him in this work and that God will bless him in the end.

¹¹ Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee. ¹² Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. ¹³ Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

11 – God will prosper him in allowing him to build the House. Good words still.

12 – Only the Lord gives wisdom and understanding (1 Kings 3); needed to lead Israel and in keeping the Law. Leading the people correctly was linked to being obedient.

13 – Conditional, do 12 and 13 follows. You prosper. Same God here as with Moses.

- Be strong and have no worry or fear. So worry and fear will come...just don’t give it place.

Application: The conversation with his son continues. Perhaps we should be saying and hearing the same things.

- Bless them, ask the Lord to be with them...let them hear us say it over them.
- Challenge them to build their lives to be great in the Lord. Notice David says “the Lord thy God”. So make sure they understand they have to establish and maintain this status that God is their God.

- Get wisdom...real wisdom from God and not rely on other sources alone.
- Gain understanding so that they know the importance and understand how to obey God.
- Let them know the secret of success and the promise that God will prosper them if they obey and follow the Lord.
- Encourage them to be strong, courageous, not to be overcome by fear, or be discouraged.

Major note: you cannot just tell them the above and tell them to be strong and not dismayed....you have to also show them that it is in application in your life as well.

¹⁴ Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. ¹⁵ Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. ¹⁶ Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee. ¹⁷ David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,

14 – Even though he faced tough times, it didn't stop him from laying the foundation or preparing for the work now. Disqualified, but focused on doing what he can to contribute. His contribution was great!

- How can we like David build a House for God? Solomon was to add to this and not just sit around and enjoy the labor or prep work.

15 – He commissioned others to help. He was not going to let him do this alone.

16 – Solomon instructed to rise and get started. God needs to be with you in what you try to do for Him.

17 – Charges the people to help the son...do what?

- Build the House

¹⁸ Is not the LORD your God with you? And hath he not given you rest on every side? For he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people. ¹⁹ Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

18 – Why build it? Because God is with you. In the form of a question...has He given you peace/rest? Wars and people around them and bothering them had stopped, they had subdued the previous problems.



19 – Because of what God has done for them...they should help build a place for God to dwell.

Temple built after the struggle and victory. Christ the builder, the Prince of Peace.

Application: It should be the goal of parents to do what is necessary to provide a measure of peace and rest to our children. There are some things they shouldn't have to worry about because you are providing that.

- Be careful. David didn't provide everything so that Solomon could just sit around. Solomon was to look around and see what was already being provided and how God was blessing and "arise" and put that work into this project. You are not supposed to do everything for them; you are not to be slack in preparing them.
- You may not have the financial resources that David did. Or, you may have the financial means for support, but notice David provides something more valuable. Notice:
 - Look around and see how God is with you.
 - Set your heart and goals to seek God.
 - Get up and get started.
 - Build your life into a sanctuary where God dwells in you and glory to His name is your purpose.

Perhaps as a parent you are reading this and realize through this Word that you need to have this conversation. Share the word and wisdom with them. Pray that the Lord provide these opportunities. David made many mistakes as a parent, but that didn't disqualify him from providing the Word of God to his son.

Perhaps you missed out on your parents having this discussion with you. Maybe they were not around. More than likely they just didn't understand the Word or the leading of the Spirit to know to do this. Perhaps they prepared you and desired for you to be great in the world but neglected the greater goal for you to be great in the Kingdom. If you are reading this word, you are without excuse because your Father in Heaven is having this conversation with you now. He loves you and wants you to be His child and great in His Kingdom.

Update: Personally, I used this model from scripture to have a discussion with my kids. For most of them, it was a face-to-face conversation. Be strong and don't be dismayed before, during, and after the execution of your communication. Don't be overly concerned if some of them get quiet and might not respond. As long as you did what God and the Spirit have directed and the loving way He directed....you should be quite fine. God is so great....follow the script! With joy I was able to give them each a charge to be a magnificent person/building where the world can look at them and see God!

