



PITWM VERSE BY VERSE 1 CHRONICLES 16:23-33

LESSON: WORSHIPPING GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY—

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INTRODUCTION:

1¹ Chronicles 16:1–22 records the beginning of David's public worship after bringing the Ark to Jerusalem. The Ark is placed in the tent David had prepared, and offerings are made before the Lord (**v. 1**). David blesses the people and distributes food to all (**vv. 2–3**), then appoints Levites to lead ongoing worship (**v. 4**). We see the names of the Levites, those with musical instruments, and the priests mentioned that were to go before the Ark of the covenant of God, and on that day, David first committed to Asaph and his associates this song of thanksgiving to the LORD (**vv. 5–7**). They recall God's mighty deeds, His covenant promises to Abraham, the oath sworn to Isaac, and confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, and to Israel as an everlasting covenant: Saying, *"To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit"*, and His faithfulness to protect and guide His people as they were few in number; strangers in it, wandering from nation to nation, and one kingdom to another, God made known, Saying, *"Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."* The emphasis is on remembering who God is and what He has done, so that praise may be rooted in truth and history (**vv. 8–22**).

We have to remember that 1 Chronicles 16 have been compiled from other psalms of David as the whole of it will be found, with very slight variations and minor omissions, in Ps 96:1-13; 105:1-15; 106:47, 48.

LESSON:

I. 1 CHRONICLES 16:23-29a

16:23 Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. This is a special occasion because The Ark of the Covenant of God had been brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicle 15:14-29), where it belonged (with the people of God). 1 Chron.**16:6b-7**) *"...before the Ark of the Covenant of God. That day David appointed Asaph and his associates to minister songs (psalms) of praise to the Lord."* This was a time to sing unto their mighty God all over the earth; all through the land. Why? – Because this was their time to show forth; to tell of the Good News of God's Salvation; His saving grace; His Covenant keeping power!

16:24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. The people of God in (**v.10**) were to glory in God's Holy Name and rejoice! In this verse they were to declare His glory among the heathen, for it is glorious. And declare His works among the nations for they are marvelous! We really have to go back to verse 12 where Gods wonderful acts are told.

12 Remember the wonders he has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced, **13** you His servants, the descendants of Israel, His chosen ones, the children of Jacob. **14** He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth. **15** He **remembers** his covenant forever, the promise He made, for a thousand generations, **16** the covenant He made with Abraham, the oath He swore to Isaac. **17** He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: **18** *"To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."* (NIV).

No one could have done and still is doing the things God does for His people!



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16:25 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.— This song continues to tell of the greatness of the Lord, for *“He is great and greatly to be praised.”* He is worth the praise and the honor, and all of the adoration. The passage also lets us know that *“God is to be feared; revered; be in awe of above any and all gods”* wherever they may be.

16:26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. This verse depicts the people’s man-made gods were fashioned by man’s hands, but the real true faithful God fashioned and made the heavens! He is Creator of all things, excluding man’s hands. These other gods were powerless and worthless which became idols to them! God already said in His Commandment *“Thou shall have no other gods before me! Thou shall not make unto thee and graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth...!”* Exodus 20:1-2 ²The LORD is not just the God of Israel. He is the LORD of all the earth. He is greater than all the gods of the nations. All other gods are false gods, therefore, all people should praise and honor God alone, the Creator of the heavens!

16:27 Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. God is a holy God and glory and honor should always be given. In His presence when His children declare praise unto Him and worship Him! When we do that His strength and gladness comes to us in our of hearts, the place where He is. Our hearts are changed, and our lives are transformed in the presence of the Lord!

16:28 Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. This is our application: giving, and surrendering ourselves unto the Lord no matter if related by family, tribe, or race! Your lips will give glory and recognize the strength to the Lord. When we know who He is to us, we will say unto Him who He is! Most of the times the praisers were put out front before a great battle. The Israelites had to remember that they had been returned to their land after years of Babylonian captivity; they had to remember that the Ark of the Covenant had been returned to their rightful ownership. As we go forth, praise is essential whether we’re in a battle or not. It’s just our desire to give glory and recognize the strength of the Lord; that we see His glory, and His strength; His power, and whatever we expected, that has brought us out of *imperfect* and overwhelming situations. We’re speaking it out of our mouths that God’s power, glory and strength has done it!

16:29a Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: *“... All the glory belongs to Him. His Name has power. And we are to make His Name known to the heathen”* Why? Well, for the Israelites, the God of Covenant had brought them through event after event. For us, we glorify the Lord, for *“The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe”* Proverbs 18:10. Also because He sent His only begotten Son to free us from a sin debt we could not pay. We were trapped in sin. Have you proclaimed His glory that due unto His Name today?

II. 1 CHRONICLES 16:29b-30

16:29b ...bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

² <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/1chronicles-10-20-lbw.htm>
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-sunday-school.html>





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Yeah, His Son paid it all! Can we not bring our offering and worship before the Lord in the beauty of His holiness? Because whatever we have, we can't take it with us, and none of it belongs to us! It all came from God! ³“**Worship**” is an act of reverence and adoration directed towards God. The “**beauty (splendor; holy array) of His holiness**” highlights the purity, majesty of God. “**Holiness**” is a defining attribute of God, setting Him apart from all creation. All the people were to bring tribute unto Him with sacrificial gifts of worship. In that day it was in the form of grain, fruit or animal sacrifice, but for us it would be our lives unto Him, and or a tithe offering.

16:30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. This calls for all on earth to give reverence before a mighty God. He is the One who has, and is able to stabilize this world and it won't be moved (until He decides to)! And in His sovereign Will, no one can come against it! Psalm 91:1 says “*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will remain secure and rest in the shadow of the Almighty [whose power no enemy can withstand]*” (AMP). Psalms 104:5 says. “*Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.*” That's who we are to fear; reverence, for He established the earth on a stable foundation and, ensuring its permanence!

III. 1 CHRONICLES 16:31-33

16:31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth. If we had never read 1 Chronicles 16 before, it is enlightening and calls for us to rejoice in the Lord for all of what He has created; His executive power; and Him being Creator and Owner! “*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness there of*” Psalm 24:1. “*For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now*” Romans 8:22. The heavens will be glad! The earth will rejoice! Why? Because men among the nations will cry out and say “*The Lord reigns!*” His power reigns; His glory reigns; His protection reigns; His holiness reigns! And according to 2 Peter 3:13 “*But in keeping with God's promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.*” Where God's presence is, Heaven is glad and the earth is rejoicing.

16:32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. The song says, “*I don't want no rocks crying out in my place.*” So, if you thought about keeping quiet, God has all of Nature to lift Him up! He made the sea to roar in all of its fullness. He made the fields and they don't have to want for anything except to rejoice, and all therein. Are you lit up now?

16:33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because he cometh to judge the earth. Even the trees of the wood will sing out at the presence of the Lord. Why? Because it was created by God? No! it's because He has come to judge the earth! The LORD will come and He will be the judge of the world. He will be the judge of all people. We will all have to give an account of our lives to God. He will reward or punish us. Nature knows all of this before we even have a clue. Why? Because so many people don't acknowledge Him as the LORD GOD we have read about, and have not accepted His Way—through Jesus. But the tress (Nature), they know Him!

³ https://biblehub.com/1_chronicles/16-29.htm
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SUMMARY:

This was a time to sing unto their mighty God over all the earth; all through the land.

1. Where shall we sing (v. 23). Wherever we happen to be.
2. What shall we sing (v. 24). That the Lord is wonderful and does marvelous things.
3. Why shall sing (vv. 25-26). The Lord deserves our greatest praise. No false gods are to come before Him!

This is our application: giving of; surrendering all (ourselves) unto the Lord! All gifts belong to God:

1. Give unto the Lord glory and strength (v. 28).
2. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name (v. 29).
3. Bring an offering, and come before him (v. 29).
4. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (v. 29).

This calls for all the earth to give reverence before a mighty God.

1. The **world** shall be stable, that it be not moved (v. 30) (until He decides to)!
2. The **heavens** will be glad! The **earth** will rejoice! Why? Because men among the nations will cry out and say "The Lord reigns! (v. 31).
3. The **sea** to roar and the **fields** rejoice (v. 32).
4. The **trees of the wood** will sing out at the presence of the Lord because He has come to judge the earth! (v. 33).

Application:

God will use us if we allow Him, just as He uses nature! Try it! Start singing! Start declaring!