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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
You can quickly lose interest in worship if you have nothing invested

POEM FOR THE WEEK:
All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-
tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.
—Kethe

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:
*Do you not know that you are the
temple of God and that the Spirit of
God dwells in you*
(1 Cor 3:16 NKJV)

(from "Our Daily Bread", Dec 11, 1999)

REMEMBER

**NO CLASS ON
12/22 & 12/29**

David's House **1 Chronicles 17:1, 3-4, 11-14; 21:18, 21-27**

Lesson Background and Introduction

When God says no to something we propose to do, that answer can be devastating. Initially, David probably felt very good about his intended construction project. He had already brought the ark to Jerusalem. What better way to complete the task than to provide a dwelling place in honor of Israel's true king? But God had other plans. He denied the king's plan, but then proclaimed His choice of David to participate in the building of the temple in a very important way. What had begun as a terrible punishment for sin resulted in David's offering sacrifices and purchasing the place for his son to build the Lord's house (1 Chronicles 22:1). What was true with David applies to us as well: the Lord may reject what we have in mind, but that doesn't mean He rejects us. With the denial of David's desire came one of the most significant promises in all of the Old Testament: the Lord's promise to build a house for David. The advice of Proverbs 3:5, 6 remains sound: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." May we, like David, trust God in both His yes and no to use our lives to His glory.

(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)

Settling in Zion - King David lived in a magnificent palace in Zion made of the most exquisite materials available during his time. This bothered the king because God's ark resided in the same city in a lowly cloth tent. David desired to erect God a beautiful edifice.

The Desire to Build a Temple - David called for the prophet Nathan and shared his temple building idea. Nathan initially encouraged him to follow his heart's desire. He realized David's exceptional love and longing to do something special for Jehovah. However, later that night God spoke to the prophet. God intended for a temple to be erected, but not by David's hand.

The Eternal Dwelling - God instructed Nathan to share with the king that the temple building assignment belonged to David's son, Solomon. Though the Lord highly favored David, he was not the one to build God's house. Instead, God promised a "house" that would outlive an earthly monarchy. From David's descendants, God would bring forth the precious, promised Messiah—Jesus, Son of David.

The Earthly Temple - Though David would not build the temple, God showed him the exact place for the temple building: the threshing floor of Araunah, the Jebusite, near where Abraham almost sacrificed Isaac. David wanted to purchase the threshing floor, but Araunah offered to give David everything he needed for free. David insisted on paying him, and the king immediately built an altar to the Lord at the spot of the new temple.

Building God's Kingdom - David became God's instrument to begin making plans to build His earthly temple. However, more importantly, God brought His Son, Jesus, through David's lineage. David realized God's divine commitment to create a "house" for him had eternal significance and would far outlast a physical edifice. Similarly, Christians ought to focus on eternal values more than bigger church buildings and more programs, however good those may be. What's eternal is being wholly devoted to God, loving one's neighbor, and helping people understand and mature in the Gospel of Christ.

(Adapted from the Echoes Commentary)

NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

God's Rejection of David to Build (1 Chron 17:1, 3-4)

David realized the timing of the need (1)

- Realize there is a time for everything (Eccl 3:1)
- Realize God only does things at the proper time (Eccl 8:6)
- Realize that God acts when it is His time of favor (Isa 49:8)
- Realize that it is not for me to know God's timing (Acts 1:6-7)
- Realize that at the right time God will provide (Rom 5:6)

God's answer to the need (2)

- God fulfills needs according to His riches (Phil 4:19)
- God fulfill needs because He knows them better than we do (Luke 12:29-31)
- God fulfill needs because He is able (2 Cor 9:8)
- God fulfill needs through spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3)
- God fulfill needs through the power of Grace (Titus 2:11-12)

God's rejection (3)

- Rejected because of rejecting God (Prov 1:24-28)
- Rejected because of bloodshed (Isa 1:15-16)
- Rejected because of iniquities (Isa 59:2)
- Rejected because of wicked wandering (Jer 14:10-12)
- Rejected because of doing evil (Luke 13:23-27)

God's Election of David's Son to Build (1 Chron 17:11-14)

God's election to establish (11-12)

- God's establishment through the gospel (Rom 16:25)
- God's establishment through reconciliation (Col 1:21-23)
- God's establishment into faith (Col 2:7)
- God's establishment in the truth (2 Peter 1:12)

God's election to bestow mercy (13)

- Mercy because He loves us (Rom 5:8)
- Mercy because Jesus bore all of our transgressions (Isa 53:5-6)
- Mercy because God is faithful and righteous (Rom 3:3-5)
- Mercy because of grace (Eph 2:8-9)
- Mercy because it prompts God's salvation (Rom 9:16)

God's election of an enduring kingdom (15)

- God's kingdom will endure all generations (Ps 145:13)
- God's kingdom is an eternal kingdom (Dan 4:3)
- God's kingdom will never end (Luke 1:32-33)
- God's kingdom will be reigned by Jesus for ever and ever (Rev 11:15)
- God's kingdom will be upheld and ruled with righteousness from now and forever (Isa 9:7)
- God's kingdom belongs to God and along with it all the power and glory (Matt 6:13)

David Builds an Altar (1 Chron 21:18, 21-27)

God's command to build an altar (18)

- An altar to honor God (Exodus 20:24)
- An altar so that God's Name is called (1 Kings 18:24)
- An altar to demonstrate that the Lord is God (1 Kings 18:38-39)
- An altar to prompt God to stop the plague (2 Sam 24:25)

The need for sacrificial offering (21-25)

- An offering beyond ability (2 Cor 8:3)
- An offering that is all one has (Mark 12:43-44)
- An offering that is given, even though it is the last (1 Kings 17:8-13)
- An offering of a life of service that is almost to death (Phil 2:29-30)

David's obedience results in grace (26-27)

- Grace through sufficiency (2 Cor 12:9)
- Grace through God's will and pleasure (Eph 1:5-6)
- Grace through mercy (1 Tim 1:13-14)
- Grace through justification (Titus 3:3-7)
- Grace that results in blessing after blessing (John 1:16)