Worthy!
2 Samuel 24:18-25
Sermon Outline

A. Listen with a Heart to Obey (Vs. 18-19):

1. **Gad came to David** – In the midst of a crisis God sent a prophet named Gad to come with the specific purpose of guiding David to stem the tide of God’s anger. His purpose of coming was going to be relentless until all was accomplished.
2. **Said** – Gad’s intent was to relentlessly say to David what God led him to say.
3. **Go up Offering** – God commanded David to take a journey to an elevated location focused on erecting an altar for God.
4. **Erect; To establish** – David was instructed to construct the altar at a higher elevation.
5. **Lord** – The focus of the journey for the construction of the altar was to reverence the Lord’s power and might and His desire to have a relationship with David and His people Israel.
6. **David went up; Offering** – David’s response to Gad was immediate and he became focused on putting all his energy towards relentlessly building God His altar.
7. **David went up; Offering** – David’s journey to endlessly work to build an altar began when Gad’s message ended.
8. **According to the word of God** – David did exactly as God instructed him to do through Gad.
9. **According to the word of God** – David viewed what Gad had to say as a word from God, a true prophetic revelation.
10. **Commanded** – David viewed what God had to say as a complete message that was a command to obey. It was an order from the one who has all authority and power.
11. **The Lord has commanded** – It is not about the journey or the cost, but it is about respecting His authority.

B. Remain Focused (vs. 20-23):

1. **Look down** – Because Araunah was at a higher elevation, he was able to easily see riders approaching and recognize who they are.
2. **Saw** – Araunah inspected the riders and understood completely that it was king David approaching.
3. **Servants** – David came to Araunah with those who were his indentured servants (A fellow Israelite could not be held indefinitely against his will; his time of service was limited to six years - Servants included ministers and courtiers of a king).
4. **Crossing over; Passed** – David and his servants were constantly on the move to the place that God had directed them through His prophet Gad.
5. **Went out** – Once Araunah recognized it was David and saw them on the move in his direction, he persistently went to meet David.
6. **Bowed down; Worship** – Upon meeting David, Araunah humbled himself before David by prostrating himself as an act of respect for King David.
7. **His face; Anger** – Araunah was emotional when he prostrated himself before David.
8. **Araunah bow his face** - God arrange the meeting for worship to take place.
9. **Said** – Araunah continuously kept asking David why he come to meet him.
10. **David said** – David continuously kept saying to Araunah that his purpose for coming to him was to purchase his threshing floor in order to construct an altar before God.
11. **Altar for the Lord** – David was dedicated to establishing a place to make sacrifices to the one who has all authority and power. The Lord is the one who eagerly seeks to develop a relationship with His people.

12. **Araunah said** – Araunah continuously kept pressing David to take his offer for a sacrifice.

13. **Offer up** – Araunah’s desire was to continuously provide David all that he would need to get to the higher elevation to make a sacrifice before the Lord.

14. **Good in your sight; better** - Whatever David decided was beneficial and excellent to sacrifice before the Lord, Araunah would readily give to him.

15. **Everything – Gives to the king** – Araunah completely resolved to generously put in place all that David needed to sacrifice to the Lord.

16. **The Lord your God** - Araunah acknowledges that he has no right to be able to sacrifice anything to the Lord God.

17. **The Lord your God** - Araunah does give respect however, to the fact that the Lord is the one who has all authority and power and is supreme over all gods.

18. **May the Lord God accept it** - Araunah does recognize that whatever David decides must continuously satisfy God’s atonement for sin based on the guidelines God provided in His Levitical law.

C. **Everything Counts (vs. 24):**

1. **David said** – David continuously kept seeking to say what was in his heart about the sacrifice to Araunah.

2. **I surely will buy** - David continuously stated that it was his responsibility to purchase the field so that he could appease God’s anger.

3. **Offered** – With the burnt offering ready, David would ascend up to the altar in holy respect to God.

4. **Offering** – Their giving was out of respect and adoration for the Lord.

5. **I will not offer** – David will personally deliver this sacrifice.

6. **I will not offer** – To worship God must be a personal sacrifice brought directly into His presence.

7. **Burnt offering** – A burnt offering is when a worshipper places their hands on the bull, lamb or dove, transferring their sins and uses the entire animal as an offering for their sins. The blood of the animal is sprinkled on the altar and then all the parts of the animal are burned before God. This was done morning and evening.

8. **Burnt offering** – The work and energy that a burnt offering requires highlights the heart of the worshipper as someone who is fully surrendered to God.

9. **Burnt offering** – This sacrifice demonstrated the complete attention and time of the worshipper.

10. **Burnt offering** – It was purposeful, and in obedience to scripture.

11. **To the Lord my God** – David recognizes that the Lord is powerful, mighty and supreme and has a personal relationship with David.

12. **Which cost me nothing; Useless** – David is not going to come to the Lord who he has a personal relationship with empty handed.

13. **Which cost me nothing; Useless** – To offer God a sacrifice that belongs to someone else is to make a sacrifice that has no purpose or cause, and therefore means nothing.

14. **So, David bought the** - In order for the sacrifices to have meaning to God it needs to come from the person who is offering the sacrifice.
15. So, David bought the - David was told what to do; his sacrifice would be in vain if he did not do what he was told to do.
16. So, David bought the - David’s sacrifice would be purposeless if it did not cost anything. It simply would not be a sacrifice.
17. So, David bought the - Because David wanted his sacrifice to be acceptable to God, purposeful, and meaningful, David purchased the threshing floor from Araunah.

D. Worth it (vs. 25):

1. Build there an altar – David relentlessly worked to properly construct a place of sacrifice before the Lord, a place that meets the Levitical requirements.
2. To the Lord – This is repeated continuously because this is the only focus for which everything is being done.
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4. Burnt offering – The work and energy that a burnt offering requires, highlights the heart of the worshipper as someone who is fully surrendered to God.
5. Peace offering – When a person feels distant from God, they bring a peace offering so that they go away with a sense of renewed relationship with God.
6. By prayer - David’s sacrifice was accompanied with sincere, earnest, beseeching prayer seeking favor from the Lord for His people; “to slaughter for sacrifice – prayer’.
7. By prayer – David’s prayer was relentless, persistently pleading with God to show favor towards His people (Acts 2:42).
8. Held back - David’s sacrifices and beseeching prayer moved the Lord God to restrain from taking the lives of anyone else.
9. Held back – God always responds to the needs of a sincere worshipper.
10. Held back – God is never far off. His only desire is for us to draw near (Hebrews 10:23-26).