

INTRODUCTION

- * The transition from Saul to David now having been completed, we have seen David's consolidation of the kingdom under his reign in recent weeks culminating with the arrival of the ark in Jerusalem that we studied last week.
- * Two key learnings from last week's failed and then successful attempt to bring the ark to Jerusalem: (1) Our good intentions are not enough when it comes to how we honor God and His Word. God expects more than casual, convenient obedience. And then (2) We should not give up when we fall short and things do not turn out like we hoped or planned. We need to get back in God's Word, seek His forgiveness for any errors and then move forward in faith, trusting Him for a different outcome next time.
- * This morning we will look at 1 Chronicles 16 as David models for us a key principle of the Christian life, namely taking time for thanksgiving. With the ark safely in Jerusalem it was time for celebration, thanksgiving and praise. And David's Psalm in this chapter reveals a number of key aspects that we should regularly incorporate into our own times of thanksgiving.

INSTRUCTION

I. A look back at what has transpired in David's life so far – setting the stage for thanksgiving

II. Specific Preparations for Thanksgiving (1 Chronicles 16:1-6)

- A. Offerings to God (v. 1-2)
- B. Blessing the People of God (v. 3)
- C. Preparations for Ongoing Praise and Worship (v. 4-6)

III. Key Elements of Thanksgiving from David's Psalm (1 Chronicles 16:7-36)

- A. Remembering and Declaring God's Deeds, Wonders and Judgments (v. 8-12; Psalm 105:1-5)
- B. Remembering His Promises (v. 13-18; Psalm 105:6-11; Jeremiah 31:31-34)
- C. Remembering His Past Faithfulness (v. 19-22; Psalm 105:12-15; Genesis 12:10-20)
- D. Showing God's Glory and Worthiness to Others (v. 23-29; Psalm 96:1-9a)
- E. Awaiting the Reign of the Coming King (v. 30-33; Psalm 96:9b-13a; Luke 1:30-33; Romans 8:18-23)

INTROSPECTION

- * Do you take time to dwell upon God's past faithfulness on your behalf?
- * How balanced is your prayer life between adoration/thanksgiving and petitions?
- * Are you usually asking for more without stopping to give thanks for what He has already provided?
- * How are you intentionally declaring His glory among the nations, and His wonders among all peoples?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think... and therefore act?