The impact of godly leaders

2 Chronicles 30-31, p. 366

I. A GODLY LEADER UNIFIES PEOPLE AROUND SPIRITUAL PRIORITIES (2 CHRONICLES 30).

- A. Hezekiah invited the northern Israelites to join Judah to restore the Passover worship feast (1-12).
 - He sought spiritual unity while politically separate (1-5).
 - He acknowledged the lessons of God's discipline and their need for God's grace (6-9).
 - Northern Israelites came in spite of ridicule (10-12).
- B. Israel and Judah celebrated the Passover together for the first time since Solomon (13-26).
 - A large crowd came, first removing false altars (13-14).
 - They celebrated Passover, and Hezekiah sought God's grace for those not ceremonially purified (15-20).
 - They were filled with joy as Hezekiah encouraged them (21-25).
 - They joyfully praised God who heard them (26)!

II. GODLY PEOPLE RESPOND TO GODLY LEADERS BY OBEYING GOD SINCERELY (2 CHRONICLES 31).

- A. The people sought out and destroyed remaining idolatry throughout Judah and Israel (1).
- B. Hezekiah reestablished worship sacrifices using his own financial resources generously (2-4).
- C. The people responded by generously tithing to the Lord to financially support the priest and Levite families (5-19).
- D. God blessed Hezekiah for his godly, faithful, wholehearted work as king (20-21).