

True Worship
I Chronicles 16:7-36

Review:

1. True worship focuses not on the worshippers but on the One True God whom they worship
2. True worship flows out of the faithful, unconditional covenant promises God has kept in Jesus Christ
3. True worship is the reason for which God created and redeemed His covenant people

Reflect:

1. What things, people, activities or relationships are you tempted to worship? How does this passage help you put those things into proper perspective?

Go Further: Read I Chronicles 21:1-22:1

1. According to 21:1, what did Satan tempt David to do?
2. As a result, what did David tell Joab, the commander of his army, to do in 21:2?
3. According to 21:3, why did Joab think this was a bad idea?
4. According to 21:7, why did the Lord strike Israel?
5. What did David admit in 21:8, and what did he ask God to do?
6. From what three punishments did the Lord allow David to choose in 21:12?
7. According to 21:13, what choice did David make?
8. According to 21:14, how many Israelites died in the plague?
9. According to 21:15, where was the angel of the Lord when God decided to spare Jerusalem?
10. Verses 16 and following explain why God did not destroy Jerusalem. What did David and the elders do when David saw the angel preparing to attack the city?
11. According to 21:17, on whom did David want God's hand to be against?
12. Where did the angel of the Lord tell David to build an altar?
13. According to 21:25, how much did this project cost David?
14. According to 21:26, how did the Lord respond to the offerings David made on the altar?
15. According to 21:27, what did the Lord tell His angel to do?
16. According to 21:28-29, why didn't David go to the Tabernacle to inquire of God?
17. According to 22:1, What did David say about the place he built the altar?

Summary and Application:

1. David's desire to know how many soldiers were at his disposal was probably an indication that he was placing his trust in his armed forces. In what things that you can see or count are you tempted to put your trust?
2. How does David's choice of punishments in verse 13 indicate his trust in God?
3. How does the plague on the Israelites illustrate the tremendous responsibility leaders have?
4. How does David's prayer in verse 17 foreshadow the work of the Son of David in the same place?
5. What important components of worship does this passage illustrate?