

GOD REMEMBERS

God's Glory (2 Chronicles 1-9)

Memory Verse: "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." I Chronicles 29:11



God's glory is manifested when his people worship him through humility, trust, and intentional pursuit.

1. Worshipping God through humility restores peace with God (Solomon sought out the altar) - 2 Chronicles 1:1-6.
 - a. The sacrificial altar is a place of judgment where guilt is met with mercy.
 - b. David sought out the presence of God for Israel (ark of the covenant).
 - c. Solomon sought to have peace with God in Israel (altar).
2. Worshipping God through trust results in confidence from God (Solomon built the Temple) - 2 Chronicles 1:7-5:1.
 - a. When you honor God, he will honor you.
 - b. When you trust God's promises, emotions follow truth instead of feeling.
 - i. Love overcomes hatred (1 John 4:19-21).
 - ii. Joy overcomes complaining (Hebrews 10:32-36).
 - iii. Peace overcomes anxiety (Philippians 4:4-7).
 - iv. Patience overcomes discouragement (Romans 2:6-7).
 - v. Kindness overcomes pride (Romans 12:14-17).
 - vi. Goodness overcomes evil (Romans 12:18-21).
 - vii. Faithfulness overcomes fear (Hebrews 11:1-3, 6)
 - viii. Gentleness overcomes harshness (James 1:19-21)
 - ix. Self-control overcomes self-indulgence (Romans 12:1-2).
3. Worshipping God through intentional pursuit reveals the power of God (God filled the Temple) - 2 Chronicles 5:2-7:22.
 - a. Following God's heart overflows in sincere praise.
 - b. Sincere praise to God builds to confession, submission, and intimacy with God.
 - c. Intimacy with God reveals God's glory.

Discussion Questions:

- 1.** In 1 Chronicles 13, David began the process of changing culture in Israel by seeking out the presence of God. In 2 Chronicles 1, Solomon continues the pursuit by seeking out the altar of God. What was Solomon's purpose in seeking out the altar and what was the result?
- 2.** When we lack confidence in God, it is because we stopped trusting God. Failure to trust God leads me to fulfill desires of my flesh, as Galatians 5:16-21 explains. What promises from God did Solomon cling to that kept him focused on fulfilling God's calling? What struggles are you facing that are challenging your trust in God? What promises from God can you cling to in order to challenge your lack of trust?
- 3.** What are some ways that our feelings and emotions hinder our trust? How do the promises of God overcome feelings and emotions that lead us towards darkness? How do I produce the fruit of the Spirit when I don't feel like doing so?
- 4.** Read 2 Chronicles 7:1-3, 1 Kings 18:36-39, Acts 1:14, and Acts 2:1-4. What is the common denominator in each of these manifestations of God's power? What is it that precedes God's power being revealed?
- 5.** In 2 Chronicles 5, Solomon intentionally pursues God's heart by knowing and following his rules. In 2 Chronicles 6, Solomon blesses the people, dedicates the Temple to God, and pleads with God to hear their prayers. When we come to God to praise him from a sincere heart, the result will be submission, confession, and intimacy with him. When was the last time that you knelt before God in submission and confessed sin before him? What are some things that hinder you from doing so? What promises of God can you claim to return to the place of worship with humble confidence?