

1 Chronicles 28:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

Analysis

David's personal charge to Solomon: 'Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.' The command 'take heed' (re'eh - see/consider) requires careful attention. The basis is divine election - 'the LORD hath chosen thee' - which both privileges and obligates. The command 'be strong, and do it' (chazaq va'aseh) links courage with action. God's calling provides both authorization and obligation. This anticipates New Testament teaching that God's election results in works prepared beforehand (Ephesians 2:10). Christ supremely fulfilled this as the chosen one who built the true temple through His obedience.

Historical Context

Solomon's calling to build the temple (c. 971 BCE) was God's sovereign choice, not earned merit. This divine selection both empowered Solomon for the task and held him accountable, teaching that calling and responsibility cannot be separated.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What specific work has God chosen and called you to that requires fresh courage to 'do it'?
2. How does knowing God has chosen you for specific purposes both encourage and challenge you?

Interlinear Text

קִי	עַתָּה	רְאֵה	הִנֵּה	בָּחַר	בָּנִית	לְבָנוֹת
Take heed	H6258	H3588	now for the LORD	hath chosen	H0	thee to build
H7200			H3068	H977		H1129
וַעֲשֵׂה:	חֲזֵק	לְמִקְדָּשׁ	בֵּית			
and do	be strong	for the sanctuary	an house			
H6213	H2388	H4720	H1004			

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 28:6 (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.