

# Remembrances of a Life Lived for God

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- 1Chron. 29:26-30 - “Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27 And the period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem. 28 So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place. 29 Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, 30 with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.”

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- In the last words of David will be heard remembrances of a life lived for God
  - 1Chron. 28:1-2 - “Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all the mighty men of valor. 2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it.”

# It Was A Time Of Reflection

- The last days of David's life were filled with a dream he never saw fulfilled
  - 1Chron. 28:2-8
- But God said no
  - 2Sam. 7:1-17
- David did not look back with disappointment or anger on what God had not allowed him to do. Instead, he looked back with gratitude on what God had helped him to do.
  - If we are not careful, we will come to the end of the way bitter and disillusioned because we did not see our dreams fulfilled.

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- Rom. 8:28 - “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”
- Jer. 29:11 - “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

# It Was A Time Of Reflection

- The best thing to do with past unfulfilled dreams is to let it go.
  - Phil. 4:11-13 - “Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

# It Was A Time Of Responsibility

- David speaks to Solomon of his responsibility,
  - 1Chron. 28:9 - 29:1
- Of his relationship with God,
  - 1Chron. 28:9 - “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.”
- And of his reign over the people
  - 1Chron. 28:10-21

# It Was A Time Of Responsibility

- We need to be careful to avoid filling our children's heads with our own doubts, fears, and prejudices. They need to know that God will never leave them nor forsake them
  - Heb. 13:5 - "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you."
  - Psalm 37:23-25 - "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread."

# It Was A Time Of Reliance

- David challenges the people of Israel to give to the work of the temple.
  - Chron. 29:2-9

# It Was A Time Of Reliance

- The end of life is not a time to ease up on spiritual discipline. It is not the time to stop praying. At the end of the road, David is still praising the Lord
  - 1Chron. 29:10-19

# It Was A Time Of Rejoicing

- David's life concludes not with sadness, but with rejoicing. He leads the congregation in offering praise to the Lord.
  - 1Chron. 29:20-25

# It Was A Time Of Rejoicing

- The end of life does not have to be a sad time. It is possible to leave life on a high note when it has been well lived for the Lord.
  - Rev. 21:4 - “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

# It Was A Time Of Rejoicing

- David seems to have no fear regarding his impending death. Why? He knows the Lord and where he is going.
- When we are overwhelmingly afraid of death, it says something about our faith
  - 2Tim. 1:12 - “...nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”
  - 1Thes. 4:13-14 - “But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.”

# It Was A Time Of Rejoicing

- Like David, we want to finish strong
  - 2Tim. 4:6-8 - “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”