

Theme: The powerful, holy Presence of God calls forth perpetual praise, proclamation, and prayer from His people.

## I. Intro - David the King of Worship

- A. David is associated with the Psalms
- B. The Tabernacle he built was full of singing
- C. Why are David and his tabernacle so closely related to worship and singing?
- D. How is this related to the arrival of the Ark?

## II. David's Psalms of Praise

- A. Background: God's powerful, holy Presence
  - 1. David had become king, and God was with him
  - 2. God was powerful and defeated enemies all around
  - 3. God was holy and to be feared, but also the source of blessing
  - 4. Today's text shows the response as the Ark of God's Presence comes to be with David in Jerusalem

### B. Psalms of praise

That day David first committed to Asaph and his associates this psalm of thanks to the Lord: 1 Chronicles 16:7 (NIV 1984)

That day David first appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the LORD in this manner: (NIV2011)

- 1. Hebrew does not say David gave THIS psalm
- 2. This Psalm composed of parts of 3 psalms

- a. Vv8-22 - Psalm 105:1-15
  - b. Vv23-33 - Psalm 96:1-13
  - c. Vv34-36 - Psalm 106:1,47-48
  - d. We can't know which came first, but it does not really matter
3. David was establishing the pattern and practice of praise for Israel as part of her worship  
He appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to make petition, to give thanks, and to praise the Lord, the God of Israel: 1 Chronicles 16:4
- a. Levites had always been called to minister in the tabernacle
  - b. They had long prayer and made petition
  - c. David is setting in a new element: give praise and thanksgiving to God
4. Whether vv8-36 records a psalm of David that other later developed into distinct Psalms, or if the author is taking parts of Psalms and putting together here, the point is the same - David is the source of Israel's practice of writing and singing Psalms to God

## III. A Closer Look at the Psalm of Praise

### A. The call to praise (vv8-22)

- 1. We are called to give thanks and praise to God  
**Give thanks** to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. <sup>9</sup> **Sing** to him, **sing praise** to him; **tell** of all his wonderful acts. <sup>10</sup> **Glory** in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 1 Chron 16:8-10

- a. Different words for the same activity: praising God
- b. God's people are called to verbally declare how great God is, and to give thanks for all He has done.
- c. This is a natural response to the Presence of God, and especially of the Gospel. Those who have been justified, adopted, and brought into God's Kingdom should declare His praise!

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, **that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.** <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:9–10

## 2. We give praise for God's covenant promises

He remembers his **covenant forever**, the **word he commanded**, for **a thousand generations**, <sup>16</sup> the **covenant** he made with Abraham, the **oath** he swore to Isaac. <sup>17</sup> He **confirmed** it to Jacob as a **decree**, to Israel as an **everlasting covenant**: 1 Chr 16:15–17

- a. Covenant, word, commanded, oath, swore, confirmed, covenant
- b. Forever, a thousand generations, everlasting
- c. God remembers His covenant - and keeps it!
- d. Kingdoms come and go, religions rise and fall, but God is faithful to remember and keep His covenant forever!
- e. We praise God for His covenant faithfulness which stretches through the ages into eternity!

## 3. We give praise for God's for His protection

When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers in it, <sup>20</sup> they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. <sup>21</sup> He allowed

no man to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings: <sup>22</sup> "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm." 1 Chronicles 16:19–22

- a. Vv19-20 - a vulnerable people (few, wander)
- b. Vv21-22 - protected and kept by God!
- c. No matter how dark the times have been, no matter how the light of the Gospel seemed to flicker on the edge of extinction, God has always protected and kept His covenant people.
- d. We give praise to God in our own day because He has been faithful to our forefathers in the faith, and He will be faithful to us in our day as well!

## B. The call to proclamation (vv23-33)

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; **proclaim** his salvation day after day. <sup>24</sup> **Declare** his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (vv23–24)

1. We are called not only to give praise to God but also to proclaim and declare His praise and glory to others.
2. This theme actually runs throughout this Psalm  
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; **make known among the nations what he has done.** <sup>9</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him; **tell of all his wonderful acts.** 1 Chronicles 16:8–9
  - a. The heart that overflows with praise naturally longs to proclaim God's Name and Gospel to others.
  - b. We do not even just proclaim it to other believers, but to the "nations" - those who do not yet know God
3. A heart that overflows with praise to God does not stop its mouth in the presence of unbelievers but continues to declare the greatness and glory of God

4. If we do not proclaim God's praise - creation will!  
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"  
<sup>32</sup>Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! <sup>33</sup> Then the trees of the forest will sing, they will sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. <sup>1</sup> Chronicles 16:31–33

- a. The creation will proclaim the praise of God!
- b. Creation praises God as it can, for it has been created by God, and He rules over it
- c. Humans alone can give God full, intelligent praise as those created in God's very image, and redeemed to be His very children.

#### C. The call to prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>35</sup> Cry out, "Save us, O God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise." <sup>36</sup> Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the Lord." <sup>1</sup> Chronicles 16:34–36

1. A picture of a call to prayer and a response - Amen!
2. In 1 Chronicles 16 originally a cry to end the exile
3. But we pray this that those who do not yet know God may be gathered from the nations into His people! This is a prayer with missionary and evangelistic zeal!
4. The people who have experienced God's grace, his promises, his protection, cry out in praise, proclaim Him to others, and pray for many to be gathered in!

5. The kingdom where God resides is a kingdom of worship!

## IV. Applying the Word

### A. Am I building a community of praise?

1. This text is when David's tabernacle started
2. David built the tabernacle as a place of praise, proclamation, and prayer
3. Am I building God's community of praise, proclamation, and prayer, the church?
4. David did this because he was a worshipper. Am I a worshipper?

### B. A worshipper sings

1. Singing is very important in David's new tabernacle  
Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts... <sup>23</sup> Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. <sup>1</sup> Chr 16:9, 23
  - a. Singing is a central part of a life of worship & proclamation
  - b. David commanded the Levites to worship in song (1 Chronicles 16:4-5, 41-42)
  - c. We were created by God to sing as part of being created. In Scripture stars, angels, trees, rocks are all pictured as singing, and God's people are commanded to sing.
  - d. Singing is not an expression of a particular type of personality but rather is the fruit of a heart filled with praise of God.
2. Do I participate as the church sings praise to God?

3. Do I sing praise to God on my own?
4. We can not be a community of worship unless each one of us is a personal worshipper

C. A worshipper gives

1. When the Tabernacle was originally built, the people gave financially to build it
2. When David prepared for the Temple, the people gave to build it
3. If we have a heart full of praise, we naturally want to extend the reach of the Gospel and so we give
4. BRCC is on mission locally and around the globe - but can only do this as each of us individually give sacrificially for the work of the kingdom
5. Do I give both money and time to support the work of the kingdom in and through BRCC?
6. Do I give with a joyful heart that delights to be part of declaring God's praise here and around the world?
7. We can not be a community that is making Jesus known unless each of us is giving to the work of God through BRCC

D. A worshipper obeys

1. Worship is more than just words, it is a life dedicated to Jesus Christ
2. If our heart is full of gratitude and praise, our lives will grow in obedience to God
3. Over & over God says "Be holy because I am holy!"

4. Am I growing in obedience to God & His Word?
5. Are my thoughts, desires, words, and actions growing in conformity to God's Word - or to the culture around me?
6. BRCC cannot be a holy community of worship unless each of us individually is walking in holy obedience to God

E. Response: "Forever" (Give Thanks to the Lord)

### A Worshipping Kingdom

1 Chronicles 16 (1 Chronicles 16:8-36)

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Song - Give Thanks to the Lord

Numbers 6:24-26

Teaching keywords: worship; praise; remembrance; evangelism and missions; giving

The Lord bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

<sup>8</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. <sup>9</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. <sup>10</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. <sup>11</sup> Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

<sup>12</sup> Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, <sup>13</sup> O descendants of Israel his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones. <sup>14</sup> He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

<sup>15</sup> He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations, <sup>16</sup> the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. <sup>17</sup> He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: <sup>18</sup> “To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit.”

<sup>19</sup> When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers in it, <sup>20</sup> they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. <sup>21</sup> He allowed no man to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings: <sup>22</sup> “Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.”

<sup>23</sup> Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. <sup>24</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. <sup>25</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. <sup>26</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>27</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. <sup>28</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, <sup>29</sup> ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

<sup>30</sup> Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. <sup>31</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!” <sup>32</sup> Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

<sup>33</sup> Then the trees of the forest will sing, they will sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

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