



Building Hope by Building a House of Worship for God

1 Chronicles 29:1-21; 2 Chronicles 24:4-16

1 Chron. 29

The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God....

2 Chron. 24

⁴ Some time later Joash decided to restore the temple of the Lord...

¹² The king and Jehoiada gave the money to those who carried out the work required for the temple of the Lord. They hired masons and carpenters to restore the Lord's temple, and also workers in iron and bronze to repair the temple.... They rebuilt the temple of God according to its original design and reinforced it....

¹⁵ Now Jehoiada was old and full of years, and he died at the age of a hundred and thirty. ¹⁶ He was buried with the kings in the City of David, because of the good he had done in Israel for God and his temple.

I. It brings God glory to have a place of worship dedicated to Him

1 Chron. 29

² With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God...

Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. ⁷ They gave toward the work on the temple of God...

⁹ The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord...

¹⁴ "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵ We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶ Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you....

2 Chron. 24

⁵ He called together the priests and Levites and said to them, "Go to the towns of Judah and collect the money due annually from all Israel, to repair the temple of your God..."

¹⁰ All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full. ¹¹ Whenever the chest was brought in by the Levites to the king's officials and they saw that there was a large amount of money, the royal secretary and the officer of the chief priest would come and empty the chest and carry it back to its place. They did this regularly and collected a great amount of money for

making repairs on God's House

II. It brings God glory when all of His people give generously to build Him a House of Worship

1 Chron. 29

I have given gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble...

2 Chron. 24

They hired masons and carpenters to restore the Lord's temple, and also workers in iron and bronze to repair the temple....

¹⁴ When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money to the king and Jehoiada, and with it were made articles for the Lord's temple: articles for the service and for the burnt offerings, and also dishes and other objects of gold and silver.

As long as Jehoiada lived, burnt offerings were presented continually in the temple of the Lord.¹⁵ Now Jehoiada was old and full of years, and he died at the age of a hundred and thirty. ¹⁶ He was buried with the kings in the City of David, because of the good he had done in Israel for God and his temple.

III. It brings God glory when we pursue excellence and creativity in our worship and service for Him

1 Chron. 29

¹⁰ David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. ¹¹ Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. ¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

IV. Everything we do is to be done as an act of worship in order to bring God glory