

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

אֱלֹהִים לִיהְיוּ הַקָּבָד כָּל יְבָרֶכֶת וְאֱלֹהִים לִיהְיוּ הַקָּבָד
the LORD God Now bless H3605 And all the congregation the LORD God
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לְהִנֵּה מִשְׁפְּךָ וְאֶתְתִּיחָ מִבְּנֵי אֲבֹתֵיכֶם
the LORD and worshipped
and bowed down their heads
of their fathers

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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.

