

1 Chronicles 29:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

The assembly's response to David's prayer: 'And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.' This describes corporate worship - blessing God (barakh - to kneel/bless), bowing, and worshiping. The sequence shows proper worship: responding to God's character (blessing), humbling (bowing), and adoring (worshiping). Worshiping both LORD and king demonstrates the relationship between divine and human authority - honoring God-appointed leaders flows from honoring God. This anticipates the church's worship of Christ the King while respecting earthly authorities.

Historical Context

This corporate worship (c. 971 BCE) climaxed the assembly dedicating temple resources. The unified response - all congregation participating - demonstrated covenant community's heart alignment. True revival produces corporate worship, not merely individual piety.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How actively do you participate in corporate worship - are you a spectator or engaged worshiper?
2. What does it look like to properly honor both God and God-appointed human authorities without confusing the two?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	דָּוִד	לְכָל	הַקֵּה ל	וַיְבָרֶכְוּ	נָ א	אֶת
said	And David	H3605	And all the congregation	Now bless	H4994	H853
H559	H1732		H6951	H1288		
לַיהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי	וַיְבָרֶכְוּ	כָּל	הַקֵּה ל	לַיהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי
the LORD	God	Now bless	H3605	And all the congregation	the LORD	God
H3068	H430	H1288		H6951	H3068	H430
אֲבוֹתָיו	וַיִּקְדּוּ	וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ	לַיהוָה			
of their fathers	and bowed down their heads	and worshipped	the LORD			
H1	H6915	H7812	H3068			
וּלְמֶלֶךְ:						
and the king						
H4428						

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 4:31 (Worship): And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

