

David's Location for the House of the Lord

by Chuck Smith

David's sermon emphasizes the importance of seeking God's guidance and being strong and of good courage in every endeavor, as he prepares for the building of the temple.

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Scripture: 1 Chronicles 22, 2 Chronicles 6:1-7

Topics: "David"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of not judging a situation or God's plan until we see the end results. He warns against making hasty judgments in the midst of difficult circumstances, as we cannot see the bigger picture or understand God's purpose. The speaker also highlights the need for the presence and guidance of God in every endeavor we undertake for Him. He cautions against relying on worldly methods, such as money-raising schemes, and emphasizes the importance of seeking God's direction and relying on His wisdom and understanding.

Transcript

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Welcome to The Word for Today The broadcast ministry of Pastor Chuck Smith Of Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California
Pastor Chuck is currently leading us on a verse-by-verse venture Through the entire Bible
And on today's edition of The Word for Today We'll be continuing with David's location for the house of the Lord
As we pick up in 1 Chronicles, chapter 22, verse 1 And now, here's Pastor Chuck Smith with today's message
And so the first verse of chapter 22 Then David said, this is the house of the Lord God
In other words, this is the place for the temple God had ordered that on this spot The altar be built and the sacrifice made
They had been doing that only in Gibeon up to this point There at the tabernacle
But God is signifying By the building of the altar and the offering of the sacrifice here That this is where the house of the Lord is to be built
Now God's hand behind the scenes all the way It is this place On Mount Moriah
That years before Abraham had come About a thousand years earlier Abraham had come With Isaac
To offer a sacrifice unto God And as Abraham and Isaac were coming To this Mount Moriah
This very place that David is now purchasing And his son Isaac said, Dad We have the fire and we have the wood
But where is the sacrifice?

And Abraham said, Son The Lord will Provide himself a sacrifice In the Mount of the Lord, he said It shall be seen And You remember the story how that He bound Isaac, placed him on the altar And he raised the knife and the Lord said, that's enough, Abraham Behold, there's a ram caught by its horns In the thicket, take and offer it And Abraham called the name of the place Jehovah-Jireh Where the Lord will provide And he responded, for in the Mount of the Lord It shall be seen This is the place where the sacrifices are to be made This is the place That God had chosen for the temple Back at the time of Abraham And he makes the prophecy of it then It doesn't end there About a thousand years after David Jesus Was led to the top of Mount Moriah, a place called Golgotha, and there he was crucified So this Holy Mount that God chose as a place of Sacrifice He directed Abraham to it, Abraham prophesied Over it God stopped the angel Above the threshing floor there on Mount Moriah David recognized, God said Offer the sacrifice there, and David by that Recognized that this is the place God has chosen For the house of God to be built And the prophecy was then completely fulfilled When Jesus Made the sacrifice for sin And God offered His only Begotten Son for our sins On the Mount of Sacrifice So David recognized Hey, this is the place for the house of the Lord And David commanded To gather together the strangers That were in the land of Israel And he sent masons to begin to Hew these stones to build the house of God He can't build the house, but the Lord didn't say He couldn't prepare for the building of the house, and so he got the Stone masons to work, they started carving out the Stones for the temple And of course, as we go on we find that he began To gather, David prepared iron in abundance For the nails, for the doors of the gates And for the joinings Brass in abundance Without weight, I know there's so much you couldn't Really weigh it.

Also there were cedar trees In abundance, for the Sidonians And they that were 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 built for the Lord must be Magnificent, exceedingly magnificent Of fame and glory Throughout all of the world, and I will therefore Now make preparation for it.

So David prepared Abundantly before his death Can't build it David, but hey David says I can sure provide for it So then he called for Solomon, his son And he charged him to Build the house for the Lord And David said to Solomon My son, as for me It was in my mind to build A house unto the name of Jehovah my God But the word of Jehovah came to me Saying that you have shed blood abundantly You've made great wars Thou shalt not Build a house unto my name because you have shed Much blood upon the earth in my sight David you've been too bloody a man But behold a son shall be born to you He will be a man of peace Or rest, and I will give him rest from all Of 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 A

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 forever, so Solomon, it was in my mind To build this house for God, God rejected My desire because of my bloody past But he promised to give me you as a son Reign in my stead, you're to build a house So now my son He gives to Solomon the charge The Lord be with you This is the key to the whole thing God has called you to a great task It's to be a magnificent temple It's to be noted throughout the world It's to be one of the great wonders Of the ancient world This temple that is to be built So my son, the Lord Be with you How we need The presence of God for every Endeavor That we do for God It is not enough to just Know what God wants done And then to take it upon

ourselves to do it We must be directed By God, strengthened by God Guided by God In every work that we seek to do for God One of the tragic mistakes Of the modern church Is to try to do the work of God With the ingenuity of man We find that Madison Avenue Has invaded the church You'd be amazed at the mail that I get Every week Of those professionals that are willing to come And to help us raise money All

kinds of money raising schemes that are designed for churches And we get mail all the time Of how to raise funds, you know And how they'll come in and set up a whole drive And go around and get pledges And how they give their success story Of how they helped this church raise so many thousands And this church to raise so much money And all these money raising schemes God never intended

that the church Should be supported by money raising schemes By pressuring people into giving By pressuring people into making pledges God never intended His work To be supported that way God said let every man purpose in his own heart And so let him give God said that your giving should never be out of pressure Or out of constraint For God loves a cheerful giver And the Greek is even more intensive God loves a hilarious giver And surely the time when the Offering is taken should be the most hilarious part Of every service For God loves a hilarious giver But you see the problem with the church Is that they've adopted worldly methods To accomplish their goals And we have done it and it's almost a law Within the church that the end Justifies the means Not so, that's a lie from the pit The

ends do not justify the means You say but we raised All this money for God Well, it wasn't God's way And it's like taking a census Of the people in David's time, God's not pleased with it We need to seek God's guidance In every endeavor that the church Launches into In doing the work of God We need to be in prayer That God will show us how Not just what should be done but how it should be done The Lord be with you It's a great task that you're called to do You know what you're supposed to do Now may the Lord be with you to guide you To give you wisdom And to give you understanding Because of this great task that is to be done And may the Lord prosper you with that wisdom Prosper you with understanding That you build the house to the Lord As He has said that you're going to do God has

ordained that you do it May God be with you and prosper you with wisdom and understanding In doing it and so the Lord give to you that wisdom And understanding To help you to give charge to Israel That is, He's going to have to be giving the orders In Israel May God give you the wisdom and understanding to give you the charge Concerning Israel that you may keep The law of Jehovah thy God Then you will prosper If you take heed To fulfill the statutes and the judgments Which the Lord gave to Moses The story of Solomon is a story of tragedy Because he started out well As we get into 2 Chronicles The first part is devoted unto Solomon To the building of the temple To the completion of the temple And as the temple is completed and we read Solomon and the prayer Of dedication of the temple That

prayer of Solomon Shows great wisdom, great understanding And a great commitment to the things of God It's an extremely powerful Beautiful prayer that was answered by God In a very powerful way God responded to the prayer of Solomon But As the years went by Solomon Turned away from the statutes of the Lord He turned away from The statutes that God had given to Moses He did not follow his father's advice But as the years went by and he was prosperous and wealthy He began to disobey The statutes of the Lord Written in the law of Moses He began to multiply to himself wives As the statutes said he should not do He began horse trading With the Egyptians which the scriptures said He should not do And as he began to take wives of the daughters Of the foreign kings In order to please them On

Mount of Olives across from The area of Ophel Where the city of David was on the Mount of Olives The opposite side there He began to build Temples to the pagan deities There in the sight of Israel For his wife's sake And it became a great stumbling block to Solomon And to the people of Israel But David is giving him good advice and good counsel here It's too bad he didn't keep with it Be strong And of good courage And of course our strength and our courage Comes from the acknowledgement that God is with me The Lord is with me I shall not fear Just that consciousness of God's presence Gives great courage

Great strength Also it keeps you from dread and dismay A lot of times I can't see the way out A lot of times I don't know How it's gonna work out A lot of times it looks like a real

mystery, it's a puzzler It looks like total mess Chaos And I hate it when people come at that time and say Well Chuck, what are we gonna do?

Because I really don't know We're gonna wait upon the Lord and see what He's gonna do I don't have the answer But I'm not dismayed, God's in it, God's gonna work it out He just hasn't shown me yet what His plan is I know when it comes to pass We're gonna say, my, wasn't that wonderful? Isn't it great the way that worked out? But there are too many people in the middle of the thing Because they can't see the end results They're all disturbed, they're all upset Oh, how foolish it is For us to judge a situation Until we see the end of the matter And yet there are all these people willing to do that Right in the midst of things when we can't see The plan of God, the purpose of God Why would God allow this to happen and that to happen and all And we're right in the middle of it And we begin to judge now My, we sure made a foolish mistake that time, didn't we?

Well, did we? Those same people come around Later when the whole thing has worked out When it's all worked out, then they say, man, that was a smart move, wasn't it? Shrewd That was just absolutely brilliant, you know How did you know that was gonna happen? Well, you didn't You just take one step at a time And just let God lead you But as long as the Lord is with you You don't be dismayed, you're not dreading it You say, hey, God's gonna work it out God's in this thing, He's watching over His church The Lord is with us I'll not be dismayed, I'll not dread David said, now behold, in my trouble I've prepared for the house of the Lord A hundred thousand talents Of gold Someone do a little research on that Find out how many ounces in a talent And you'll find out How many hundreds of millions of dollars Of gold this is A thousand thousand, a million talents Of silver Brass and iron without weight, so much that Our scales won't handle it For it is in abundance I also have timbers and stones That I have prepared, that you might add to them Moreover, there are workmen In abundance, those who are able to hew The wood, those that are able to Work with the stones and the timbers And all manner of skillful men For every manner of work The gold, the silver, the brass, the iron There is no number, arise therefore And be doing And the Lord be with you Son, I've gone as far as I can, I've prepared it all Now, get to it, get going Do it, and the Lord be with you So David also commanded all of the princes of Israel To help Solomon his son, saying Is not the Lord your God with you?

And hath he not given you rest on every side? For he has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand And the land is subdued before the Lord and before his people Now set your heart and your soul To seek the Lord What tremendous advice Set your heart and your soul To seek the Lord Set it in your mind I'm going to seek the Lord You'll find no better path for life No wiser move could you ever make Than that of just seeking the Lord And bring back the ark of the covenant of the Lord And the holy vessels of God into the house That is to be built in the name of Jehovah So the sacred instruments The ark of the covenant And those vessels Bring them into this temple that is to be built So David has set things For his son Solomon To take over at his death We'll return with more of our study of 1 Chronicles In our next lesson As the task of building the temple Is handed off to Solomon And we do hope you'll make plans to join us But right now, I'd like to remind you that If you missed any part of today's message Or perhaps you'd like to order a copy For that special friend or loved one You can do so by simply contacting One of our customer service representatives And they'd be more than happy to assist you With the ordering details Simply call 1-800-272-WORD And phone orders can be taken Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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