

1 Chronicles 16

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16 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. (God chose the place for the tabernacle. Later, Solomon's temple would be built at this same place)

² And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. (The priests made the actual offerings to God. David only asked God for a blessing for the people) (Peace offerings were also called thank offerings) Leviticus-3

³ And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. (David was a type for Jesus, who would be the Shepherd of the people. This sacrificial meal of the peace offerings was a type for taking communion today)

⁴ And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel: (to record – to write the events as they happened)

⁵ Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obedom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals; (The musicians)

⁶ Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God. (continually = at the appropriate times, such as at the morning and evening sacrifices - better translation)

⁷ Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren. (This psalm is almost word for word with Psalm-105:1-15)

----- Begin the Psalm that David spoke -----

⁸ Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. (Remind your children of what the LORD has done for the people)

⁹ Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. (talk = pause, meditate <selah in the Psalms>)

¹⁰ Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. 1Chronicles-28:9 (If you seek God, you will find Him)

(This was the last advice that David gave to Solomon. It's good advice for us today)

¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually. (Do so and you will receive His blessings)

Chapter-13:3 (Saul did not seek the Lord, so the Lord abandoned him)

(Now that the Ark of the Covenant was in Jerusalem, it was more available to people)

¹² Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; (Never forget to thank God for all of His blessings)

(Learn God's rules; live by His commandments; and ask His advice. HE will keep you out of trouble in this world. You will prosper and have a happy life with peace of mind) Exodus-19:5

¹³ O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. (God chose the seed line of Abraham by which to come into the world as Jesus) Psalms-105:6

(After the crucifixion, God opened salvation to all people who accept Him as their God. Choose to follow God and He will choose you)

¹⁴ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. (God created the universe. HE rules over all, whether people like it or not)

¹⁵ Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; (Covenant = a contract, or a testament)

(The Old Testament that God made with Abraham; the New Testament which Jesus made with all peoples who will believe in Him and follow Him)

¹⁶ Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; **Genesis-17, Genesis-26**

¹⁷ And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant, **Genesis-35 (God renamed Jacob Israel)**

¹⁸ Saying, unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance; **(Canaan was promised to the Israelites)**

(The people that lived there had mated with the fallen angels, to produce hybrid giants. They practiced human sacrifice of their children to Molech and were also sexually perverted. That's why God took away their land and gave it to Israel) See Genesis-6, Jude

¹⁹ When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it. **(70 Israelites went into Egypt to avoid famine. Approx 2 million people came out, 400 years later)**

²⁰ And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people; **(From Abraham, to Joseph, to Moses)**

²¹ He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes, **(God protected Israel while they were in Egypt. Example: the 10 plagues upon Pharaoh because he refused to free Israel)**

²² Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. **Psalms-105:15 (God issues the same warning to antichrist in the end days of this Age)**

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(This second Psalm is almost word for word Psalms-96:1-13)

²³ Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. **(Praise God daily; be a witness to His salvation)**

²⁴ Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. **(nations = Gentiles – not of Israel) (Some of them might wake up from their stupor and seek God's salvation)**

²⁵ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods. **(feared = revered - same Hebrew word)**

(Revere God if you love Him; fear God if you are His enemy) see Proverbs-1:7

²⁶ For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. (idols = good for nothing, vanity< Hebrew>)

²⁷ Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. (The place of His dwelling)

(David had just brought the Ark into Jerusalem. He had set up the tabernacle there, on Mount Zion. God chose this place to be with His people)

²⁸ Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. (strength = homage, tribute – better translation)

(Our offering to God today is our love and our loyalty) Hosea-6:6

²⁹ Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (an offering = minka <Hebrew> - a gift or a meal offering)

NOTE: (Today, we can still have a meal with God by taking Holy Communion with Him)

³⁰ Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. (Fear= revere) (stable = established – better translation)

³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth. (Yahoveh <Our Heavenly Father> has always reigned and He will reign forever)

NOTE: (Today, that is considered bigotry, by the heathen, Muslims and atheists who have permeated our government and our country. Don't let them intimidate you into leaving God. Do not let them replace moral correctness with political correctness. Stay loyal to God and He will stay loyal to you)

³² Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. (Nature glorifies the Lord. The heavens glorify the Lord)

³³ Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth. (A play on words – Kirjathjarim means City of the Wood. That is where the Ark was located, when David first sought to bring it to Jerusalem)

³⁴ O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. (God's mercy is proof of His love for us) 2Peter-3:9

³⁵ And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

Deuteronomy-4:27, 28:64, 32:26 (God will scatter them if they disobey His commandments and live like the heathen; just as we are scattered today in Europe and North America) (David knew the scriptures well)

³⁶ Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD. (Amen = that's that, let it be so)

-----End of the second Psalm by David-----

³⁷ So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required: (the morning sacrifice, the evening sacrifice and the sacrifices at every feast day)

(David re-established all of the sacrifices that God had asked of them)

³⁸ And Obbededom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obbededom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters: (Guards and door keepers)

³⁹ And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon, (Zadok will later be chosen over Abiathar, because he was of the lineage of the chosen son of Aaron)

⁴⁰ To offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel;

NOTES: (Making offerings to God morning and evening kept people focused on how to live righteously in God's Word)

(We can do the same today. Making time every day to make a short Bible study keeps us focused on what is really important. It is easy to get distracted by the ways of the world)

⁴¹ And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever; (Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun were the three top musicians)

⁴² And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters. (There are two men named Jeduthun in this verse. The first was a musician. The second one was a Koathite)

⁴³ And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house. (It's wise to bless our house today. Use blessed olive oil on the doorpost; and ask God's blessings upon your house and your family)