

DAVID'S CHARGE TO SOLOMON

1. The Holy Spirit tells us of the importance of all Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2. What do we learn from this and others passages which direct us to understand the importance of all Scripture?

a. Although, we as Christians are not to look to the Old Testament for guidance in our obedience to the Law of Christ, we are still to use all Scripture to learn about God and what He has always expected of man in principle, (obeying Him)!

3. Therefore, I would like to look at David's charge to his son Solomon and see what God expects of His children no matter what dispensation they may live under!

a. Lets begin by setting the stage for the events of our text!

4. Near the end of his life, King David gave a very solemn charge to his son Solomon.

a. He begins by giving him a charge pertaining to the building of the temple
1 Chronicles 28:1-10 “Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all the mighty men of valor. Then King David rose to his feet and said, “Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it. But God said to me, ‘You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.’ However the LORD God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the

sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel. And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

Now He said to me, 'It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father. Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.' Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever. As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

b. I want us to pay particular note to David's words in verse 9

5. In this verse, David's charge involves three very important things found in our duty as Christians...

a. Solomon's duty toward God

b. Motivation for Solomon to fulfill that duty

c. Then there are God's promises and warnings regarding whether or not Solomon fulfills his duty

6. Using the verse as our text, I would like for us to look at some very important thoughts.

I. OUR DUTY TO OURSELVES AND TO GOD

A. WE ALL HAVE A DUTY TO KNOW GOD

1. David tells Solomon to "...know the God of your father"

Jeremiah 9:23-24

"Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me,

That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.

2. Nothing is more important in life than for God’s people to come to truly know Him

3. God is displeased when His people do not know Him

a. Notice what Hosea’s writes to the children of Israel, God’s people at that time!

Hosea 4:1

“Hear the word of the LORD, You children of Israel, For the LORD brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: “There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land.”

Hosea 4:6

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

b. Notice what Paul writes to God’s children of his day, Christians!

Romans 1:18-28

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;”

4. As I have already said, God is very displeased when people do not know Him, this is why He has made Himself known

a. He does this through His creation

Psalm 19:1-3

“To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.”

b. He does this through His revelation, both Old and New Testaments

c. He accomplished this in the New Testament by the sending of His Son
Hebrews 1:1-2

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;”

John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

3. How serious is our effort to know God?

B. DAVID COMMANDED SOLOMON TO SERVE GOD

1. Notice how different translations render David’s command...

a. With a loyal heart (NKJV)

b. With a whole heart (NASB, ESV)

c. With wholehearted devotion (NIV)

2. Jesus described man’s love (service) as the greatest commandment

Matthew 22:36-38

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment.”

C. His service was to be done with a willing mind (NKJV)

1. “cordially and sincerely, cheerfully and freely,” - Gill
2. “neither in an hypocritical manner, nor through force and constraint, nor with loathing and weariness” - ibid.

3. This is the kind of service God still expects from His people today

a. A good example of this is found in the Christian’s giving back to Him
2 Corinthians 8:12

“For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

b. Another good example of this is found in the commandment for elders to shepherd the flock of God’s people among them

1 Peter 5:1-2

“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;”

3. Are we committed to serving God completely and willingly?

4. To know God and serve Him with sincerity and zeal, is every Christian’s duty!

This morning we are not able to come together at the building because of the corona-virus, but we still have the privilege and responsibility to worship God today - the 1st day of the week. We all can read the Scriptures, sing, and pray to our Father. My prayer is for the church that meets at Phil Campbell is that it will become stronger, more dependant on God. Don’t let these obstacles make us weak and fearful.

James 1:12 NASB

“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”