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# 1 Chronicles 29

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“Death eliminates the future.... David died on the threshold of other people’s futures.”

*Calvin Miller*

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At the strategic time, God's people seize the moment to build bridges to the future through devotional, personal and additional sacrifice.

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# Sacrifice Commences with a Vision and a Task (vv1-2)

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What David wouldn't see in flesh, he saw by faith. David's faith was visionary because his vision made provision for the temple of God.

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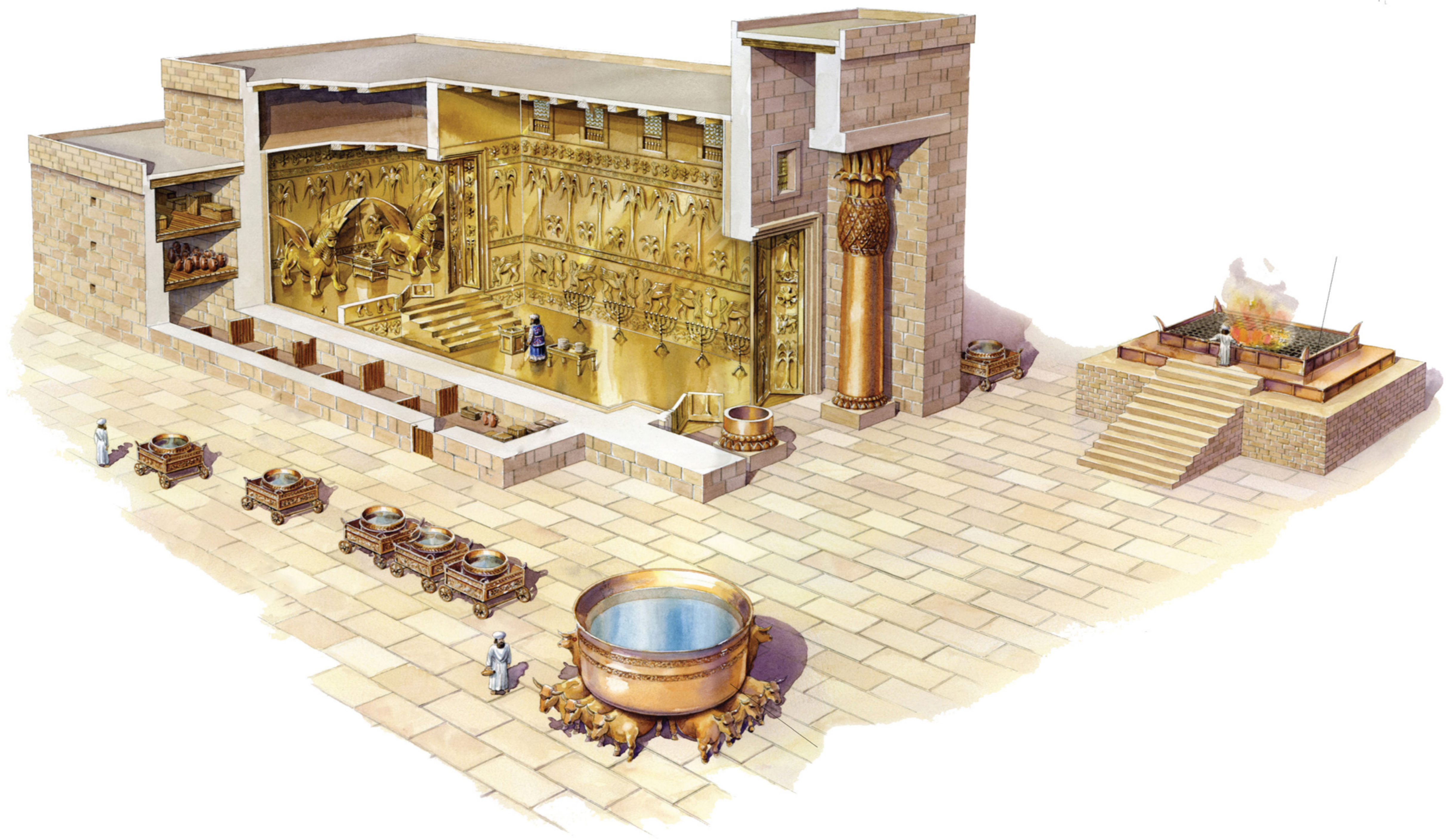


“The task is great because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God.”

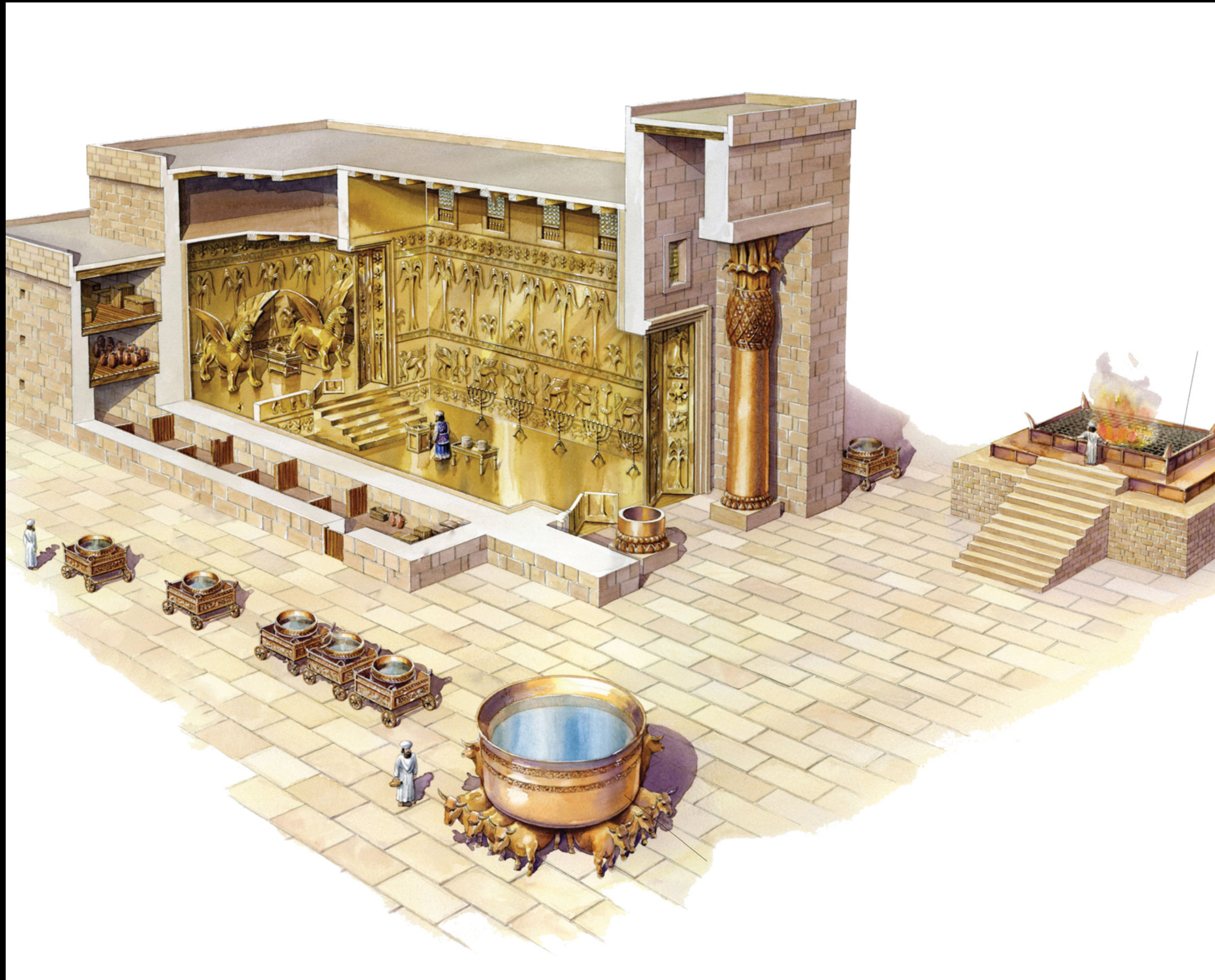
1 Chronicles 29:1

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When the call for provision for a vision is made the driving motive has to be pure.

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“I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.”

**1 Chronicles 29:17**

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There is only one appropriate motive for the sacrifice required of us in this hour: the worship of God. We give that the name of God be honored, the word of God be taught, and by God's grace, the church of God be built. It is the Spirit of God who does such building.

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# Sacrifice Continues Through Generosity (vv3-5)

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“With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God.”

1 Chronicles 29:2

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“Besides, in all my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple.”

1 Chronicles 29:3

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personal treasures  
סגולה *segullah*

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personal treasures

סְגֻלָּה *segullah*

The treasure box holding precious metals, stones, and rare objects. The segullah functioned as personal security in times of hardship or disaster.

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## Segullah

the treasure of kings

1 Chron. 29:3; Eccl. 2:8

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God's treasure

Ex. 19:5; Deut. 7:6; 14:2;  
26:18; Psalm 135:4; Mal.  
3:17

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“Now, if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all the nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Exodus 19:5-6a

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David was willing to invest his personal security because his security came from the One who owned the whole world and had chosen the nation of Israel to be His treasured possession. In a season of special need David's security was in the God who gave not the wealth he'd saved.

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“Often the extent to which we are prepared to put at risk our material well-being is a measure of the seriousness with which we take our discipleship.”

*J.G. McConville*

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# Sacrifice Champions a Response (vv6-9)

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“Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the Lord today?”

1 Chronicles 29:5

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consecrate

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consecrate

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To “fill.” Here accompanied by the Hebrew word ‘yad’ (hand) it means, “to fill the hand.

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“The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders; for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly?”

1 Chronicles 29:9

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Not everyone could give as much as David. David did not call for equal giving but equal consecration. He called for people to fill their hands with what they've been given.

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“Praise be to you, Lord, the God of father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things...”

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1 Chronicles 29:10-12a



“If you have not been trustworthy in handling your skittles, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

Luke 16:11-12

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# Sacrifice Concludes in Praise (vv10-20)

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“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?”

1 Chronicles 29:14a

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“They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the Lord that day.”

1 Chronicles 29:22

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