

# 1 Chronicles 16:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

## Analysis

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**And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel—**

Three Hebrew verbs define this ministry: hizkir ('to record/remember'), hodot ('to thank'), and halel ('to praise'). David established permanent liturgical worship before the ark, foreshadowing temple worship Solomon would formalize.

The 'recording' function means calling to remembrance God's mighty acts—reciting salvation history. This became foundational to Israel's worship: rehearsing God's faithfulness to evoke thanksgiving and praise. Christian worship continues this pattern: we remember Christ's death (1 Cor 11:24-25) to fuel gratitude and adoration.

## Historical Context

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David's appointment of Levitical worship leaders (c. 1001 BC) professionalized Israel's liturgy. These musicians and singers (Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun) composed and performed psalms, creating the hymnbook of Second Temple Judaism and Christianity.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does regularly 'recording' God's faithfulness in your life fuel worship and thanksgiving?
2. What role does corporate, structured worship play in maintaining your spiritual vitality?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּתֵּן	לִפְנֵי	אֶרֶץ	לַיהוָה	מִן	הַלְוִיִּם
And he appointed	before	the ark	of the LORD	H4480	certain of the Levites
H5414	H6440	H727	H3068		H3881

מִשְׁרֵתֵי	וּלְהִזְכִּיר	וּלְהוֹדוֹת	וּלְהַלֵּל	לַיהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי
to minister	and to record	and to thank	and praise	of the LORD	God
H8334	H2142	H3034	H1984	H3068	H430

יִשְׂרָאֵל:  
of Israel  
H3478