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**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . . to thank, and to praise the Lord . . . ”**  
*1 Chronicles 16:4*

Not long after David was established at Jerusalem as king over Israel, he built a tabernacle for the Ark of the Covenant; he pitched a tent for it actually. The Ark represented the presence of God, and David wanted it near him. David's presence and that of the Ark brought a great deal of stirring amongst the Philistines and strength amongst the Israelites. David proclaimed a celebration of thanksgiving for this event and called for all of Israel to attend in bringing up the Ark to the city of David.

What an amazing celebration it must have been. It must have been much like the pomp and circumstance that accompanies a presidential inauguration. The whole nation of Israel was in attendance and each had their designated places. The purpose was not to honor David, but to give thanks to God and praise Him in commemoration.

It was on this occasion that David wrote a psalm (v.8-36). The psalm here in its entirety, in 1 Chronicles, can also be found in part in Psalm 105:1-15; 106:1, 47-48; 96:1-13. The psalm was a song of praise and thanksgiving for God's presence, protection, and provision. There was a spirit of renewal and revival after the death of Saul and coronation of David as king of Israel.

How does the spiritual truth of this passage apply to the 21<sup>st</sup> century believer? Every day is an occasion for renewal and revival. The believer not only has the presence of God about them, they have the Holy Spirit within them. God doesn't live in a tent or house built by the hands of man. He lives within the believer. Is there any better reason to praise Him and to give Him thanks?

When's the last time you took inventory of your blessings? In return, are you a blessing to others for the cause of Christ? Do you recognize God as the source of those blessings? In response, do you make it a practice to thank, and to praise the Lord?