

DAVID'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PUBLIC WORSHIP

Psalm 24, 105, 96, 106

From the very beginning of David's reign, his attitude toward public worship began to be revealed. Read to see what this attitude was, and what it caused him to do:

A. David's Provision for Israel's Worship: Read 1 chronicles 13:1-4, 15:1-28

1. What was one of the first things that David wanted to do after he became king in Jerusalem? 1 Chronicles 13:1-3

2. What happened the first time he tried this? 1 Chronicles 13:7, 9-10

3. Why did David say this had happened? 1 Chronicles 15:2 (See Numbers 4:2, 15)

4. When the people again assembled to bring the ark to Jerusalem, what did David ask the Levites to do in honor of this occasion? 1 Chronicles 14:16

5. What were some of the musical instruments which were used at this time? 1 Chronicles 14:28

B. Psalm 24:

1. Many think this was one of the songs sung as the ark was brought into Jerusalem. As you read it, try to see in your mind's eye the procession carrying the ark. About Whom do they sing first? Psalm 24:1-2

2. What incident that had happened before this might have caused them to sing the words in verse 3?

3. What do you think each person in the procession would be thinking of as he sang verse 4?

4. Where do you think the procession had arrived by the time they began verse 7?

1. As you read verses 7-10, imagine what the song would have sounded like if there had been two groups of singers: one, representing the bearers of the ark, who gave the command; the second, representing the gatekeepers of Jerusalem, who asked the question; after which the first group gave the majestic answer. (Note: We do not know exactly how the song was sung.)

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C. David's Beautification of Israel's Worship: Read 1 Chronicles 16:1-43

1. After the ark was set up in its place, what did David ask some of the Levites to do continually? 1 chronicles 16:4-6

2. What else did David do on that day? 1 chronicles 16:7

3. Compare 1 Chronicles 16:8-22 with Psalm 105:1-15. Do you see any resemblance?

4. Compare 1 Chronicles 16:23-33 with Psalm 96:1-13. Is there a resemblance?

5. Compare 1 Chronicles 16:35-36 with Psalm 106:47-48. Are they alike?

6. Probably the Psalm written first for this one occasion was later broken up into several parts suitable for permanent use in the nation's worship. What was the primary purpose of this Psalm? 1 Chronicles 16:7b

7. When David saw the ark of God in the tent which he had set up for it, what desire did it arouse within him? 1 Chronicles 17:1, 28:2

8. Although God said he might not do this, what did David do before his death? 1 Chronicles 22:1-5

9. David also organized the priests and Levites and gave them new duties, since they no longer had to carry the Tabernacle. Notice how he organized the singers and musicians, 1 Chronicles 25:1-7. What were the "songs of the Lord" which they were taught to sing?

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was David's real heart attitude toward public worship? See Psalm 122:1

2. Do I really love public worship? Have I done all in my power to make it possible (and beautiful) - both for myself, and for others?
