

# 1 Chronicles 21:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

## Analysis

David's response to Araunah's offer to give the threshing floor free: 'And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.' This principle - refusing to offer God what costs nothing - demonstrates that acceptable worship requires sacrifice. David rejected the easy path of accepting a gift, insisting on paying full price. This teaches that genuine worship is costly, not convenient. The threshing floor would become the temple site, making this purchase foundational to Israel's worship. Christ supremely embodied this principle, offering His life at infinite cost for our salvation.

## Historical Context

The threshing floor purchase (c. 975 BCE) followed the plague that killed 70,000 Israelites (21:14). David's willingness to pay full price despite divine permission to stop the plague showed his commitment to proper atonement and worship, establishing the future temple location.

## Related Passages

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. What 'free' shortcuts in worship or service are you tempted to take rather than offering God costly devotion?
2. How does David's principle challenge your giving - of time, resources, and energy - to God's work?

## Interlinear Text

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אָקָרֶת הִ	לֹא	לְאַרְנוֹ	וְ	דָּוִיד	בְּמִ	לְהַ	וְ	אַחֲרָ
<b>said</b>	<b>And king</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>to Ornan</b>					
H559	H4428	H1732	H771	H3808	H3588			
<b>Nay but I will verily</b>							<b>Nay but I will verily</b>	
H7069							H7069	
אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר
לֹא	כִּי	מֵלָא	בְּכָסֶף	אֲקָרֶת הִ	לֹא	כִּי	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר
					H3588	H3808	<b>for I will not take</b>	H834
	H3701		H4392				H5375	
לְבָ	לְיִהְיֶה הִ	לְיִהְיֶה הִ	וְ	עַל הִ	וְ	עַל הִ	וְ	חַנְמָה:
H0	<b>that which is thine for the LORD</b>			<b>nor offer</b>		<b>burnt offerings</b>		<b>without cost</b>
	H3068			H5927		H5930		H2600

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