



1 Chronicles 21:18-30

This is the Place Sun, May 6th 2007



Continuing study of David – open to 1 Chronicles

- Thought we were in **2 Samuel**? Been in both
- **1&2 Samuel** with **1&2 Kings**– gives one account
- **1&2 Chronicles** gives same account
- Going to use Chronicles passage – more details
- If want to look at Samuel later – **2 Sam 24:17-25**

Now that here – open to Gen 22 – keep both open

- Jump back in time about 2,000 years
- Read through account

There is a place – where God seeks to bring all to

- All of God's people must come to this place
- God seeks to continually bring us here...deeper
- A place....a place that is right, needed – know it
- When there, when see it – say “this is it”

I. Place of Testing

1. For Abraham – Specifically says this is what it was
2. For David – God brought it about – 1Sam 24:1
3. Test? Quick reminder from last week
 - a. God never leads us to sin – **James 1**
 - b. Intention is to establish, encourage, challenge
 - c. Like a test in School – proves, shows, corrects
4. Abraham passed the test perfectly

- a. Obeyed God and discovered all that God had
5. David initially failed the test
 - a. Saw last week – sinning again – repentance (cost)
 - b. But brings David back for a retake – establish him

II. Place of Sacrifice...Surrender

1. Sacrifice by Building an Altar – for both of them
 - a. Place of sacrifice, offering – relationship with God
 2. Sacrifice on a Threshing Floor
 - a. Place where wheat and chaff are separated
 - b. Second time in David's life – 1st with Ark
 - c. Spiritually – God is threshing David...purifying
 3. Sacrifice is Intentionally Costly
 - a. For Abraham – give me your son
 - i) Nothing in world more precious to him...give him up?
 - ii) Place of knowing, declaring, God is 1st
 - b. For David – Question of dependence, trust
 - i) 1st response, wrong – number people for self
 - ii) Now back....trusting, sacrificing to God
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- c. Doesn't say that God asked for – but David knew right
- d. Ornan offers to let David have it all for free
 - i) Imagine for a second – how would you feel?
- e. Love David's heart – it is right
 - i) A sacrifice is not a sacrifice that doesn't cost
- f. More I want to say here...but I can't find words
- g. David's heart – opposite of so many today
 - i) Consumer Christianity...looking for a “deal”
 - ii) Many want Christianity, church – w/little cost
 - iii) Can I do this and still be a Christian mentality
- h. David's heart like Paul's heart – spend & be spent
 - i) In a sense that Paul poured out his life for God
- i. David's heart like Jesus heart
 - i) **Didn't come to be served, but to serve, give life away**
 - ii) **Greater love has no one than this....**
- j. With this aim, leave disappointed – missing it
- k. Technical note – difference between 2 Sam & 1 Chr
 - i) 2 Sam –offering, threshing floor 1 Chr – whole property
 - ii) In today's currency – 100's of thousands of dollars

4. Sacrifice of Surrender, Fellowship

- a. Work thru offerings – expect sin or trespass offering
 - i) Might expect Sin offering, Trespass offering
- b. Burnt offering – symbolizing total commitment
 - i) To give was to say – I surrender all
- c. Peace Offering – symbolizing fellowship w/God
 - i) Interesting sacrifice – like dinner w/God

5. Therefore – this place for Abraham, for David

- a. This is a place of totally being God's – Him 1st

III. Place of God's Provision

1. For Abraham – God provided a sacrifice
2. For David – God provided the fire
 - a. Awesome demonstration of God's work
 - b. Tabernacle, Temple, Elijah...and here
3. For both – they saw...knew, felt – God is at work
 - a. They did their parts...but God did the largest

IV. Place of God's Peace

1. For Abraham – picture it – knife in hand...stop
 - a. Imagine it –for Abraham? For Isaac?
2. For David – picture it – sword over the city
 - a. Can you feel it? Imagine it? – Sword sheathed

V. Place...this is the Place!!!

1. Both Abraham and David sensed it...knew it

- a. Both saw that what they were living through was but a foreshadow...a taste...

2. Abraham – called it YHWH Yireh

- a. The Lord Will Provide. Notice. Not has...will
- b. Abraham knew the place he was in was important

3. David knew – This is the place

- a. Understand – David wanted it...looking for-Ps 132
- b. Longing to see a temple built. God said no, but son would. David has been living for it
- c. Yet...where? Gibeon? Jerusalem? HERE!!!
- d. Here forever!

4. The Place – Mount Moriah.

- a. Little geography...hold on with me
- b. Mountain Range...place
- c. Place of the temple...of Calvary
- d. Where did David, Abraham sacrifice?
 - i) Don't know, won't speculate – but it was here
- e. This real estate – most pivotal in world today
- f. Most pivotal in history
 - i) Here Jesus gave all, worked for our peace
 - ii) Here, at the cross – we are called to same

Conclusion

If you are a Christian– to this place you have come

- The Cross
- Testing – your soul
- Sacrifice – right with God, relationship – give all
- God’s work....on the cross
- God’s peace.

Yet Christian...to the cross God continues to bring you

- Paul spoke about it in Phil 3 – know Him in his sufferings and resurrection...all
- Abraham, David–mature in their walks – drawn in

Yet if you are not a Christian, not come to cross

- Place of God’s work...but total sacrifice
- Then sword of God’s judgment hangs over you
- A sword that will come down. Rev 19