



UNRAVELED: Worship GOD...

2 Chronicles 2 & 12

 1 Chronicles 22:5–16 (NLT) “David said, “My son Solomon is still young and inexperienced. And since the Temple to be built for the Lord must be a magnificent structure, famous and glorious throughout the world, I will begin making preparations for it now.” So David collected vast amounts of building materials before his death. ⁶ Then David sent for his son Solomon and instructed him to build a Temple for the Lord, the God of Israel. ⁷ “My son, I wanted to build a Temple to honor the name of the Lord my God,” David told him. ⁸ “But the Lord said to me, ‘You have killed many men in the battles you have fought. And since you have shed so much blood in my sight, you will not be the one to build a Temple to honor my name. ⁹ But you will have a son who will be a man of peace. I will give him peace with his enemies in all the surrounding lands. His name will be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel during his reign. ¹⁰ He is the one who will build a Temple to honor my name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will secure the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’ ¹¹ “Now, my son, may the Lord be with you and give you success as you follow His directions in building the Temple of the Lord your God. ¹² And may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding, that you may obey the Law of the Lord your God as you rule over Israel. ¹³ For you will be successful if you carefully obey the decrees and regulations that the Lord gave to Israel through Moses. Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or lose heart! ¹⁴ “I have worked hard to provide materials for building the Temple of the Lord—nearly 4,000 tons of gold, 40,000 tons of silver, and so much iron and bronze that it cannot be weighed. I have also gathered timber and stone for the walls, though you may need to add more. ¹⁵ You have a large number of skilled stonemasons and carpenters and craftsmen of every kind. ¹⁶ You have expert goldsmiths and silversmiths and workers of bronze and iron. Now begin the work, and may the Lord be with you!”


Worship GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY.


 2 Chronicles 2:5 (NIV) “The temple I am going to build will be great, because our God is greater than all other gods.”


 1 Kings 10:16-17 (NLT) “King Solomon made 200 large shields of hammered gold, each weighing more than fifteen pounds. ¹⁷ He also made 300 smaller shields of hammered gold, each weighing nearly four pounds. The king placed these shields in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon.”


God’s Standard of Excellence was REVEALED.

Worship GOD CONTINUALLY.

 2 Chronicles 9:30–31 (NIV) “Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. ³¹ Then he rested with his fathers and was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his son succeeded him as king.”


 2 Chronicles 12:1-2 (NIV) “After Rehoboam’s position as king was established and he had become strong, he and all Israel with him abandoned the law of the Lord. ² Because they had been unfaithful to the Lord, Shishak king of Egypt attacked Jerusalem in the fifth year of King Rehoboam.”


 2 Chronicles 12:5 (NIV) “...the prophet Shemaiah came to Rehoboam and to the leaders of Judah who had assembled in Jerusalem for fear of Shishak, and he said to them, “This is what the Lord says, ‘You have abandoned me; therefore, I now abandon you to Shishak.’”

 2 Chronicles 12:9 (NIV) “When Shishak king of Egypt attacked Jerusalem, he carried off the treasures of the temple of the Lord and the treasures of the royal palace. He took everything, including the gold shields Solomon had made.”

God’s Standard of Excellence was REMOVED.


Worship GOD AUTHENTICALLY.


 2 Chronicles 12:10-11 (NIV) “So King Rehoboam made bronze shields to replace them and assigned these to the commanders of the guard on duty at the entrance to the royal palace.”


 2 Chronicles 12:11 (NIV) “Whenever the king went to the Lord’s temple, the guards went with him, bearing the shields, and afterward they returned them to the guardroom.”

God’s Standard of Excellence was REPLACED.

Worship GOD HUMBLY.

 2 Chronicles 12:12 (NIV) “Because Rehoboam humbled himself, the Lord’s anger turned from him, and he was not totally destroyed. Indeed, there was some good in Judah.”


 Romans 2:4 (LB) “Don’t you realize how patient He is being with you? Or don’t you care? Can’t you see that He has been waiting all this time without punishing you, to give you time to turn from your sin? His kindness is meant to lead you to repentance.”

 Proverbs 3:1–6 (NIV) “My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. ³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

God’s Standard of Excellence was RESTORED.

IMPACT

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Assimilating people into the church
- **Celebrating God**
- Teaching the Word of God

 *God is holy and He wants us to be holy. In what ways are you living authentically for God? In what ways are you faking your walk with God? Do you tend to keep people at a distance because you are afraid of what they will see if they really saw you? How much energy are you exerting to shine the exterior so you can hide what’s on the inside? What kind of rest would you find if you just humbled yourself?*