

# **Summer Bible Study: Prayer; #4: David's Prayer of Blessing (1 Chronicles 29:10-22)**

- Prayer is the puzzling practice of communicating with God.**
- David's prayer of blessing teaches us *why* and *how* to praise God when we pray.**

# **The Context of David's Prayer of Blessing (1 Chronicles 29:10-22):**

- **Date: c. 970 B.C.**
- **Defining moments of David's kingdom:**
  - 1) The ark is brought to Jerusalem  
(1 Chronicles 16).**
  - 2) The temple is prepared  
(1 Chronicles 29).**

**“The climax of David’s reign, as portrayed by the Chronicler, has now been reached. All the preparations for building the temple have been completed, and Solomon, chosen by God as the one who shall bring the plans to fruition, is about to be proclaimed as king over all Israel.**

**And at this point the Chronicler reveals his true heart: the proper response to such a situation is a prayer which breathes joyful faith and simple humility.”**

**— *H.G.M. Williamson***

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(1 Chronicles 29:10-22):**

**Option #1: A Simple Structure:**

**I. Praise (29:10-12)**

**II. Thanksgiving (29:13-17)**

**III. Petition (29:18-19)**

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Option #2: A Different Structure**

# **Pieces of the Prayer Puzzle – Matthew 6:9-13**

- ***Adore* (6:9)**
- ***Align* (6:10)**
- ***Ask* (6:11)**
- ***Admit* (6:12)**
- ***Acknowledge* (6:13)**
- ***Amen* (6:13)**

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**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!" Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.**

***1 Chronicles 16:36***

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- **See also Psalm 41:13; 72:18-19; 89:52; 106:48; 150**

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**“David declares he and his people are ‘aliens and transients,’ without home or hope apart from God’s grace. To the Chronicler’s community, for whom the exile was still a recent memory, these words would have had particular resonance.”**

**— *Steven S. Tuell***

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- IV. David *aligns* his heart towards God's will and commands (29:17-18).**
- V. David *asks* God to provide Solomon a whole and wise heart (29:19).**
- VI. Response: The Israelites *adore* God in worship (29:20-22).**

**The Application of David's Prayer of Blessing:**

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**1) Recognize God's *greatness* when we pray.**

**<sup>5</sup>I am the Lord, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God; I equip you,  
though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people  
may know, from the rising of the sun and  
from the west, that there is none besides  
me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.**

***Isaiah 45:5-6***



**Behold, to the Lord your God belong  
heaven and the heaven of heavens, the  
earth with all that is in it.**

***Deuteronomy 10:14***

**“The Church has surrendered her once lofty concept of God and substituted for it one so low, so ignoble (dishonorable) ... With our loss of the sense of majesty has come the further loss of religious awe and consciousness of the divine Presence ... Before the Christian Church goes into eclipse (decline) anywhere there must first be a corrupting of her simple basic theology.**

**She simply gets a wrong answer to the question, ‘What is God like?’ and goes on from there ... What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”**

**— A.W. Tozer**  
***The Knowledge of the Holy***

**The Application of David's Prayer of Blessing:**

- 1) Recognize God's *greatness* when we pray.**
- 2) Remember God's *goodness* when we pray.**

**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.**

***James 1:17***

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- 1) Recognize God's *greatness* when we pray.
- 2) Remember God's *goodness* when we pray.
- 3) Respond with *gratitude* in our lives.

**No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."**

***Luke 16:13***

**“Consumers experience self-gratification in their spending, and so do misers in their saving; but givers know a deeper joy and a greater gain ... we need the prodding of the Holy Spirit to stimulate our self-centered hearts Godward.”**

**— *Leslie C. Allen***



**For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.**

***2 Corinthians 8:9***