

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Road Map  
Pastor Roger W. Huffman

1 Chronicles 29:1,2,10-18  
October 11, 2015

### Discover the surprising joy of giving to the Giving God.

- ❖ From Wow to Whoa
  - ◆ **Wow!** Did you see what King David provided....
  - ◆ **Whoa!** Did you hear what David said: *...now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.*
    - Are these people on drugs or brainwashed! *Joyful* generous giving?
- Discover the surprising joy of giving to the Giving God.
- ❖ Know the Giver - Yahweh, the Living God
  - ◆ Yahweh - specific, real: existing from eternity to eternity - Wow!
  - ◆ Greatness, power, glory, majesty, splendor, Creator/owner of all: Wow!
  - ◆ Source of wealth & honor, ruler of all, exalting & giving strength: Wow!
- ❖ Know ourselves - honestly, frankly
  - ◆ *We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors.*
    - Estranged by our sin. Foreign to God's holy ways. Outsiders
  - ◆ *Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.*
    - Mortals. Hopes are short-term, then gone. Not last vs. everlasting.
  - ◆ **Surprise:** It's **shocking** that we can call Yahweh, our God!
- ❖ See: **Everything comes from Yahweh**
  - ◆ Obviously all gold, silver, precious gems, stuff...
  - ◆ Life, skills, abilities, strength, knowledge, wisdom...
  - ◆ Our restored relationship with Yahweh - his atonement/forgiveness
  - ◆ Our new self: faith, new **heart of worship**, new Christ-like mindset
    - Freed from sin's thinking and desires
    - Freed to love Yahweh - his word, will, and ways
    - Source of joy, hope, peace, freedom from fear
    - Our whole life is worship. We exist to worship Yahweh, our God!
      - ◆ We belong to him. Life in him alone! All life in *worth-ship*.

### Discover the surprising joy of giving to the Giving God.

- ❖ Realize: **Giving is worship. Worship is giving.**
  - ◆ *Giving is worship.* Our giving expresses the value we place on God.
    - We **can't** give to *buy, bribe, supply, satisfy, or fool* Yahweh.
  - ◆ *Worship is giving.*
    - Giving: offerings, prayer, praise, honor, glory, gifts, my whole self.
    - Since he is our Lord, withholding anything from him is **sin's insult**.
    - **Humbly honored** to serve such a glorious and gracious God, who loves us and promises us all that is good for us - it's **pure joy!**
      - ◆ Believers recognize the joy that willingly gives all to Yahweh.
      - ◆ If/where we've lost it - Let **the privilege** rekindle it.
- ❖ Consider what robs us of the joy of willingly & eagerly giving to God?
  - ◆ **Entitlement:** *I deserve. I need it. I owe it to myself.* Really sinner?
  - ◆ **Self-made mindset:** *I did. I worked hard. It's mine.* Who made you?
  - ◆ **Fear:** *If I'm generous, will I have enough?* What does God promise?
  - ◆ Giving out of **obligation** or **compulsion** **always** kills joy.
    - *I need to give my fair share.*
    - *If I don't give, the church will fail. I want to keep the lights on.*
    - *If I don't give, how will the lost be saved?*
    - *God expects that I give a tithe. That's his will, his demand, his law.*

### Discover the surprising joy of giving to the Giving God.

- ❖ Fill your heart and mind with:
  - ◆ God's **awesomeness** and his **gracious giving nature**
  - ◆ Marvel that **we are his** - **abundantly** blessed - he promises
  - ◆ Marvel that we are **honored** to give in worship of him
    - He gives generously - Be carried away with it and in it.
    - Study all the callings he's given you - seize them with joy - willingly give yourself to serve him in them

### Discover the surprising joy of giving to the Giving God.