"DAVID: A LOVER OF GOD"

("A Man After God's Own Heart" – Part 5 - *David had a ZEALOUS HEART!*)

II Samuel 6 & 7

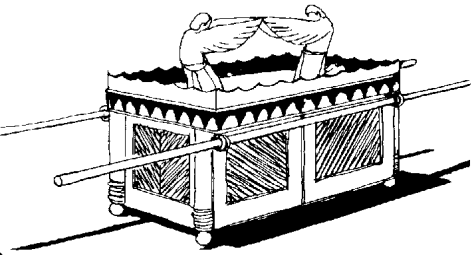
9/29/10

INTRODUCTION:

What is zeal for God?

David had a ZEALOUS HEART!

2 Evidences of David's zeal for God:



I. David's Zeal for the ARK of God (II Sam. 6; I Chron. 13, 15)

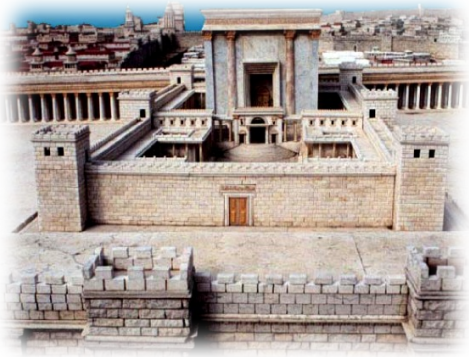
What kind of zeal did David have?

A. Ignorant zeal (v. 3-10)

B. Tenacious zeal (v. 11-13)

C. Joyful zeal (v. 14-15)

D. Unashamed zeal (v. 16-23)



II. David's Zeal for the HOUSE of God (II Sam. 7; I Ki. 8:17; I Chron. 22:5-8, 14-16; 28:1-6)

A. Unselfish zeal (II Sam. 7:1-3)

B. Abundant zeal (I Chron. 22:1-5)

C. Undying zeal (I Chron. 22:6-13, 28:2-6; I Ki. 8:17-19)

D. Ambitious zeal (I Chron. 22:14-16)

"DAVID: A LOVER OF GOD"

("A Man After God's Own Heart" – Part 5 - *David had a ZEALOUS HEART!*)

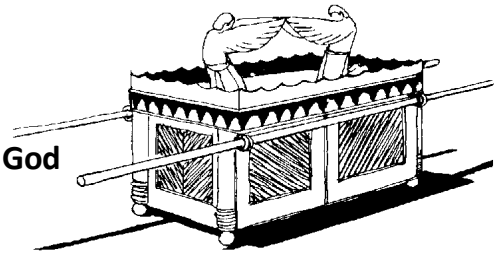
II Samuel 6 & 7

9/29/10

INTRODUCTION:

What is zeal for God?

David had a ZEALOUS HEART!



2 Evidences of David's zeal for God:

I. David's Zeal for the _____ of God
(II Sam. 6; I Chron. 13, 15)

What kind of zeal did David have?

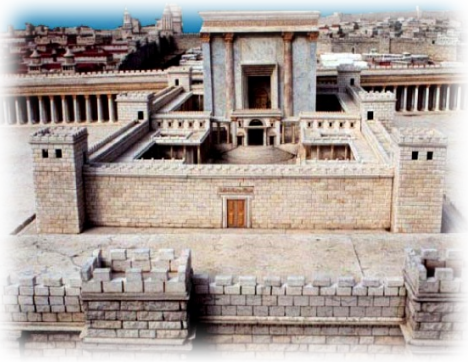
A. _____ zeal (v. 3-10)

B. _____ zeal (v. 11-13)

C. _____ zeal (v. 14-15)

D. _____ zeal (v. 16-23)

II. David's Zeal for the _____ of God
(II Sam. 7; I Ki. 8:17; I Chron. 22:5-8, 14-16; 28:1-6)



A. _____ zeal (II Sam. 7:1-3)

B. _____ zeal (I Chron. 22:1-5)

C. _____ zeal (I Chron. 22:6-13, 28:2-6; I Ki. 8:17-19)

D. _____ zeal (I Chron. 22:14-16)

"DAVID: A LOVER OF GOD"

("A Man After God's Own Heart" – Part 5 - *David had a <u>ZEALOUS HEART</u>!*)

II Samuel 6 & 7

9/29/10

INTRODUCTION:

Because David was "a man after God's own heart," he had a heart that focused on those things which were important to God.

He wanted God to be worshipped and adored, the center of Israel's affection.

He wanted God's work to advance, to shine, etc.

He wanted proper worship of God to be re-established (which was in ruins during the days of King Saul).

(This re=establishment of worship would include "gathering the scattered articles off furniture and arranging them according to the order God gave in Exod. 25-27. The most important piece of tabernacle furniture was the ark of the covenant." - Swindol, p. 83).

"Israel had become spiritually malnourished under Saul's reign

1 Chronicles 13:3

And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

The tabernacle had deteriorated, its furnishings had been scattered (including the Ark), the worship itself had become virtually meaningless" (Swindoll, <u>David</u>, p. 83).

What is <u>zeal</u> for God?

***David had a <u>zealous</u> heart!**

2 Evidences of David's <u>zeal</u> for God:

I. David's Zeal for the ARK of God (II Sam. 6; I Chron. 13, 15)

What kind of zeal did David have?

What was the Ark?

1. A gold-plated chest made of acacia wood measuring 3 3/4 feet long and 2 1/2 feet wide and 2 1/4 feet high.

2. Its solid gold lid --the mercy seat-- held 2 cherubs of sculptured gold, with wings stretched out over the cover.

3. The Ark contained 3 special objects:

   a. A golden jar containing manna
   b. Aaron's rod which budded
   c. The Ten Commandments on 2 tablets of stone (cp. Heb. 9:4)

   (3 reminders of God's provision, authority, and law)

4. The Ark was to be carried only by Levites with gold-plated poles (Num. 3:6-10)

Where was the Ark?

1) It was captured by the Philistines (I Sam. 4:17)

2) It caused problems to "Dagon" (I Sam. 5:3-4). It plagued the Philistines

3) It was then returned to Bethshemesh (I Sam. 6)

   --At Bethshemesh, some men committed sacrilege by looking into the Ark, resulting in 50,070 being killed.

4) The survivors of Bethshemesh then asked the men of Kiriath-jearim to take the Ark away. There it remained for several years.

What kind of zeal did David have?

A. Ignorant zeal (v. 3-10)

V. 3, 6

In his zeal to bring the Ark to Jerusalem, David overlooked God's instructions on how to transport it.

The Ark was to be carried by the Priests, the Sons of Kohath (Num. 3:30-31; 4:15, 7:9) and was to be carried by gold staves (Ex.25:14-15)

Numbers 3:30-31
And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites *shall be* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. And their charge *shall be* the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof.

Numbers 4:15
And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear *it*: but they shall not touch *any* holy thing, lest they die. These *things are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

Numbers 7:9
But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them *was that* they should bear upon their shoulders.

Exodus 25:14-15
And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

Zeal must be according to knowledge**!**

B. Tenacious zeal (v. 11-13)

David's zeal for God prompted him to try again although he had failed the first time.

V. 12

David wanted the same blessing that was upon the house of Obed-edem, to be upon his house and the capital city of Jerusalem.

David discovered the proper way to transport it this time.

1 Chronicles 15:13-15
For because ye *did it* not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order. So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.

Beware: It is often the "details - the rings and poles - that often snag us." We can never do God's work our way.

V. 13

"Six paces" - After six successful steps and no deaths! God's grace is appealed to by a sacrifice.

C. Joyful zeal (v. 14-15)

D. Unashamed zeal (v. 16-23)

II. David's Zeal for the HOUSE of God (II Sam. 7; I Ki. 8:17; I Chron. 22:5-8, 14-16; 28:1-6)

A. Unselfish zeal (II Sam. 7:1-3)

2 Samuel 7:1-3

And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thine heart; for the LORD *is* with thee.

B. Abundant zeal (I Chron. 22:1-5)

1 Chronicles 22:1-5

Then David said, This *is* the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of the burnt offering for Israel. And David commanded to gather together the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David. And David said, Solomon my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be builded for the LORD *must be* exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

C. Undying zeal (I Chron. 22:6-13, 28:2-6; I Ki. 8:17-19)

1 Chronicles 22:6-13

Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel. And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God: But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee. Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

1 Chronicles 28:2-6

Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me*, I *had* in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed blood. Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath 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 liked me to make *me* king over all Israel: And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him *to be* my son, and I will be his father.

1 Kings 8:17-19

And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

D. Ambitious zeal (I Chron. 22:14-16)

1 Chronicles 22:14-16

Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. Moreover *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise *therefore*, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

1 Corinthians 16:15

I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

**** I must be committed to my Savior's Work as long as I live!***

What is commitment to Christ's Work?

When I am committed to the Work of my Lord,

1. I will endure hardship but keep on going

1 Corinthians 16:9

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

When I am committed to the Work of my Lord,

2. I will prioritize what matters to Him over my earthly securities

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

When I am committed to the Work of my Lord,

3. I will follow Him and be willing to forsake all hindrances

Matthew 19:27-29

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.