

2 Chronicles 29-32

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Day 1- 2 Chronicles 29-32

Read 2 Chronicles 29-32 in your Bible.

- Pray as you read, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in understanding, praise, confession, thanksgiving, and petition in light of the truth you are reading.
- Underline/highlight key words, phrases, and verses that stand out to you.

Day 2- 2 Chronicles 29

1. Write a description of King Hezekiah from the information in 29:1-2, and 2 Kings 18:5.
2. How did Hezekiah demonstrate his priority of properly worshipping God according to 29:3?
3. What did King Hezekiah instruct the Levites to do in 29:5?

Scholar's Note: Consecrate- to make holy by setting apart someone or something exclusively for the service for God. In this case it also involved certain prescribed ritual washings and the avoidance of any form of ceremonial defilement. –Expositor's Commentary

4. Describe the dire condition of Judah that Hezekiah is facing because of the unfaithfulness of Ahaz. (29:8-9)

Day 3- 2 Chronicles 30

At this point in history the northern kingdom of Israel has been under siege by Assyria, fulfilling the prophecies of God's judgment for their wicked idolatry. The people are scattered throughout Assyria and Assyrians have relocated into Israel as part of their conquest. But, according to God's mercy, there is still a remnant of God's people left in Israel.

5. How does Hezekiah try to reestablish unity between Israel and Judah?

6. What three verbs does Hezekiah use in verse 8 to encourage the people to return to the LORD? What does he remind them about God in verse 9?



If you have purposefully turned away from God, or slowly, carelessly, wandered away, or maybe you are here physically, but your whole heart is not following God, he gives the prescription right here in 2 Chronicles. “Yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary...and serve the LORD your God.”

Prayerfully reflect on these questions.

Yield: Is there something in your life that you have not yielded to God? Something you do not want to give up or let out of your control? Is pride keeping you from humbly submitting to God?

Come: Have you neglected the privilege we have to come into God’s presence each day? What keeps you from meeting with God? Have you put aside the priority of worshipping with God’s people?

Serve: What excuses do you make for not serving your King? Do you serve out of a heart of love for God or to gain his or other’s approval?

“Clasp God’s outstretched hand...Your God is gracious and kind and won’t snub you—come back and he’ll welcome you with open arms.” 2 Chronicles 30:9 MSG


Scholar’s Note: The ceremony of the "slaughtered... Passover lamb" functioned as (1) a memorial to God's past deliverance of Israel from the tenth plague in Egypt (Exod 12: 27); (2) a symbol of his present and continuing claim over sinners, which was met by a rite of redemption (Exod 13: 15); and (3) a type of his future, ultimate justification for his people procured through the substitutionary death of Christ, the Lamb of God (1 Cor 5:7)

For Discussion: How do you think the neglect of the celebration of Passover, that God had instituted, contributed to the earlier unfaithfulness of the people? How was the neglect an indicator of their hearts? What application does this have for us today?

7. How are the people participating in Hezekiah's reforms? (30:13-15)

8. How is Solomon's prayer in 7:14, being answered in 30:11-20?

9. What does the spiritual healing of the people look like in 30:21-27?

 Spend some time meditating on Psalm 32 and Proverbs 28:13.

- What good things do confession and repentance bring into our lives?

Day 4- 2 Chronicles 31

10. What was different about tearing down the Asherah poles and the high places in 31:1 compared to the past (15:16-17, 20:31-33)?

11. How did Hezekiah's wholehearted devotion to God express itself in 31:3?

12. What was the reason God commanded that the people provide for the priests and Levites? (31:4)

13. What do the people do that suggests their repentance is genuine in 31:4-10?

Day 5- 2 Chronicles 32

14. How did Hezekiah's leadership and trust in God in the face of impending disaster affect the people according to 32:8?

For Discussion: Always using discernment and wisdom, what are some ways you can point out God's goodness and greatness when others are facing trials? How are you encouraged by others to look to God when you are going through hard times? Is your heart willing to accept the encouragement of others and take your focus off yourself and look to God?

Digging Deeper: Verse 20 tells us that Hezekiah and Isaiah prayed concerning the letters that Sennacherib sent out to Judah and God responded by delivering his people. Turn to Isaiah 37:14-22, 33-38. Describe Hezekiah's prayer and why and how God delivered Judah.

Scholar's Note: "Isaiah tells Hezekiah that 'because you have prayed,' God responded. According to Isaiah, human agency and divine sovereignty are not at odds but rather work in beautiful harmony. God's people are to cry out to him, to honestly make their concerns known. The Lord of Israel delights to act in response to those prayers as he carries out his good and wise purposes."- Gospel Transformation Bible Notes

15. What was the occasion of another prayer Hezekiah prayed in 32:24 and what was God's answer? How did Hezekiah respond to God's answer? How serious an offense was this?



The NLT translation of verse 24 says, "But Hezekiah did not respond appropriately to the kindness shown him, and he became proud." Think of the great kindness that God has shown to us as believers. Jesus left heaven, where he was rightfully adored and worshipped and he came to earth to live, setting aside the privileges of his deity and dying a humiliating death to pay for the sins of people who were in rebellion against him. He rescued us from slavery to sin, even though we didn't want to be rescued, and he brought us into his family, making us his beloved children.

Do you respond appropriately each day to the marvelous kindness God has shown to you? Is the gratefulness in your heart commensurate with the benefit you have received? The answer is no, because we cannot even comprehend completely the benefit we have

received! But thanks be to God, Jesus rescued us from even our lack of ability to be thankful enough! *“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.” Titus3:4-5a*

- Make a list of all the kindness God has shown you in your life- spiritual and material, then spend some time thanking God for all the ways he shows you great kindness.

One Thing: Look back over this week’s study. Pick one thing that God impressed on you, convicted you about, or something new that you learned and write it here.

How will knowing this impact the way you think and act?