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MORE LESSONS ON GIVING TO GOD. Taken from the life of King David.

Dear Friends, God bless you. I pray you are well.

This edition is talking about the amazing ways some people give to God and what motivates them.

First we will start with one of my favourite chapters, and if we can't get on to George Muller (Famous for his giving and faith), then we will do in a soon coming edition, by God's grace.

We are looking at the entire chapter of 1 Chronicles 29. This comes at a time in Old Testament Israel's time, when King David wanted to build a temple for Yahweh. However The Lord told him through the prophet Nathan, (1 Chronicles 17), that he couldn't do it, because he was a bloody man or a man of war, but that instead, his son, Solomon would build it. (Previous

chapter verses 1-10).

Up to this point of time, there had been no physical stone temple in Israel. The Lord gave the go ahead to David to get ready and his son to build the Temple.

Offerings for the Temple



1 Chronicles 29

And King David said to all the assembly, "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for the temple is not for man but for the LORD God.

2 So with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for

the things of gold, silver for the things of silver, bronze for the things of bronze, iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, as well as onyx stones and stones to be inlaid, stones of antimony (a brittle, silvery-white metal) and stones of various colours, and all kinds of precious stones and alabaster in abundance.

3 Moreover, because I delight in the house of my God, the [personal] treasure that I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, in addition to all that I have already provided for the holy house: 4 namely, 3,000 talents of gold from the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings;

5 gold for the things of gold, silver for the things of silver, that is, for all the work to be done by craftsmen. Now who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?"

King David had this wonderful trust and hunger and love for God since his youth. Sure, he made mistakes, but he, unlike other kings, was willing to take punishment and correction because he knew God always was righteous. Because of this, his love for God caused him to contribute to God's Work. Just speaking regarding Gold, he dedicated around a billion dollars' worth of gold to the building; his entire personal wealth of gold and silver, he

says.

[How much was 3,000 talents of gold in the old testament - Google Search](#)



3000 Talents = 108 Tons

6 Then the rulers of the fathers' households, and leaders of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers of the king's work, offered willingly

7 and gave for the service of the house of God: 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, and 10,000 talents of silver, and 18,000 talents of bronze, and 100,000 talents of iron.

8 Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole and blameless heart they had offered freely to the LORD.

King David also rejoiced greatly.

King David led by example, as all true Godly leaders must do!

Of course his love for God and the fact that all the leaders of Israel had seen and observed him for many years, knew that their King was the real deal. The King's Love and zeal for God was infectious. The leadership reacted and probably knew beforehand, as they would have had to prepare their wealth or parts of it to give to the (temple) project. Here we see above the amounts they gave, which are still phenomenal by today's standard. Praise the Lord!

All this wealth, this massive amount was entrusted to one faithful man, Jehiel the Gershonite. He must have been

one esteemed and respected and faithful brother. Proverbs 22:29

David's Prayer

10 Therefore David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly and said, "Blessed (praised, adored, and thanked) are You, O LORD God of Israel (Jacob) our father, forever and ever.

11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and on the earth; Yours is the dominion and kingdom, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

12 Both riches and honour come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand is power and might; and it is in Your hands to make great and to give strength to everyone.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

What a beautiful prayer, full of the knowledge of who he knew God to be and himself also!

He continues along the same vein below until verse 19.

14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your own hand we have given to You.

15 For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope [of remaining].

16 O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy Name, it is from Your hand, and is all Your own.

17 I know also, my God, that You test the heart and delight in uprightness and integrity. In the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things. So now with joy I have seen your people who are present

here, make their offerings willingly and freely to You.

Here we see this main theme of the chapter: Willingness, willingly, generously, consecration, and also great joy because of their willingness. If you read these verses carefully!

Then David closes out his prayer by asking God to keep all the people's minds directed towards HIM, His Purposes. He invites the assembly to praise and bless God.

18 O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the minds of Your people, and direct their hearts toward You; 19 and give to my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do all [that is necessary] to build the temple [for You], for which I have made provision."

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless (praise, thank) the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed down and honoured the LORD and to the king [as His earthly representative].

Please read the remaining verses of this chapter below 21- to 30 and enjoy their words!

Sacrifices

21 The next day they offered sacrifices and burnt offerings to the LORD: 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, and 1,000 lambs, with their drink offerings (libations) and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 They ate and drank that day before the LORD with great rejoicing.

Solomon Again Made King

They made Solomon the son of David king a second time, and anointed him as ruler for the LORD and Zadok as [high] priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of David his father; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

24 All of the leaders and warriors, and also all the sons of King David, pledged allegiance to King Solomon.

25 The LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him royal majesty which had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

Death of David

28 He died in a good old age [his seventy-first year], full of days (satisfied), riches and honour. Solomon his son reigned in his place.

29 Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the chronicles (records) of Samuel the seer, in the chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the chronicles of Gad the seer,

30 with [accounts of] all his reign, and his power, and the times and circumstances which came on him, on Israel, and on all the kingdoms of the [surrounding] lands.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

There are certain events in scripture which are monumental, and this is one of them! Here was an event God's people at the time prepared for by getting their hearts right with their Creator;

Giving willingly and far more abundantly than we give today (generally speaking). The amount and abundance and sincerity and willingness and joy with which they gave, may be equalled but is not surpassed in the Holy Bible. This it, THE GIVING EVENT in the Bible in my opinion.

What did they lose from giving to God? Nothing? What did they gain from giving to God!? Almost everything, the righteous joy in their hearts and a freedom in their souls.

We have to also remember that the King and the people had a clear goal. This goal was confirmed by the prophet Nathan. That was the temple, the first ever temple was going to go ahead! This was the goal and it needed both money and prayers and a preparing of the hearts of the people, those three things! And maybe more! King David led the way and his leaders, princes, military leaders etc and probably everyone followed hard behind! Praise the Lord.

How long did the temple of Solomon actually 'last'?

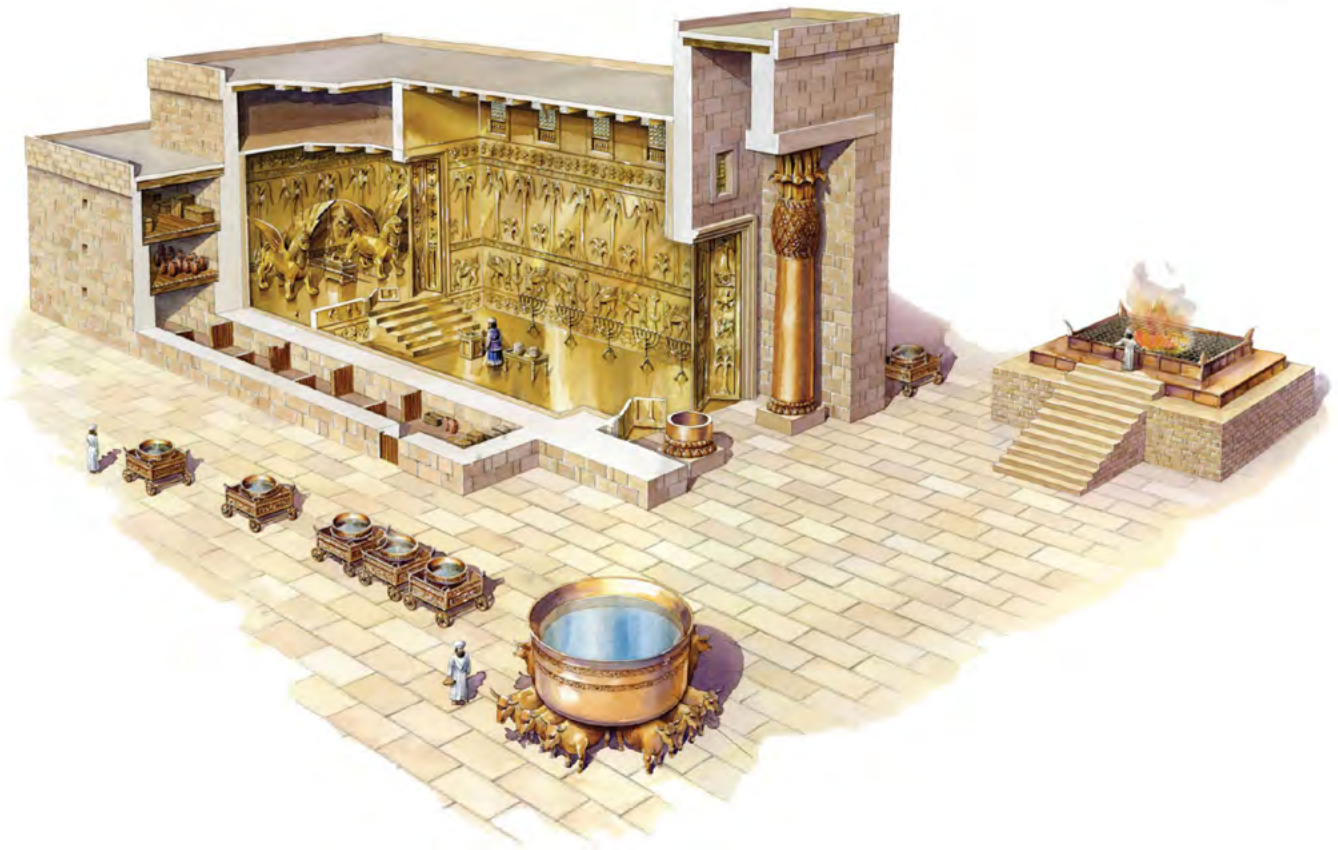
The Jewish historian Josephus says; **"the temple was burnt four hundred and seventy years, six months, and ten days after it was built"**. Solomon's Temple was subsequently replaced with the Second Temple in 515 BC, following Jewish return from exile.

So the giving of the people kick started a movement, or one

can say a supremely important event in the nationhood of Israel. It was burnt down by the King of Babylon.

Today!
Some people may ask, and I am surely one of them, 'where

you to that, but that person(s) must have fruit already, they must sincerely know God and have the fruits of the Spirit.



The Temple was destroyed in 586 BC by Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, when he conquered Jerusalem.

So this wonderful event of this chapter, of giving and praise, as a result, eventually lasted almost five hundred years. That's a very long time in human terms and something that was done in unity by the leading of an anointed King and his prophet. All great events of history usually start with one man and others join him, they can remain just a one man ministry as we reported in another article, but to be successful for God, others will always join him and follow and cooperate and co-work. That is the way it goes!

is God's Temple today? I am not talking about the Jewish temple, although that is supposed to be rebuilt (for the last time) before the arrival of the Antichrist.

Where is the work of God and the people of God today and who should you or I be giving to?

We have actually covered this in detail in another edition about 'Lessons learned over 40 years of Giving to God's work' We must pray each of us to find that 'temple' that work of God which is truly going to impact the world for Jesus Christ and bring souls and disciples in to His Kingdom? Where is there a 'king' or man of God, who is going forward with such a work (big or small)? I am not able to exactly direct

There are a lot of fraudsters around as we can see. The fruit is also going to be souls and new disciples, or it is an entity that bears fruit on line or produces content which is changing people's lives and hearts for Jesus. Until you know what you should do about this giving situation, you should very earnestly pray. God will lead you. Don't give on impulse, be serious with God and ask Him to help you find someone who bears fruit like David did. Don't be scammed out of your wealth. David was no scammer, he was the opposite. He freely gave all his personal wealth into that project which he so joyfully believed in, as directed by God. As a result he and his generation and then his son Solomon produced something

that remained a testimony
for the God of Israel for
hundreds of years.
Amen?
God will bless you as you
give to HIM!
With much love in Jesus,

Until next week,
Jerry for the WCF Team



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It is estimated that
if the widow's mite
had been deposited
at the "First National
Bank, Jerusalem" to
draw four percent
interest semi-an-
nually, the fund
today would total



\$4,800,000,000,000,000,000,000. If a bank on earth could multiply the widow's mite to such an astronomical figure, think what treasures this dedicated woman will have in heaven where "moth and rust doth not corrupt."

The above mentioned figure was calculated many years ago. It is much bigger in today's economy. The parable of the Widow's Mite is not a story of money, but of piety. "It's about what we are willing to give of ourselves," said artist James Christensen of his best known painting. Christensen's The Widow's Mite uses striking light and dark to symbolize spiritual and worldly power. The poor widow, who gave all she had, glows with an inner light. Even her ragged clothing is luminescent. By contrast, the rich men in their expensive robes fade into the shadows behind the radiance of this woman's gift.

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