

Give Us A King



A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles

Part 1

1-2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles

Applications for Today

1. Civil government exists to serve the needs of the people, not to grant the desires of the leaders (5:12; 1 Chron. 14:2; Rom. 13:1-7).
2. Ask the Lord in prayer to help you make important decisions in life (5:19, 23; 1 Chron. 14:10, 14; Phil. 4:6).
3. Do as the Lord directs and commands (5:25; 1 Chron. 14:16; 1 Cor. 7:19).

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4. Man's good intentions must be controlled and guided by God's divine authority. We must seek to do God's work by following his ordinances and his commands. Do God's work in God's way (6:1-15; 1 Chron. 13:1-14; 15:1-15; 16:40; Col. 3:17).
5. Using a "new cart" is like following the ways of the world (the Philistines) instead of following God's commands (6:3; 1 Chron. 13:7; see 1 Sam. 6:7; Gal. 1:6-10).

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6. Find out a person's motives before being critical of his actions (6:20-23; Jn. 7:24; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; 1 Tim. 6:4; Jas. 4:11-12).

Worship Principles from 1 Chron. 16:8-36

- Worship is active, not passive. We are participants, not spectators (16:8-12, 15, 23-24, 28-30).
- Worship is for God's people. Remember who you are when you come to worship (16:13).
- Worship is to bring attention to the greatness of God. We come before him and are in his presence. It's primarily about him, not us (16:15-22, 25, 30-36).

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- Worship is to come from the heart. We do not simply go through a ritual or routine (16:10).
- Worship is not just about feelings, but also about the Lord's covenant of commandments (16:15-17).
- Worship is to be done by those who come with holiness in their lives (16:29; comp. 2 Chron. 20:21).

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- Worship is to be a reminder of the Lord's judgment and that we need saving (16:33, 35).
- Worship is a place to let outsiders – the peoples – know about the one, true God. Design our worship with that in mind (16:8, 24-26).
- Worship is to be done in such a way that all can say “Amen” to it (16:36).