

Affection For God's House

Intro: King David had a great love for God and had a desire to see a great temple built in Jerusalem. He was not allowed to build it because he was a man of war, but his son, Solomon, was. In speaking to "all the congregation" of Israel, David expressed his desire to see this temple built. He said, "I have set my affection to the house of my God" (1 Chr. 29:3). We see David's love for God and the temple, but also points us to some attitudes needed in the church today.

I. WHY HAD DAVID DETERMINED TO HAVE THIS TEMPLE BUILT?

A. His house versus the Ark

1. He lived in a palace of cedar.
2. The ark of God was in a tent.
3. 1 Chr. 17:1 "Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under curtains."
4. David could not tolerate such unequal situations.
5. A lesson for all those who spend only the finest on themselves and live in luxury, but only give a token amount for the work of God.

B. He realized the work was great.

1. 1 Chr. 29:1 "Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God."
2. Until we realize how great God's work is, we will never invest much into it.
 - a. Time
 - b. Abilities
 - c. Effort
 - d. Money, etc.

C. The building was not for man but for God.

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2. Those who complain about lessons on money or work need to realize it is against God's work, not man's, you are complaining.

D. He loved the house of God.

1. Psa. 122:1 "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."
2. When we love God and the church, we are never able to do or give too much.

II. WHAT DID HIS AFFECTION FOR GOD'S HOUSE CAUSE HIM TO DO?

A. David determined to build the temple.

1. 1 Chr. 17:1 "Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under curtains."
2. We, like David, must dream, plan, and determine great things for God.

B. David made proper preparations.

1. 1 Chr. 29:2 "Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things* to be made of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance."
2. We cannot live in a dream world (as needed as our dreams are), we must work with all our might to fulfil those dreams.

C. David gave his personal fortune.

1. 1 Chr. 29:3 ⁴³Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,"
2. This shows the depth of David's love for God's house.
3. Talkers and planners:
 - a. There are always some big talkers and planners.
 - b. They often vanish when it is time to work.
 - c. They also vanish when it is time to sacrifice (especially monetarily).
4. David put his money where his mouth was.

D. David challenged others to give to this great work.

1. 1 Chr. 29:5 ⁴⁵The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?"
2. We need elders and preachers who are just as bold in challenging God's people today "to consecrate his service" to God and the work of the church.
 - a. There are souls to be saved.
 - b. There are brethren who need teaching and strengthened (edified).

III. WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?**A. The people offered willingly.**

1. 1 Chr. 29:6-8 ⁴⁶Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, ⁷ And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸ And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite."
2. When the leaders of God's people today set the right example (service, sacrifice, giving, and urging others to follow them), almost all will.
 - a. Heb. 13:7 ⁴⁷Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation."
 - b. 1 Pet. 5:3 ⁴³Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."

B. There was great joy.

1. 1 Chr. 29:9, 17 ⁴⁹Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.... ¹⁷I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee."
2. True joy:
 - a. In obeying the Gospel.
 - (1) Acts 2:41 ⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."
 - (2) Acts 8:39 ³⁹ And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."
 - b. In doing God's Will.
 - (1) Acts 2:46 ⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,"
 - (2) Acts 11:23 ²³ Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

c. In giving.

- (1) Acts 20:35 “³⁵I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
- (2) The stingy denies himself of one of the greatest sources of joy in life.

C. The temple was built.

1. They made the plans, made the preparations, and sacrificed themselves to accomplish it.
2. God blessed them with great success in that the temple was finished and dedicated to Him.

Conclusion: We need brethren like unto David and those who stepped up to build the temple in his day. When we do as they did, God will bless us as He blessed them.