

Preparations for the Temple

1 Chronicles 22:2 – 29:20

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David said to his son Solomon, "I wanted to build a temple for the Lord. But the Lord told me, 'You have too much blood on your hands. Your son Solomon will be king after you. He will be a man of peace, and he will build my temple.' Now, my son, seek the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. And when you become king, may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding as you rule over the people of Israel."

David knew the temple of the Lord would need to be a magnificent structure. And even though he was not to build it, he made preparations and collected enormous amounts of materials for its construction. In addition, he donated his own personal fortune and persuaded many leaders of Israel to do the same.

David gave Solomon the plans for the Temple and said, "If you seek the Lord, you will find the Lord. If you forsake the Lord, the Lord will reject you forever. So take this seriously. The Lord has chosen you for this work. Build the temple and move the Ark of the Covenant into it."

Then David praised the Lord, "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Who am I, and who are these people, that we could give anything to you? Our days on earth are like a passing shadow. Your people have given generously, willingly, joyously. Yet everything we have you have given us. So we have only given to you what was already yours. Now, O Lord, give my son Solomon the desire to obey you in all things."

The people of Israel praised God and knelt before the Lord and the king.