

THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

I Chronicles 16:8

Occasion: David's celebration of the ark established in Jerusalem

Three responses as **we** look back over CPC's first 25 years:

I. Give **THANKS** to the LORD: 8a

_____ hearts for the past

Cf. v9-10

12-22 (v13: "Israel": Glory; "Jacob": Grace)

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Cf. CPC: our purpose adopted in 1978: _____

Know _____ / _____ / _____

See Eph 1:15-16: thanks **to** God **for** you

Middle Hour review today.

Be _____

It is so easy for us to focus on what is wrong and complain

We need first to pause and thank God for His mercies

II. **CALL** on His **NAME**: 8b

_____ hearts for the future

Cf. v11

v35

Cf. Eph 1:17-23: we want to know *more* of His **power**

Because we realize how weak we are

Middle Hour Sept 14, 21, 28

Be _____

It is so easy to coast on our size and health and programs.

We need to cry out to God in a time when we seem to be losing the war for our culture

III. Make Him **KNOWN** among the **NATIONS**: 8c

_____ hearts for the world

Cf. v23-33

Climax: v36. Amen?

Remember Psalm 115 (cornerstone: Psm 115:3)

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Be _____

It is so easy to never quite get around to that. Never the "right opportunity."

It is so easy to adapt the Great Commission to what we are doing rather than **adapt ourselves to the Great Commission.**

So that is our motto to sum up the wake up call of this month:

ADAPTING OURSELVES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION