

SANCTIFICATION: PRIORITY ONE!

II Chronicles 29:3-19

**Priorities tell us much about a person.
For Hezekiah, sanctification was job one!**

I. THE CALL TO SANCTIFICATION (3-5)

A. THE PRIORITY (3)

1. Piety over politics
2. People over property

B. THE PRIESTS (4)

1. Brought in
2. Gathered

C. THE PROCLAMATION (5)

1. Personal consecration required
2. Property consecration required

II. THE CONDITIONS OF SANCTIFICATIONLESSNESS (6-9)

A. PERSONALLY: They forsook God (6)

1. Our fathers
2. Have been unfaithful
3. Done evil in God's eyes
4. Have forsaken Him
5. They turned their faces away
6. They turned their backs

B. PUBLICALLY: They forgot God (7)

1. No access: They shut the doors to God's house
2. No lamps: The reading of God's Word was not taking place there
3. No incense: No prayers to God being offered
4. No offerings: No support for God's work

III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SANCTIFICATIONLESSNESS (8-9)

A. THE NATION WAS DISREGARDED (8)

1. God's wrath fell (8a)
2. God gave them up to horror (8b)

- B. THEIR FAMILIES WERE DISTRESSED (9)
 - 1. Their fathers were killed (9a)
 - 2. Their families were captive (9b) > see 28:5-8

III. THE COMMITMENT TO SANCTIFICATION (10-16)

- A. THE KING'S COMMITMENT (10-11)
 - This was not just for religious workers the power of example
 - 1. Individually (10)
 - a. My heart: Make a covenant with God
 - b. My hope: The removal of God's wrath
 - 2. Inspirationally (11)
 - a. The excitement: Engage and endure
 - b. The expectation: Work!
- B. THE LEVITE'S CONSECRATION (12-15)
 - 1. They Arose (12)
 - 2. They Assembled (15a)
 - 3. They Consecrated (15b)
 - 4. They Cleanse (15c)
- C. THE PRIEST'S CLEANSING (16)
 - 1. Their Duty: Inner- part cleansing
 - 2. Their Diligence: They brought out everything unclean
 - 3. Their Disposal: Taken to the Kidron valley

V. THE COMPLETION OF SANCTIFICATION (17-19)

- A. THE RECORD (17)
 - 1. The Time: Only 16 days (17a)
 - 2. The Terminology: Making God's House sacred again (17b)
 - God's house had been profaned, common-ized, commercialized, idolized but it would be sterilized!
- B. THE REPORT (18-19)
 - 1. All clean (18a)
 - 2. Altar ready (18a)
 - 3. Articles restored (19)

CONCLUSION:

Is piety our priority?

- We are not really ready to worship until sanctification is foremost goal.