

SERIES: PROPHETS, PRIESTS AND KINGS

Godly leadership in the house of God and the heart of the believer

TITLE: Lessons from the Life of David

TEXT: 2 SAMUEL 5-24

2 Samuel – Nathan, Gad and Samuel.

- Historical records
- From notes and witnesses

1 Chronicles – Ezra after the Babylonian exile.

- Spiritual records
- From the viewpoint of the priests and prophets

Psalms – 73 psalms written over his life.

A. Protection

Heart of a warrior in securing the kingdom 2 Sam. 5-6; 8-12; 1 Chron. 11-12; 18-20

He protected those who were in his charge.

In order to do so.... He inquired of God what to do and how to do it.

There are nine recorded times where David inquired of the Lord.

David's multiple inquiries of the Lord reveal that he was a man of prayer, who was always intent to know His will. This was the main reason why he was called a man after God's own heart. God says, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will."

2 Sam. 5:19 - *so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?"*

- Military actions
 - Taking of Jerusalem 5:6-16
 - Defeats the Philistines 5:17-25
 - David inquires of the Lord – 19, 23.
 - Even the tactics were established by the Lord.
 - This will be important as we look at the follies of David.
 - Consolidates his kingdom, Chapter 8.
 - Sheba revolts against David, Chapter 20.
 - Three years of famine; Gibeonites take vengeance on house of Saul; war with Philistines, Chapter 21.
 - Battle with Absalom – chapters 15-18.

B. Praise

Heart Rejoices in the Presence of God - 1 Chron. 13-17; 2 Sam. 6-7

2 Sam. 6:21-22 ²¹ David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD. ²² I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes.

- The ark returned.
- Uzzah.
- Keep it in Obed-Edom’s house.
- It comes to Jerusalem.
- David Dances.
- Michal condemns and is barren – barren in spirit, barren in life.

I will celebrate before the LORD. ²² I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes.

- All in! Holding nothing back. Not protecting one’s image or appearance....
- Here I am Lord... Just as I am!
- I worship before the Lord!
- It is an audience of ONE. And you, the people nor history will stop me from throwing myself into celebrating the Goodness of God.

C. Promise

Heart with God and Man - 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. 17

2 Sam. 7:2; 11-16

² he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”

- David desires to honor God with a house.
- God says he doesn’t need it.
- Nor would it be David’s role to build it.
- We know that Solomon did build a temple, but God’s words to David shed light on a greater kingdom and a greater house.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

- With God
 - I will build a house for the Lord.
 - God makes a covenant with David.
 - Christ the Lord.
 - We are His house, and we dwell as citizens of HIS kingdom.

- With man
 - Jonathan
 - Saul's wives
 - Mephibosheth

D. Promiscuity

Heart Fails in temptation - 2 Sam. 11-12

- Not at war.
- Tempted.
- Adultery.
- Cover up
 - Brings Uriah home.
 - Gets him drunk.
 - Has him killed.
- Called out by Nathan.
- Repented.
- Consequence – death of child.

2 Samuel 12:13, 16, 20

¹³ *Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."*

¹⁶ *David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and spent the nights lying in sackcloth on the ground.*

²⁰ *Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped.*

This is a story of deep sin and cover up.
It called for recognition and repentance.

You and I have sinned. We are called out even today to recognize that sin and repent of it. There is a new day ahead for those who come to the Lord.

E. Parenting

Heartbreak with Children 2 Samuel 13-19

- Amnon, Tamar and Absalom

2 Samuel 13: 21, 36, 39; 14:24; 15:30; 18:29, 33

²¹ *When King David heard all this, he was furious.*

...the king's sons came in, wailing loudly. The king, too, and all his attendants wept very bitterly...

³⁹ *And King David longed to go to Absalom, for he was consoled concerning Amnon's death. So Absalom went to his own house and did not see the face of the king.*

³⁰ *But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up.*

²⁹ *The king asked, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"*

³³ *The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"*

- Death of Amnon by his brother's hand
- War with Son.
- Death of sons.
- What parent doesn't grieve over the sins and loss of their children?
- We know the joys and sorrows that come to us in the lives of children.
- Sealing the promise to place Solomon on the throne rather than Adonijah.

F. Planning

Heartiness in preparing for those after his death 2 Sam. 21; 1 Chron. 23, 24, 28

1 Chron. 28:8

⁸ *"So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever."*

- **Poorly with the census**
 - 2 Sam. 21; 1 Chron. 24
 - Of Israel of Judah / not of the fighting men
 - National consequence - plague
- **Greatly with**
 - Plans for the temple – 1 Chron. 21
 - Patterns for the temple – 1 Chron. 28
 - Organizing temple personnel – 1 Chron. 23
 - Charge to the Nation and establishment of Solomon -28

Let those who follow us find us faithful.

Throughout all his Life David reveals some lessons for you and me as we live out our lives.

These lessons we gain from David's life:

Seek the guidance of God.

- He inquired of God.

Protect those in your charge.

- He did all he could to protect those in his charge.

Live a life of Praise.

- He consistently gave praise to the Lord in all circumstances.

Treat your enemies with the heart of God.

- He mourned the demise of friends, family, and foes.

Repent when you do wrong.

- He repented when he did wrong.

Let those who follow you find you faithful.

- Leave things better than you found them.
- He planned for the better after he knew his day was coming to an end.