

Give Us A King



A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles

Part 1

1-2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles

David's Spiritual Preparation

Only Jehovah give thee discretion and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel; that so thou mayest keep the law of Jehovah thy God. Then shalt thou prosper, if thou observe to do the statutes and the ordinances which Jehovah charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; fear not, neither be dismayed.

- 1 Chronicles 22:12-13 -

David's Spiritual Preparation

Now set your heart and your soul to seek after Jehovah your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of Jehovah God, to bring the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of Jehovah.

- 1 Chronicles 22:19 -

David's Spiritual Preparation

And I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and mine ordinances, as at this day. Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of Jehovah, and in the audience of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of Jehovah your God; that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you for ever.

- 1 Chronicles 28:7-8 -

David's Spiritual Preparation

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for Jehovah searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. Take heed now; for Jehovah hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

- 1 Chronicles 28:9-10 -

Applications for Today

1. Even tasks that appear to be trivial and mundane (like the doorkeepers) are important to the Lord and to his work (26:1-19; Psa. 84:10).
2. Able and strong individuals are needed to serve in the Lord's house (26:8-9; 1 Cor. 16:13).
3. Counselors who use discretion, wisdom, and understanding are needed to serve in the Lord's house (26:14; Prov. 1:4; 2:11; 3:21).

Applications for Today

4. Mighty men of valor are needed to serve in the Lord's house (26:30-31; Eph. 6:10).
5. Good leaders will obey the Lord. Constant and consistent obedience to the Lord's commands brings success (28:7-8; Phil. 2:12).
6. Serving the Lord with a perfect heart and a willing mind brings success and joy (28:9; 29:9, 14, 17, 19; 1 Tim. 6:18).

Applications for Today

7. Strength, courage, and action (do it) are needed to complete the Lord's work (28:10, 20-21; see also 22:13; 1 Cor. 15:58).
8. We can be successful with the Lord's help and with the help of willing brethren (28:20-21; 1 Tim. 5:16; Heb. 13:5).
9. Both willingness and skill are needed to do the Lord's work (28:21; Phil. 2:13).

Applications for Today

10. The Lord is great and powerful and worthy to be praised (29:10-13; Rev. 11:17).
11. When we give to the Lord we are simply giving back to him what he has given to us (29:14-17; 2 Cor. 9:6-11).
12. It is good to bless the Lord (29:20; 2 Cor. 1:3; 11:31; Eph. 1:3; 1 Tim. 6:15; 1 Pet. 1:3).