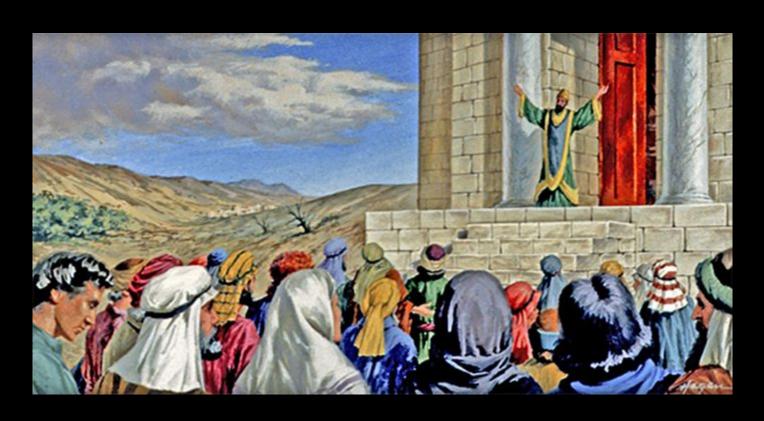
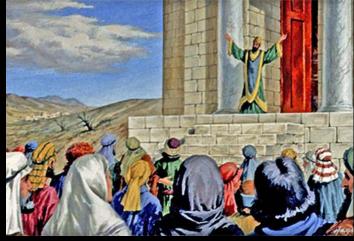
DEVOTED BY PRAISE AND CELEBRATION



II CHRONICLES 31:1

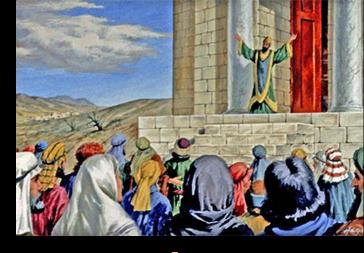
I. The reforms of good king Hezekiah were accomplished by the people (II Chron. 31:1).



 What purifying of Israel was accomplished voluntarily by the people?

What should we learn from the phrase,
"When all this had ended"?

II. The Passover was celebrated perfectly in all the wrong ways (II Chronicles 30).



 What was wrong about the way they celebrated the Passover with Hezekiah?

 What was perfectly right about the way they celebrated the Passover (v.25-27)? III. Their devotion had been motivated by celebration and praise (31:1).



 Why would Israel eagerly destroy idolatry before going to their homes?

How does joy motivate devotion?

IV. We have been repeatedly called upon to rejoice (Philippians).



 How does joy become contagious (Philippians 2:17-18)?

 What will help us develop a contagious joy? V. When we rejoice as we should, we will be motivated to service (Acts 5:41-42).



What reasons did they have to rejoice?

What reasons do we have to rejoice?

What will godly rejoicing do in our lives?

Lesson Aim: To develop and then share a genuine, contagious joy.



- How eagerly do we approach Christian service?
- How could more attention to celebration and to praise increase our devotion?
- What changes need to be made by all of the people of God?
- How could you do a better job of praising and celebrating Jesus?
- Do you desire a contagious joy in Christ?

-How can we help?