

1 Chronicles 28-29

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We don't put a lot of emphasis on a lot of frilly things here. We put the emphasis on you as a man or a woman, saved, building your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and what all that entails. After we got through that and we laid a good foundation of it, then we began to focus on the Bible itself. I began to talk to you about how we needed to lay a foundation as far as what the Bible is all about. So we started coming through each book of the Bible and we started coming through laying those books out, giving you the overall picture so that when we're done, you will have a composite, so to speak, of all that the Word of God is. It gives you the ability to look at the Bible and understand what you've got instead of looking at it and wondering what you've got.

In the process of that, we're covering a lot of great practical material. Not only are we laying the Bible out for you as far as how it goes together, but we're also laying it out and showing you some of the great practical truths found in that book that are really life-changing principles. So far, the last couple of weeks, we have been in the books of the four kings: 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 2 Kings. We really focused not only just on the practical, but the thing that I wanted you to see and understand is how this fits into the overall scheme in the Bible. Those four books of the kings are the heartbeat and the soul of Israel's history. As the nation of God's people, there's no greater time when God is dealing with them. In fact, everything in the Bible up to that point is to get them there, and everything from the Bible from that point on is to get them back where they need to be. In essence, the whole Bible, really from a historical perspective, is built around these four books of the Bible. Maybe that's why they contain so much material. I don't know. Certainly, those four books are incredible as far as giving you the understanding of things, not only historically and doctrinally, but inspirationally for our lives.

Today, we're going to enter into the book of 2 Chronicles. I want to put 1 Chronicles in perspective for you in our study. Now, 1 and 2 Chronicles are not what I call orderly books. In other words, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings follow an order. 1 Samuel starts with Samuel and then you run up through the life of David, the life of Solomon, and into the other kings, the splitting of the kings, and Zedekiah in the end of the book of 2 Kings. Those books are an orderly account. Those books run approximately for 500 years, however you count them.

Now, 1 and 2 Chronicles do not go into that order. In other words, it isn't 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, and 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles. That's not the way it works. 1 and 2 Chronicles are commentaries. They're running commentaries on those four books that you already have. 1 Chronicles is a commentary on basically 1 and 2 Samuel, with emphasis on 2 Samuel. 2 Chronicles is a picture book that deals with a commentary on 1 and 2 Kings. That's why those books are supplementary material on those particular books. You're going to see today some great things about the Word of God and about God in your life.

I. The Structure of 1 Chronicles

The breakdown, and I've given you a breakdown of every one of these books, is really simple. In fact, it really sets the stage for what we're going to study today.

- 1.) Chapters 1-9: The Lineage of David
- 2.) Chapters 10-29: The Life of David

II. Joseph and David: Types of Christ

Two men in the Bible typify Christ in the procedure that you need to understand. Two men in the Bible that are absolutely, you have to get down. One of them is Joseph and the other one is David. Joseph, which is found in the book of Genesis, is a great type of the Christ. In fact, he is the greatest type of Christ when you want to study the work of Christ, because in his life you will see very clearly the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Joseph is a type of Christ in over 152 particulars as to the work of Christ, what Christ was doing, first coming, second coming, all the aspects dealing with His brethren. It deals with the work of Christ in an unparalleled way.

When you come to David, he's the second man. David's emphasis is not on the work of Christ; his emphasis is on the heart of Christ. If you want to study the work of Christ, study Joseph. If you want to study the heart of Christ, study David, because it's David the Bible says that was a man after God's own heart. If you want to study it and lay it out from that aspect, that's the way you've got to do it.

I told you 1 Chronicles 1-9 deals with the line of David. 1 Chronicles 10-29 deals with the life of David. In other words, once he showed you his line, now he's going to show you his life. His life will form for us the character and the heart and the personality of Christ. Just as you studied Joseph, you will find out the personality and the work of Christ. When you study the life of David, you will find out the character, the heart, and the personality of Christ.

The Bible shows us clearly why David's relationship with God was so personal. It lays out for us all of the concepts that you could ever want, ever ask for in building your own relationship. So in the book of 1 Chronicles, when we're studying the life of David, you will not find any of David's sins listed. You won't find one bad thing said about David. There isn't one sin laid to David's charge in the book of 1 Chronicles. Now you go to 2 Samuel and then you see David as the man. Here you come and you see David as the great type of Christ.

A couple of reasons for that: old nature and new nature. Those two books sit for us before you ever get to the New Testament, showing you the old nature of man and the new nature of man. We've talked a little about what we're for, standing in state. The second thing you need to look at and understand is this: God never brought up David's sins in 1 Chronicles, and there is a great principle for that. You remember a couple of weeks ago, we talked about how that when we study the life of David in 2 Samuel, we talked about how people like to focus on the sins of other people. They like to focus all the time on the sins of what somebody else does, so they don't have to focus on their own. In doing so, they write their own self a free pass because they focus and identify and constantly are throwing up the sins of somebody else. In that, they live and never deal with their own sins. That's the game. We saw in Psalms 89 and Isaiah 55, I think it was, we talked about in there, we're talking about the sure mercies of David.

Here's what you've got: In 2 Samuel, God lays out his sins. In 1 Chronicles, God says nothing about his sins. The reason being, and it brings up a great principle, God dealt with David and his sin in 2 Samuel. When God dealt with him, God to David over his sin, when He wrote the book of 1 Chronicles, He never brought his sins up again. You know why? Because once God deals with you on your sin, and once God deals with you and you either confess it or God chastises you, whatever the case, but once God deals with you on your sin, God not only forgives your sin, He forgets your sin. That is one of the greatest principles found anywhere in the Word of God. That's why He mentions him in 2 Samuel. He doesn't mention him in 1 Chronicles because once God deals with you, God forgives you and God forgets. My, my, my, what a great principle that is. That's why there's no mention of David's sin in 1 Chronicles because when God deals with you and I on our sin, God never brings it up again. The Bible says He puts our sins as far as the East is from the West. That's where it lies. So we see the line and the life.

III. The Importance of Genealogies

As we begin to come through these great chapters here this morning, and I want to talk to you about some of these things, and I want to move along as quickly as I can this morning because I'm going to camp on 1 Chronicles 28 and 29 for a little while this morning.

1 Chronicles 1-9 deals with hundreds of names in David's genealogy. I know we all hate to read genealogies. There's nothing more boring in the world than to read a "Bimicabagata, Hababagata, Hababagata, Ship of Shabagata, Ship of Shabagata, whoever this guy was," and on down through life you go. But there are some reasons for that in the Bible. In the first chapter, we see this:

1 Chronicles 1:5

The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

1 Chronicles 1:8

The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

1 Chronicles 1:17

The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

In other words, we begin to see it come from Adam to Noah and then it breaks down with the three boys and we watch the line come through. From 1 Chronicles 1:17, it starts with Shem. Shem runs down David's line till we come to Abraham in 1 Chronicles 1:27. Then in 1 Chronicles 2:1, it talks about the sons of Israel. That's Jacob. But notice how he doesn't use the word Jacob. He uses the word Israel because God's dealing with a nation here. In 1 Chronicles 3, he shows you David's sons. In 1 Chronicles 4-9, he lays out the genealogies of the 12 tribes.

Now all this is very important. I know that most people don't think that genealogy is important. But let me tell you what you got here. When those Jews go into captivity, like we saw last week, the Bible says that they are scattered throughout the whole world. There's never again till God

brings them back in the Tribulation period where the nation of Israel is anything. In the process of that captivity, the 12 tribes get lost. Nobody today knows who the 12 tribes are. I don't care who you read. I don't care what Jewish man you talk to who claims to be from whatever tribe. Nobody, listen to me. Nobody today knows where the 12 tribes are. They are lost. They have been lost since the times that the Gentiles came in in 606 BC, and nobody today knows where they are. I don't care who you read. I don't care who you listen to. I don't care who you have speak or stand up and say, "Well, this is so and so and he's of this tribe." If he's of that tribe, it's by totally accident that he knows it because nobody can trace their genealogy line back because of the great captivity, and God fixed it that way.

Now, why did He fix it that way? Well, for one of the reasons He fixed it for us. You know that every preacher in this city today is preaching probably out of a Bible that has nothing to do with your King James Bible. He's got a Bible that has been corrected by a thing called the Septuagint. What is the Septuagint? The Septuagint is a Greek Old Testament, and it's an Old Testament written in Greek that they found that they say was written in 250 BC. That Greek Old Testament is a book by which they have taken now and altered all the new Bibles. Now when they write the new Bibles, they rely heavily on the Septuagint. You'll hardly find a preacher in this city that doesn't get up and make some reference in his sermon or in his teaching to the LXX, the Septuagint.

Now, we as Bible believers, this is where the Bible was profitable for you. How do we know that the Septuagint is about as reliable as a note to Santa Claus from Martin Luther King in 4004 BC? How do we know that? Let me tell you, it's real simple. The Bible is not hard. You know how? Because in the writing of the Septuagint, they claim the Septuagint was written by 70 men, six men from each tribe of the nation of Israel. Right off the bat, I have two things in my Bible that tells me that it's bogus. One, the Bible from beginning to end has told me that there's only one tribe that is a scribal tribe, only one. So anything written by all 12 would be phony. Second of all, who in the world in 250 BC knew where the 12 tribes were? Nobody did. Now, I'm telling you, this is how these things help you out.

Now, why does he put the genealogies in there? Well, I'll tell you why. Because in the Tribulation period, the Jew is going to have to get back and he is going to have to make some sacrifices and he's going to have to atone for some things that's laid out in the Old Testament for his killing of Christ. For him to do that, he is going to have to have not only the priesthood, but the 144,000 that are sealed to preach come from each tribe, 12,000 from each tribe. He is going to have to find out by the time of the Tribulation period where those 12 tribes are and where the priestly tribe is for him to fulfill everything for the Second Coming of Christ. How is he going to do that? He's going to do it by the genealogies that are found in your Bible. Those genealogies will lead him right up to the captivity. We already know in the book of Daniel, in the book of Revelation, John and Daniel were told to seal up some things, not to write them, and the reason why that is because God does not want to reveal those genealogies yet, but there's coming a time in the Tribulation period where they already have in the Old Masoretic text, the Old Testament, what's there in the genealogies. God will give the missing parts and they will find the 12 tribes, they

will find the priestly tribe, and they will offer the sacrifices Second Coming of Christ takes place. That's why. That's why. That's what you've got in the first nine chapters.

IV. David's Life and Lessons from 1 Chronicles

Now when we start in 1 Chronicles 10, I'm done with that now, we start in 1 Chronicles 10, we pick up the story of the life of David. The life of David is a running commentary, as I said, on 2 Samuel. In 1 Chronicles 10-29, we see the life of God's man, David, and we also see the heart and the personality of Christ.

- 1.) 1 Chronicles 10: The Death of Saul
- 2.) 1 Chronicles 11: Breaking Satanic Strongholds
- 3.) 1 Chronicles 11-12: David's Mighty Men
- 4.) 1 Chronicles 13-14: The Ark and Biblical Principles
- 5.) 1 Chronicles 15-16: Asaph and Music
- 6.) 1 Chronicles 17: David's Heart and Attitude
- 7.) 1 Chronicles 18-20: David's Victories
- 8.) 1 Chronicles 21: Sacrifice and Giving
- 9.) 1 Chronicles 22-27: David's Preparations for the Temple

V. David's Charge to Solomon: The Core of Christian Life

Then lastly, in a lot of ways, everything I have to know to this point was my introduction, but I'll try to be brief. But lastly, 1 Chronicles 28 and 29. Up to this point, you have seen everything laid out. You've sealed a building process revealing to us the character and the nature of David, who in reality is the character and nature of God and Christ. Now, 1 Chronicles 28 and 29, David's charge to his son Solomon about building God's house. As far as I know, ladies and gentlemen, I don't know of any other place in the Bible that will change your life as a Christian. There may be some places in the Bible that will change your life as far as seeing the Bible. There may be some places in the Bible that will change your life as far as the overall view of the Bible, but as far as your Christian walk and relationship with God and getting to the point in your life where I think you all want to be, but few people ever get. I don't know of any place in the Bible that will change your life when you fully understand it.

Now, I'm going to say what I'm going to say, and I fully understand. Maybe some of you won't get it today. Maybe some of you aren't there yet. I understand spiritual maturity takes a while. Maybe you're not ready to get it yet. But I'm going to say this to you. If you ever get your life changed with you and God and you ever get the spiritual maturity in your life, and I want to define it for you in no uncertain terms, if you ever get to that, I'm going to show you the process.

I'm going to show you the...they say when you drown, your life flashes before you. Well, you're going to drown in the Word of God this morning and your life is going to flash before you. I'm going to show you the progression after what we've seen detailed out about the character of Christ through the life of God and about the character of Christ through the life of David. Now you're going to see what it takes in your life to get to that place where you are a man or a woman after God's own heart. If there's ever be a place where your life will be changed, it will be here. If it isn't here, it's the wrong place. I look at the change very carefully because I don't know any other place. I don't know any other place. I know this. Every teaching in the rest of the Bible on my relationship with God and Christ and how to build it and how to reach those goals in my Christian life are found in these two chapters. There are 10,000 sermons in these two chapters. There's so much material and I'm so stupid. There's so much material and I'm so inadequate that when I look at it and I try to digest this thing over the years, but I'll tell you what, there's one thing that I learned about this out of this chapter.

I talked to you a little while back about your personal relationship with Christ. I talked to you about how that I look at the Word of God like God wrote it to me, not to you. Some of you just thought, "Well, Bob, just being cute." I told you one time that when I believe that Christ died on a cross, He didn't die for you. He died for me. I don't mean that He didn't die for everybody. I'm talking about a personal relationship with God that it is you and Him and nobody else as far as the world's concerned, because sometimes in your life, that's what it comes down to is just you and Him. But I'm telling you, you know where I got that? I got it from right here in these two chapters. You'll see it. You'll see it. You'll see it.

I have to break this thing down into four components. I break these things down to my own personal relationship with God.

- 1.) Defining My Relationship with God
- 2.) Building My Relationship with God
- 3.) The Perspective of My Relationship
- 4.) Spiritual Maturity in the Relationship