

The Vow That Changed History (Ps. 132:2-5)

I. DAVID'S SACRED VOW: TO EXTRAVAGANTLY PURSUE GOD UNTIL...

- A. As a young man, David made a vow to dedicate his life to find a resting place or dwelling place for God. This refers to a place where an unusual measure of God's presence is manifest on earth. David's life work was to establish a resting place for God in Jerusalem in his generation.
¹ LORD, remember David and all his afflictions; 2 How he swore to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One: 3 "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes...5 until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob"...8 Arise, O, Lord, to Your resting place. (Ps. 132:1-8)
- B. David vowed to live in extravagant devotion to seek the Lord with all his resources (time, talents, treasures). His vow included spending time in God's House (Ps. 27:4), fasting (Ps. 69:7-12), extravagant giving of his money (1 Chr. 22:14) and embracing God's order in worship.
- C. This vow changed history and continues today in those who embrace it. It is at the heart of the End-Time worship movement. Lord, raise up a million believers who fully walk out this vow.
- D. David's vow positioned his heart to receive insight into the worship that God seeks.
²³ True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (Jn. 4:23)
- E. Rev. 4-5 describes the worship order around God's Throne. Those nearest God's Throne agree with Him in worship and intercession as the most exalted occupation in the New Jerusalem.
⁸ The 4 living creatures...do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy...!" (Rev. 4:8)
- F. David received revelation of worship according to God's order in heavenly sanctuary.
⁹⁶ I have seen the consummation of all perfection (God's Throne of Glory)... (Ps. 119:96)
- G. After receiving revelation of the worship in God's heavenly sanctuary, David commanded God's people to honor this order (2 Chr. 29:25; 35:4, 15; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:45).
***¹¹ David gave his son Solomon the plans...12 for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD...13 also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD...19 All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."* (1 Chr. 28:11-19)**
- H. After David became king, the first thing he did was to capture Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:3-10). Next, he gave expression to his sacred vow by setting up a worship tabernacle in Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6).
***¹ David...prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it...16 David spoke to the...Levites to appoint...singers accompanied by instruments of music...* (1 Chr. 15:1-17)**
¹ They brought the ark...and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David... (1 Chr. 16:1)

- I. David established the Levites to worship before the Ark which spoke of God's Throne.
¹ ***They brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. 4 He appointed Levites to minister before the ark...to praise the Lord...37 He left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required... (1 Chr. 16:1, 4, 37)***
- J. David established 4,000 full-time paid musicians and 288 paid prophetic singers. It was extreme to finance over 5,000 people to worship full-time. It costs only \$200 million a year to provide \$3,000 a month for 5,000 full-time people (plus buildings costs). It would cost about \$3 billion a year to finance 12 Prayer Missions Bases (if each had 5,000 people making \$3,000 a month, etc.). There will be a great transfer of wealth in the generation Jesus returns (Hag. 2:6-8).
¹ ***David...separated for the service...the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals...7 The number...who were instructed in the songs of the LORD, all who were skillful, was 288. (1 Chr. 25:1-7)***
⁵ ***4,000 praised the Lord with musical instruments, "which I made," said David... (1 Chr. 23:5)***
- K. God promised to restore David's Tabernacle and thus to reverse the damage of Israel's apostasy. The fullness of the Tabernacle of David speaks of Jesus' Millennial government over all nations that is based on 24/7 Davidic worship and intercession.
¹¹ ***On that day I will raise up the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old... (Amos 9:11)***
- L. When Israel went astray, God raised up spiritual reformers (kings, Levites and others) with a vision to restore worship as David commanded it and to walk out David's Ps. 132:2-5 vow.
- M. Hezekiah's revival included restoring full-time singers and musicians as commanded by David.
²⁵ ***He stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with...stringed instruments...according to the commandment of David...for thus was the commandment of the LORD...27 The song of the LORD began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David... (2 Chr. 29:25-27)***
- N. Josiah's revival included restoring full-time singers and musicians as commanded by David.
³ ***He said to the Levites...4 "Prepare yourselves...following the instruction of David..." 15 The singers...were in their places, according to the command of David... (2 Chr. 35:3-15)***
- O. After the 70 years of Babylonian captivity, God raised up godly leaders, Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah who established full-time singers and musicians as commanded by David.
¹⁰ ***The priests stood...and the Levites...with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David. 11 They sang responsively...giving thanks to the Lord... (Ezra 3:10-11)***
²⁴ ***The Levites...give thanks, group alternating with group, according to the command of David...45 The singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God...according to the command of David... (Neh. 12:24, 45)***

II. APPLICATION IN CHURCH HISTORY

- A. The NT Church began to come back into God's order of worship as first established on earth in David's Tabernacle using psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Eph 5:18-19; Col. 3:16; Jas. 5:13).
¹⁴ Simon (Peter) declared how God...visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. ¹⁵ With this the words of the prophets agree, as it is written: ¹⁶ "After this I will return and will rebuild the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; ¹⁷ so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD..." (Acts 15:14-17)
- B. Church history parallels Israel's history. Whenever God released a season of revival to restore what was lost, we see the aspects of David's order of worship released in that generation. Every revival in history has received an aspect of God's "new song and music" for that generation.
- C. Whenever the Church neglected to develop and finance prophetic worship, it fell into ruins. The Church in spiritual Babylon hangs up their harps and neglects to develop prophetic worship.
¹ By the rivers of Babylon...we wept when we remembered Zion. ² We hung our harps upon the willows...⁴ How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? (Ps. 137:1-4)
- D. The Church is coming out of the spirit of Babylon and God is restoring what was lost in the captivity of Zion by filling our mouths with His songs.
¹ When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion...² our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing...⁴ Bring back our captivity, O LORD... (Ps. 126:1-4)

III. DAVID'S VOW WILL BE EXPRESSED IN THE END-TIME WORSHIP MOVEMENT

- A. God promised to establish intercessors who will never be silent until He restores Jerusalem.
⁶ I have set watchmen on your walls...they shall never hold their peace (be silent, NAS) day or night...⁷ give Him no rest till He establishes...Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:6-7)
- B. The End-Time Church will be in deep unity with the Spirit who is interceding for Jesus to come.
¹⁷ And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" (Rev. 22:17)
- C. The End-Time Church will "pray in conjunction with prophetic singing" to invite Jesus to return.
¹⁰ Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea...¹¹ Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, the villages...let them shout from the mountains...¹³ The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out...He shall prevail against His enemies... (Isa. 42:10-13)
- D. There will be a great transfer of wealth in the generation Jesus returns as He shakes the nations, brings a great harvest to Himself as the "Desire of All Nations" and fills His house with glory.
⁶ "I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this Temple with glory...⁸ The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine," says the LORD of hosts. (Hag. 2:6-8)

IV. FINANCIAL APPLICATION OF DAVID'S SACRED VOW

- A. God is now raising up “forerunner reformers” with a vision to restore worship as David commanded it and to walk out David’s Ps. 132:2-5 vow. God requires that we are faithful when finances are least as the condition for being entrusted with much. Some are unfaithful in their finances but plan to be faithful after the increase comes. The Lord rejects all such “bargaining”.
- ¹⁰ *He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much. (Lk. 16:10)*
- B. God’s order for supporting the singers and gatekeepers was revealed to David. The storehouse was the central place to receive tithes that was under the spiritual leadership of the Lord’s House.
- ⁴⁴ *Some were appointed over the storehouse for...tithes...for the priests and Levites; Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites....47 In the days of Zerubbabel and Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day... (Neh. 12:44-47)*
- ⁵ *The tithes...were commanded to be given to the Levites and singers and gatekeepers...10 I realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field. 11 So I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" I gathered them together and set them in their place. 12 Then all Judah brought the tithe...to the storehouse...14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this...my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God... (Neh. 13:5-14)*
- C. The Levites were commanded to tithe on what they received. They brought it to the storehouse.
- ³⁸ *The Levites receive tithes; AND the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse. (Neh. 10:38)*
- ²¹ *I have given the children of Levi all the tithes...in return for the work which they perform, the work of the Tabernacle...26 Speak to the Levites, and say: 'When you take...the tithes...then offer...to the LORD, a tenth of the tithe... 28 An offering to the LORD from all your tithes...29 Of all your gifts you shall offer up...from the best of them...” (Num. 18:21-29)*
- D. God commands us to pay our tithes to the central storehouse (the spiritual family) in which God plants us in any given season. We have the option to give our offerings to other people or places.
- ⁷ *From the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances...Return to Me, and I will return to you,” Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me...10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. 11 I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground..." (Mal. 3:7-11)*
- E. The only way in which the End-Time prayer movement will be established is by supernatural finances as God opens the financial windows of heaven. Some live under a financial curse (v. 9) that can only be broken by faithfully trusting God as Lord and source of our finances.