(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)



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LEAD-IN: David blessed the Lord in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and on the earth; Yours is the dominion, Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

> "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given to You. For we are strangers before You, and temporary residents, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and everything is Yours." (1 Chronicles 29:11, 14-16, NASB)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Yours Alone**

Father God,

before creation, You alone existed. All that is is from You. All that is is Yours.

I am Yours,

not just because I came from You, but because You redeemed You. You bought me back from the death I deserved.

All I have and hold, all I claim to own, all I control, every influence I exert is Yours. You have lent all this to me, all I am and all I have, that I might freely choose to use it to glorify You.

And that is what I choose, in response to all You are and all You have done. I want my every action, every thought, every word, every desire to glorify You. I want them to point people to Your goodness, Your greatness, Your magnificent, all-engulfing presence. Yours alone – that is my prayer.

> God, You never want material things from us for their own sake. You can create those with a word. When You lend to us and urge us to give of it, You are teaching us to trust You and to share in Your generosity. You are drawing us into Your love, Your freedom, and Your abundance. Loving Father, You are drawing us into Yourself.

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