



SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING

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Scripture: 1 Chronicles

TITLE: 1 Chronicles – Different Strokes

A few years ago, I was scouting out some church planting locations in Europe. Our family was prayerfully considering if and where God wanted us to plant a church. My group emerged out of the subway to a street in Berlin. There before our eyes was quite an accident. We asked the bystanders, “what happened?” We all got the big picture through various and colorful viewpoints.

The Bible, at times, provides us the same story through different lenses or perspectives. 1 Chronicles is one such example.

The book of 1 Chronicles is the book of Israel’s genealogy, but not from a biographical lens. Instead, the writer communicates it through an analytical and spiritual lens. While 2 Samuel and Kings gives a political history of Israel and Judah, Chronicles gives a religious history of the Davidic dynasty of Judah.

The author of the book was Ezra. Ezra covers roughly 1,000 years in 1 Chronicles. The book can be divided into two parts: chapters 1 – 9 cover the royal line of David. This is a 1,000-year span of time. Chapters 10-29 cover the reign of David. These 20 chapters cover only 33 years. Some of the people you will meet are David, Jabez, Solomon, and Joab.

Though there are no messianic prophecies in 1 Chronicles 17, we do find a retelling of the Davidic covenant as found in 2 Samuel 7. This is what Ezra writes in 1 Chronicles 17:11-14:

“When your time comes to be with your ancestors, I will raise up after you your descendant, who is one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will not remove my faithful love from him as I removed it from the one who was before you. I will appoint him over my house and my kingdom forever, and his throne will be established forever.”

What’s the main thing in 1 Chronicles? It’s right perspective results in right worship. In other words, it’s that thanksgiving is always appropriate when we live in dependence upon God. 1 Chronicles 29:11 says,

“Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to you. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.”

Right perspective results in right worship.

So here's my challenge for you today: thank the Lord our God. God is faithful even when we are not. God is beyond generous to his people and especially so when our perspective and worship are right. So today, develop a heart for thanksgiving to our God. Tell Him and others how much and why you love Him.

When we develop the heart for worship, we will win the day.