

“That Which Costs Me Nothing”

1 Chronicles 21:18-27

Introduction: Having reached a high point of military success, David’s prideful heart was moved by Satan to number the people of Israel & Judah. (vs. 1-6) God’s fury & punishment toward David was great. (vs. 7-17) David accepted personal responsibility for his action and was ready to suffer the consequences. But, would he pay the full price of restitution or offer to God a sacrifice of convenience with “*that which cost him nothing*”? Will our service to God be acceptable if we offer “*that which costs us nothing*”?

I. THERE IS A FULL PRICE TO PAY

- A. When has God ever been pleased with discounted living?
- B. David appealed to God through **FULL REPENTANCE**. (v. 8)
 - 1. Some don’t understand full repentance.
 - 2. Godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10); fruits of repentance.
- C. David realized **FULL ACCOUNTABILITY**. (Read v. 17; Eccl. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5:10)
- D. Ornan’s offer challenged David: **FULL PRICE vs. CONVENIENCE**. (v. 22, 33) only a full sacrifice is acceptable to God. (Rm. 1:21)
- E. How did David respond to the offer? (v. 24-27)

II. WILL WE OFFER “*THAT WHICH COSTS US NOTHING*”?

- A. It had to be David’s own faith, repentance, & offering in order to be acceptable to God... Not Ornan’s!
- A. Do we sometimes offer to God “*that which costs us nothing*” and involve ourselves in convenient Christianity?
 - 1. Convenient **ATTENDANCE**? (Heb. 10:25)
 - 2. Convenient **CONTRIBUTION**? (2 Cor. 9:6-8)
 - 3. Convenient **HOSPITALITY**? (1 Pet. 4:9-10; cf. Mt. 25:34-40)
 - 4. Convenient **VISITATION**? (Mt. 25:41-46; Jas. 1:27)
 - 5. Convenient **EVANGELISM**? (Prov. 11:30)

Conclusion: will we pay the full price of accountability & commitment to God, or offer “*that which costs us nothing*”?