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### TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. Although the CHRISTIAN is the "temple of God today," throughout history, and in the prophetic FUTURE, the Temple in Jerusalem is CRITICAL.
2. The importance of the Temple to God, REMINDS us of the importance of forgiveness and WORSHIP today!

### IF IT COSTS NOTHING . . .

2Sam. 24:18 On that day Gad went to David and said to him, "Go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."  
 19 So David went up, as the LORD had commanded through Gad. 20 When Araunah looked and saw the king and his officials coming toward him, he went out and bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.  
 21 Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" "To buy your threshing floor," David answered, "so I can build an altar to the LORD, that the plague on the people may be stopped." 22 Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up. Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood. 23 Your Majesty, Araunah gives all this to the king." Araunah also said to him, "May the LORD your God accept you." 24 But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. 25 David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the LORD answered his prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.  
 2Chr. 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem



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on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David.

1. God had a SPECIFIC plan for the PLACE of the altar and the Temple. There are only TWO places in the Bible where the name Moriah is used.

*Gen. 22:2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."*

2. David had SINNED against God, which caused a plague on his people. David didn't focus on the sin but on the CURE.

3. Araunah offered David EVERYTHING he needed to make a sacrifice at no COST. You have to admire his heart, but this creates multiple PROBLEMS:

- a. If Araunah pays, does David receive FORGIVENESS?
  - b. If Araunah pays, does David learn a LESSON?
  - c. If Araunah pays, can there be REDEMPTION for Israel, or even for the Christian? (*And what about Araunah?*)
4. David understood these concerns and INSISTED on paying for everything. And because of this decision and his desire to make amends, God HONORED David.

**LESSON:** *There are SHORT CUTS to many things, but it is good for us to pay the PRICE for our failures. (What is the purpose of a threshing floor?)*

#### **IF IT IS IN YOUR HEART . . .**

*1Kings 8:17 "My father David had it in his heart to build a temple for the Name of the LORD, the God of Israel. 18 But the LORD said to my father David, 'You did well to have it in your heart to build a temple for my Name.*

*1Chr. 22:6 Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. 7 David said to Solomon: "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. 8 But this word of the LORD came to me: 'You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight.*

*1Chr. 22:14 "I have taken great pains to provide for the temple of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold, a million talents of silver, quantities of bronze and iron too great to be weighed, and wood and stone. And you may add to them. 15 You have many workers: stonecutters, masons*

*and carpenters, as well as those skilled in every kind of work 16 in gold and silver, bronze and iron—craftsmen beyond number. Now begin the work, and the LORD be with you."*

1. David's deep DESIRE was to build God's Temple, but because he was a man of BLOOD, God told him NOT to build it.

2. So David prepared the PLANS and provided most of the MATERIALS for the Temple. He did everything that he could to PARTICIPATE in the work.

3. And God HONORED David "*because it was in his heart.*"

**LESSON:** *There are many times that we WISH we could do a certain thing for the Lord and His Church, but just having the DESIRE honors God and gives you credit.*

#### **IF IT IS YOUR JOB . . .**

*1Kings 6:1 In the four hundred and eightieth year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD. 2 The house that King Solomon built for the LORD was sixty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and thirty cubits high.*

*1Kings 6:11 The word of the LORD came to Solomon: 12 "As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. 13 And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel." 14 So Solomon built the temple and completed it.*

*1Kings 6:37 The foundation of the temple of the LORD was laid in the fourth year, in the month of Ziv. 38 In the eleventh year in the month of Bul, the eighth month, the temple was finished in all its details according to its specifications. He had spent seven years building it.*

1. Solomon was OBEDIENT to God and to his father, and began the BUILDING of the Temple shortly after becoming king.

2. He built the Temple according to the SPECIFICATIONS provided and used the RICHES that had been given for the Lord's Temple.

3. Solomon accepted his ROLE and finished the JOB!

**LESSON:** *Understand that you were born for a TIME and PURPOSE. Be the person that God designed you to be and FINISH the work that you were given to do!*

