

The Limitlessness of God

Psalm 24:1-10 & I Chronicles 29:10-20

Key verse: I Chronicles 29:14

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have only given what comes from your hand”

Time and again, we see in the selected scriptures that the writers indicate a willingness to give. The heart is the key to giving, not the amount given. The state of our heart should naturally be that of willingness and desire to give to God for the furtherance of His kingdom. How can we get the state of mind of desire and willingness to give? The key concept is stated in I Chronicles 29:14. This verse states the obvious, but sometimes the obvious needs to be stated to get us back to our “right mind”. The obvious truth is everything we give has already been given to us by God. Whatever we have been given is really not ours – it has been given to us by the hand of God. Therefore, should we rightly hold on to that which is not ours to begin with?

We get pretty hung up with “our money” that we work so hard to earn. We take ownership of the resources which God has equipped us with. Were it not for our health, others around us, and the very ideas that God has put into our heads, we would not own any of our stuff. Didn’t God create us, put us in the places we now occupy, and give us the opportunities to actually earn our income? All that we have has been put into our hand by God. Whether those resources are big or small as measured by worldly standards of wealth, they belong to God.

The “disconnect” comes when we claim for ourselves what we believe to be “ours.” The world and all that is in it belongs to God. When we start holding back on giving to God what is rightly his, we strain our relationship with him. It becomes an indicator of deteriorating spiritual health.

“Right giving” leads to “right living” and “right living” leads to “right giving.”

Prayer: Father, the world is indeed yours, and you have given us the gift of living in it. We thank you for this gift, and we willingly give back to you as an indicator of our thanks. Amen.