

# Lessons on Giving

Numbers 7:84 This was the **dedication of the altar**, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold: 89 And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of **one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat** that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.

- This is the second longest chapter in the Bible
- The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119
- It deals with God's Word
- The second longest chapter in the Bible deals with giving

1. The Givers keep on giving 7:1 And it came to pass on

the day that **Moses** had **fully set up the**

**tabernacle,** and had **anointed it,** and **sanctified it,** and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had **anointed them,** and **sanctified them;** 2

That the **princes** of Israel, **heads** of the house of their fathers, who *were* the **princes** of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, **offered:**

a. They cooperated in the giving 3 And they **brought**

**their offering** before the Lord,

six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they

**brought them before the tabernacle.**

i. Each tribe gave an ox

ii. Two tribes together built and outfitted a wagon

b. This offering was for the normal work of the Tabernacle

5 **Take *it* of them, that they**

**may be to do the service  
of the tabernacle of the  
congregation; and thou shalt  
give them unto the Levites,  
to every man according to his  
service.**

- i. The wagons and oxen were how they would move the Tabernacle
  - ii. Some of the Tabernacle could only be moved by men carrying it on their shoulders so they would not be given wagons and oxen
  - iii. They were given wagons and oxen depending on what their responsibility was as they moved the Tabernacle
- c. They had given and worked to build the Tabernacle
- d. Now they will give what it takes to move the Tabernacle

- e. They will give the necessary instruments for the worship and carrying out the work of the Tabernacle
- f. The workers were given what they needed to do their job **6** And **Moses took** the wagons and the oxen, and **gave them unto the Levites.** **7** Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of **Gershon**, according to their service: **8** And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of **Merari**, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. **9** But unto the sons of **Kohath he gave none:** because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them *was that* they should bear upon their shoulders.
- i. It might appear that some were given more than others and they were
- ii. They were given based on what their job was
- iii. The more you are given the more responsible you are **Luke 12:48** But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with *few stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of

him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

2. Over 12 days each tribe represented by the leader would take the exact same offering to the Tabernacle 7:10-83

a. God took His time taking the offering

b. Each tribe got a day 10 And the princes **offered**

**for dedicating of the altar** in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their

**offering** before the altar. 11 And the Lord

said unto Moses, **They shall offer their**

**offering,** each prince on his day, **for**

**the dedicating of the altar.**

c. Every offering was mentioned in great detail

d. They gave in the order that they were living around the Tabernacle

e. God noticed what everyone did

3. The detail of this chapter has to teach us some things [12](#)

And he that **offered his offering**

the first day was **Nahshon** the son of Amminadab, of

the tribe of **Judah:** [13](#) And his **offering**

*was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them

*were* full of fine flour mingled with oil for a **meat**

**offering:** [14](#) One spoon of ten *shekels* of

gold, full of incense: [15](#) One young bullock, one ram, one

lamb of the first year, **for a burnt**

**offering:** [16](#) One kid of the goats **for a**

**sin offering:** [17](#) And for a sacrifice of

**peace offerings,** two oxen, five

rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was

the **offering** of Nahshon the son of

Amminadab.

- a. God noticed every gift from every tribe
  - i. Every tribe gave the same thing but God wanted it written down in His book
  - ii. Each tribe gives and the name of the leader is mentioned at the beginning and at the end
- b. God had every name written down which shows His interest in what each did
- c. God knows what we are doing and what we are giving

**Hebrews 6:10** For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. **Mark 9:41** For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

- d. Nobody was overlooked or lost in the crowd
  - e. Together they were able to give a great deal
    - i. A total of 252 animals
    - ii. The gifts were expensive but useful
4. There was a great deal of blood shed **Hebrews 9:22** **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**
- a. The dedication service required bloodshed
    - i. The animals were brought for the offerings or sacrifices
    - ii. There were burnt offerings, sin offerings, peace offerings and more
  - b. Nothing we have has any value to give to God
  - c. It is what God is doing for us, in us, and through us that matters
  - d. Each tribe would have symbolically been confessing their sin, sending an animal to die in their place
  - e. The blood was taken to the altar to atone for their sin
5. Practical pointers for us!
- a. He knows our name and is interested in us



b. He knows what we are doing and doesn't forget it

c. We are to be hearers and doers of the Word

**James 1:22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

i. This chapter isn't good reading

ii. But it is a list of good doing on the part of God's people

d. A great indicator of how you are doing is how you handle your money **Luke 16:10** He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

e. We should be supporting the work of God

i. If you get taught you should give **Galatians 6:6** Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

ii. Our pastors are to live of the gospel

**I Corinthians 9:14** Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

iii. Take care of those that work in the gospel

**I Timothy 5:17** Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they

who labour in the word and doctrine. **18** For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward.

iv. Not many verses on your actual way we give but what we are to do with the money is clear

- f. Where is your treasure located **Matthew 6:19** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **20** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: **21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- g. Biblical instruction about money **I Timothy 6:6** But godliness with **contentment** is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith **content**. **9** But they that **will be rich** fall into temptation and a snare, and *into*

many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. <sup>10</sup> For the **love of**

**money** is the root of all evil: which while some **coveted after**, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. <sup>11</sup>

But thou, **O man of God, flee these things;** and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.