

1 Chronicles 25:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

Analysis

Theological Analysis: This passage falls within the section on Musical divisions - worship leaders organized. The Hebrew term שיר (shir) - song/singing is theologically significant here, pointing to Music as integral to worship. The Chronicler's narrative, while paralleling Samuel-Kings in places, offers a distinct theological perspective emphasizing temple worship, Levitical service, and covenant faithfulness.

Chronicles presents David not primarily as warrior-king but as worship organizer and temple planner. This verse contributes to that portrait by highlighting the spiritual dimensions of Israel's national life. The text demonstrates that true prosperity comes through proper worship and covenant obedience rather than merely military or political success.

Doctrinally, this passage teaches about Music as integral to worship. Cross-references throughout Chronicles connect David's reign to the broader redemptive narrative, showing how God's covenant promises advance through faithful human leadership while ultimately depending on divine grace and power. The messianic implications are profound: New song of redemption in Christ.

Historical Context

Historical Background: This section describes events from David's reign (c. 1010-970 BCE) but was written centuries later during the Persian period (c. 450-400 BCE). The Chronicler's selectivity in retelling David's story serves his theological purposes—he omits David's sins (Bathsheba, Absalom's rebellion) while emphasizing David's worship reforms and temple preparations.

The historical setting of Musical divisions - worship leaders organized occurred during Israel's united monarchy, when the nation reached its territorial and political zenith. Archaeological evidence from this period shows significant building projects and administrative development. However, the Chronicler writes for a much smaller, struggling post-exilic community, using David's golden age to inspire hope for restoration.

Ancient Near Eastern parallels show that temple construction and royal sponsorship of worship were common across cultures. However, Israel's understanding of worship centered on covenant relationship with the one true God rather than manipulation of capricious deities. This theological distinctiveness shapes the Chronicler's presentation.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse's emphasis on Music as integral to worship challenge or affirm your current spiritual priorities and practices?
2. What does New song of redemption in Christ teach you about Jesus Christ and His redemptive work?
3. In what practical ways can you apply the principles of covenant faithfulness and proper worship demonstrated in this passage?

Interlinear Text

בָּשָׂר אֲבִיכֶם	בְּשָׂר יְרֵא	כָּל	לְהָא אָלָה	עַל	יְהִי אָלָה	כָּל	לְהָא לְהָא	עַל	אָלָה לְהָא	כָּל
H3605	H428	H5921	All these were under the hands	H3027	IYH	H1	All these were under the hands	H1	of their father	for song
לְעַבְדָת	וְכָנֵר	וְתַבְלֵל	יְמִם	בְּמִצְלָת	יְמִם	וְכָנֵר	וְתַבְלֵל	יְמִם	בְּמִצְלָת	יְמִם
in the house	of the LORD	with cymbals	psalteries	and harps	for the service	in the house	of the LORD	with cymbals	psalteries	and harps
H1004	H3068	H4700	H5035	H3658	H5656	H1004	H3068	H4700	H5035	H3658
עַל	בְּאֵלָה יְמִם	וְכָנֵר	וְתַבְלֵל	יְמִם	לְעַבְדָת	וְכָנֵר	וְתַבְלֵל	יְמִם	בְּאֵלָה יְמִם	וְכָנֵר
in the house	of God	H5921	All these were under the hands	H3027	IYH	in the house	of God	H5921	All these were under the hands	IYH
פָּמָלָה	אָסָף	וְיְהִינָן	וְיְהִינָן	וְיְהִינָן	וְיְהִינָן	פָּמָלָה	אָסָף	וְיְהִינָן	וְיְהִינָן	וְיְהִינָן
according to the king's	to Asaph	Jeduthun	and Heman	H1968	H3038	according to the king's	to Asaph	Jeduthun	and Heman	H1968
H4428	H623	H3038	H1968			H4428	H623	H3038	H1968	

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