

BE STRONG, AND DO IT

INTRODUCTION

God selected David, a man after His own heart, to replace Saul after he sinned regarding the Amalekites. David wanted to build a permanent house for the Lord, but his life was filled with many wars, and he was unable to do so. God told David that after his death, his son (Solomon) would build the house (2 Sam. 7:12-16). In 1 Chron. 22 and 28, we have the admonition David gives to his son Solomon, regarding the building of this house in Jerusalem. In chapter 28, David names the 6 areas of construction that were to be built according to the "plan" God had given, and written down so he could be sure to follow God's plan.

In verses 9 and 10, we have (1) The Admonition, (2) The Reasons for the admonition, and (3) The Challenge to get it done. Let's look at the words of David, and see how they also apply to us today. We begin by reading these 2 verses. (Read)

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, the ADMONITIONS TO BUILD.

1 Sam. 28:9AB: *"As for you, my son Solomon, **know the God of your father**, and **serve Him** with a loyal heart and with a willing mind..."*

A. The first admonition is to **know God**.

1. Solomon already "knew" God as the Creator and Shepherd of Israel through the life of his father David, and would eventually have a dream from God to enhance his wisdom, but was to continue to know (honor and obey) God, especially in building the house of God in Jerusalem.
2. If **we** are to serve God in His house (the church, 1 Tim. 3:15), we need to know Him first.
 - a. We know Him when we know the "truth" (John 8:32); when we know His "Son" (2 Pet. 2:20), and the "way of righteousness" (2 Pet. 3:21; Rom.1:16-17) [Read and connect these points together]
 - b. When we know God, He knows us and we have communion together.
Gal. 4:8-9

B. The second admonition to Solomon was to **serve** Him with a loyal heart and a willing mind.

1. The loyal heart was to be total loyalty and commitment to God, as was David.
2. The willing mind is the persistence in always doing the things God wanted done in the building of the temple in Jerusalem
 - a. David's personal life was messed up in his affair with Bathsheba and Uriah, as well as with his many wives.
 - b. David repented of his sins, and was a loyal servant of God.

C. Our lives today are to be filled with the same kind of loyalty and devotion. Matt. 4:10; Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 12:28; Matt. 22:37; Phil. 2:5

II. 2nd, the REASONS FOR THE ADMONITION TO BUILD.

1 Sam. 12:9CD: *"...for the Lord **searches all hearts** and **understands all the intents** of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever."*

- A. God knows the thoughts and intents of all hearts, and Solomon must not forget this.
 - 1. None of us can ever hide from the presence of the Lord. Psa. 139:1-12
 - 2. God knows the thoughts and intents of the heart of every man. Gen. 6:5; Heb. 4:13

- B. There were to be results or consequences of Solomon's efforts introduced by 2 "if's".
 - 1. David said, "**If** you seek Him, He will be found by you."
 - a. God is not lost, but the blessings to be found are **only** to be found IN God.
 - b. He is then "found" when one learns of Him and does His will, for when one is taught of God, and does His will, he "comes" to God. John 6:44-45
 - 2. Then David said, "but **if** you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever", meaning just what it says, that fellowship with God comes by finding God, or doing His will.
 - a. God forgets those who forget Him. Rom. 1:21-24; Heb. 10:30-31
 - b. God is with those who do His will. Rom. 8:31

III. 3Rd, there is the CHALLENGE TO BUILD.

1 Chron. 28:10: "*Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; **be strong and do it.***"

- A. The word "now" suggests the urgency and necessity of building.
 - 1. Our life is short to say the least, so let us serve God **now**. Prov. 27:1; 2 Cor. 6:2
 - 2. The challenge is to be "strong" and of good courage. 1 Chron. 22:11-13; cf Eph. 6:10; 1 Cor. 16:14

- B. Then David urged Solomon to "build", for God had chosen **him** to build it. 1 Chron. 28:10
 - 1. David gave Solomon the "plans" for building the porch, the houses, the treasuries, the upper chamber, the inner places and the place for the ark of the covenant. (vs. 12-18).
 - 2. David emphasized that God's plan pertained to that which was "written", and can be "understood." v. 19

- C. Finally, David says "do it"--get the house of the Lord built.

CONCLUSION

- I. Jesus, another descendant of David, "built" the house of God, **church**. Matt. 16:18
- A. God always wants His building to be according to HIS "pattern."
 - 1. He told Moses to build the tabernacle in the wilderness according to the plan He showed him on the mount. Exo. 25:40
 - 2. Then David said that the temple Solomon was to build in Jerusalem was to be according to the "written" "plan" of God.
- B. Then, the church is also to follow the plan of God in the **written** word. Heb. John 20:30-31; 17:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Eph. 2:19-20; Heb. 9:2
- II. If you are subject to the invitation of the Lord this hour, won't you be strong, and have the courage to respond to the invitation—right now?

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