

COME CELEBRATE!

II Chronicles 30:1-12

How do we respond to God's invitations?

I. AN INVITATION (1-5)

A. THE DETAILS (1)

- A summary of the situation

B. THEIR DELIBERATION (2a)

- They put their heads together, thought things through and came to some conclusions

C. THEIR DESIRE (2b-3)

- Keep the Passover

D. THEIR DECISION (4)

- This is the right thing

E. THE DECLARATION (5)

1. Based upon their resolve
 - They "established a decree"
2. Broadcast to all
3. Because they had been negligent

II. THE CONDITIONS (6-9)

A. RETURN (6)

1. The Activity: Turn back or turn again
2. The Object: To the God of your fathers

B. REFUSE (7)

- Don't follow the bad example of your fathers and brothers

C. REPENT (8)

1. Surrender: Quit being obstinate like your fathers
2. Submit: Yield yourselves > Commit to God
 - Literally: Give the hand to the Lord
3. Serve: Work for God [a Qal. impv.]
4. Survive: God's burning wrath can be turned away

D. REMEMBER (9)

- God's grace awaits the returning ones

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III. THE RESPONSE (10-12)

A. SOME SNEERED (10)

- These were the one's farthest away and who had been away the longest

B. SOME SUBMITTED (11)

- They brought themselves low

C. SOME WERE SINGLE-MINDED (12)

- Nothing could stop them from taking part

CONCLUSION:

How do we respond to God's invitations?

Some don't celebrate ...

- Because they don't see the need. They're not convinced it is right. (4)
- Because they won't leave their sin (8)
- Because they think it's silly (10)

Yet, some do celebrate ...

- They humbly come (11)
- They wholeheartedly come (12)

Let us praise God for those who celebrate Him and join them in sincere adoration.