



1 Chronicles 23-27

Ordering a Kingdom Sun, June 3rd 2007



Like to draw your attention to 1 Cor 14:40 🖥

- Not where we are going to be today, continuing our study in David's life – but want to see this

Notice with me – two principles

- Let all things be done
- Let them be done decently and in order

All life, real life, has both of these things

- Right now – your body is evidence of this
- Have a structure – skeletal system, order
- But also have life – tissue, breathing, blood
- Both are necessary for life
- God has built this into creation itself – order & life

True physically...also true spiritually

- Is a danger – happens that one is neglected
- Is a danger of having form w/o life
 - 2 Tim 3 – “form but no power” 🖥
 - Is possible, scary...

- Perhaps s/b scariest for us –last days
- **Is also a danger of having life w/o form**
 - Esp – if have lived in other place – can almost run from “form”
 - Some of you – true in your spiritual life
 - Some – true of how want, see church
 - Is this area – address today – in David

Open to 1 Chronicles 23

- Continue study of David’s life
- Background – old man, last years of life
- **Last time – v.1 – Solomon made king**
 - Rebellion quelled – David reengaged
 - Spends last year or two – co-reigning
- **David focuses on order...structure**
 - Does such a good, such a God job
 - That structure lasts into NT

Stop and be honest – difficult section

- Difficult section to read...and teach
- Names, ordering...details...boring?
- Part of the reason we are covering 5 chapters
- Difficult section – so pay attention, pray with me

Application – type of Jesus is ordering His kingdom

- Key to be what and where He has for you
- May seeing it here...will help

I. Who Serves

1. Chapter 23 deals with who serves

- a. Two key parts
- b. Family – divided by
- c. Age – started at 30 – David lowers to 20

2. Believe is a type for us

a. First – you must be family

i) You must be a Christian – family

A. Danger if thinking earning God's favor

ii) Believe little more- this is family, church

A. If this is your family – great

B. If not, need to find it

b. Second –age – maturity

i) NT term – Elder....not an age, but maturity

ii) Focus on maturity–let God handle responsibility

II. Where they Served

1. Priests (Ch 24) - Spiritual Leaders

- a. Divided into schedule of service - 24 divisions
- b. All included in the division - chief & younger
- c. Set apart to this (23:13)
- d. to Sanctify the Most Holy Things
- e. to burn incense before the Lord - Prayer
- f. to Minister to Him
- g. to give the blessing in His name – The Word
- h. Acts 6:3-4 – Eph 4:7-16

2. Worship Leaders

- a. Separated to this service
- b. to Praise the Lord (23:5)
- c. Praise continually & at gatherings (23:30-31)
- d. to Prophecy (25:1-3)
 - i) Col 3:16
- e. with music, instruments (23:5, 25:1,3,6)
- f. with Skill (25:1,7)
- g. under direction & instruction (25:2-3, 6-7)
- h. According to order, authority of King (25:2,6)

3. Gatekeepers

- a. Among the chief men (26:12)
- b. Greeters of the Temple
- c. Problem solvers (26:14)
- d. Watchmen (26:16)
- e. Able (26:6-9)
- f. For every gate - big & small (26:13)
- g. by twos or fours or six (26:17)

4. Over the Treasuries

- a. Over treasuries of the house of God (26:20)
- b. Over treasuries of dedicated things (26:20)
- c. To maintain the house of the Lord (26:27)

5. Officers and Judges

- a. Simple...dealing with problems, issues

6. Helpers – serving the house of the Lord

- a. In one sense – hardest to classify
- b. Majority of Levites are this

7. Leaders

- a. Leaders of the standing Military
- b. Leaders of the tribes
- c. Leaders over things
- d. Leaders – David's counselors

Conclusion

1 Cor 12-14

All things decently and in order

Is an order in the church

Is to be an order in life – spiritual lives

But danger is having it without power, life