

1 Chronicles 16 "The Primacy of Thanksgiving"

Sermon Notes from Pastor Dennis Tuuri for November 18, 2007

Intro: Hebrews 12:22-24; Acts 15:16; Ps. 50:2

Tabernacle of David Worship was a transition step between tabernacle and temple worship. It began with the advent of the ark to Mount Zion, in Jerusalem, and was distinct from tabernacle sacrifices at Gibeon and later temple worship at Mt. Moriah, also in Jerusalem. It was integrated into later Temple worship in a very significant way. After its initiation, Zion worship was bloodless, involved music and song, occurred in the direct presence of the ark, in an undivided worship environment, where Jews and Gentile god-fearers were brought together.

Our proper response to these truths of God's Word is a renewed appreciation of, commitment to, and delight in, the Psalms and musical instruments in worship, and a desire to better understand Zion worship as we model it in our worship services, and into the rest of our lives (formal, corporate worship; informal corporate worship [Festus Dei], family worship, personal worship).

Advent and Thanksgiving

I. Normative Action Components of Zion Worship – v. 4

A. To Commemorate (Record, Celebrate)

B. To Give Thanks

C. To Praise

II. The Initial Psalm of Zion – A Pattern

A. The Psalm's Primary Purpose: To Thank the Lord v. 7

B. The Priestly Nation's Actions Towards Yahweh vv. 8-22 (Ps. 105:1-15)

Worship Based on the Past

v. 8-11 Thanks, Call On, Proclaim, Sing, Talk, Glory In, Rejoice, Seek

v. 12-14 Remember His Works and Judgments

v. 15-18 Remember His Covenant Word and Promise

v. 19-22 Remember His Past Preservation

C. The Advent of Yahweh Weds Jew and Gentile, Heaven and Earth vv. 23-33 (Psalm 96)

Worship Based On the Future

v. 23-27 The Great Creator God Is to Be Proclaimed to the Gentiles

v. 28-30 Yahweh Shall Establish the World Through Proclamation and Worship

v. 31-33 Yahweh's Actions Unite Heaven and Earth, Jew and Gentile (Almost!)

A Call to Praise Yahweh (23a; 28,29; 31a,32)

A Call to Proclaim Yahweh to the Nations (24; 30a; 31b)

A Promise of The Conversion of the World (25; 30b; 33)

D. Thanks to Yahweh vv. 34-36 (Ps. 106:1,47,48)

Worship in the Present, With An Eye to the Past and Bright Hope For Tomorrow!

He is Good and Merciful; He saves us for this very purpose; He is eternally blessed!

II. Concluding Thoughts – The Offense and Importance of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a cure for one of our most prevalent sins - self-pity.

A. Proper Pity Mt. 18:33; Job 19:21,22 w/ Prov. 19:17; Jonah 4:10,11; Ex. 4:12-14

B. Improper Self-pity

1. Its Prevalence Gen. 3:4,5, 4:4-7 (Calvinism Is Not Enough!)
Heb. 12:14-17; 2 Cor. 7:9-12

2. Its Story - Victim or Helpless Lam. 3:39,40; Jer. 30:15

3. Its Cyclical Nature "The Election"

4. Its Root "Mt. 16:22-25"

C. Self-Pity's Cure - Giving Thanks

Conclusion: 1 Kings 19:4-15 - Telling the Story like Bruce Springsteen

Book 4 Psalms 90-106 (86-102 or 85-101)

90 - Sin and Judgment

91 - Protection

92 - Sabbath

93 - Throne

>94 - External Affliction

95 - Worship Before God

96 – Come Before the Approaching God

97 - Yahweh Reigns

98 - NEW SONG!!

99 - Yahweh Reigns

100 - Come Before God

101 - Obedience Before God

>102 - External affliction

103 - Throne

104 - Creation Week (Re-creation)

105 - Protection at the Exodus (Greater Exodus - Luke 9:31)

106 - Sin and Judgment

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Children's Outline for November 18 by Pastor Dennis Tuuri

1. What mount do we go to when we worship? _____
2. In what city was Zion? _____ .
3. Put numbers in front of the following places of worship, showing which came first, etc.
____ David's Worship Center On Zion
____ Moses' Tent of Meeting (Ex. 33)
____ Solomon's Temple
____ Moses' Tabernacle
4. David started up worship at Zion when the _____ came into Jerusalem.
5. During David's reign, regular animal sacrifices happened at which city?

6. Did regular animal sacrifices happen at Zion?
7. Tabernacle of David worship is _____ worship.
8. In Zion worship, _____ replaced animal sacrifices.
9. In Zion worship, _____ instruments were used.
10. In Zion worship, giving _____ is primary.
11. Giving thanks is _____.
12. Giving thanks keeps us from _____ - _____.
13. Christians give thanks for _____ things.
14. Giving thanks frees us to be real _____.