

DAVID – THE BOY, THE MAN, THE KING

Lesson Eight

NEW KING, NEW THRONE, SAME LORD

Between the years of seventeen and thirty, David has been on the run from Saul. Then, finally, at age thirty he comes to that pinnacle moment in his life when he takes the throne of Israel. How did he take the throne? Did he storm into the role and demand everyone to submit to his rule? Good question! Let's find out what happened.

I. GOD GIVES DIRECTION

- A. II Samuel 2:1

II. FROM FUGITIVE TO MONARCH

- A. II Samuel 2:11; 13:1; 15:1-5

III. DAVID'S FAMILY

- A. Children Born in Hebron – David, Age 30 – 37
 - 1. II Samuel 3:2-5, 13-14
 - 2. II Samuel 13:1
 - 3. I Chronicles 3:1-4
- B. Children Born in Jerusalem – David, Age 37 – 70
 - 1. II Samuel 5:14-16
 - 2. I Chronicles 3:5-8
 - 3. II Chronicles 11:18

IV. DAVID'S AUTHORITY

- A. II Samuel 5:6-12

V. DAVID'S HUMANITY

- A. Intense Involvement in Public Pursuits Cost Him His Family
- B. He Indulged Himself in Extravagant Extremes of Passion
- C. He Became a Victim of Self-sufficiency and Pride

VI. TWO TIMELESS TRUTHS THAT OUTLIVE KING DAVID

- A. No Pursuit is More Important Than the Cultivation of a Godly Family
- B. No Character Trait is More Needed Than Genuine Integrity

VII. THREE LASTING LESSONS LEARNED AT DAVID'S EXPENSE

- A. Prosperity and Ease Are Perilous Times, Not Merely Blessings
- B. Gross Sin is a Culmination of a Process, Not a Sudden Act
- C. Confession and Repentance Help Heal a Wound - The Scars Remain

Our hope for day-to-day victory is daily dependence on Jehovah God. It's the only way we can make it. He's touched with our feelings of infirmity, our weaknesses, our inability in the dark and lonely times to say no. And He said, "I'm ready with all the power you need. Call on Me. My supply is inexhaustible."

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when he takes the throne of Israel.**

**You can find a complete panoramic view of David's life
in the last 3 vs. (70-72) of Psalm 78.**

IT SAYS:

“He chose David His servant” = when he was about 17

“He took him from the sheepfolds” –

& that was when he slew the giant and 1st left ... sheep.

“He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people”

this happened at age 30.

**“And he shepherded them according to the integrity of his
heart and guided them with his skillful hands” –**

for his final 40 years.

Now in **II Samuel 2:1** God gives direction.

“David inquired of the Lord, saying, ‘Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah?’ And the Lord said to him, ‘Go up.’ So David said, ‘Where shall I go up?’ and God said, ‘To Hebron.’”

What David was really asking was:

“Lord, is it time now?”

**Since he was 17 years old,
he had known that he would some day be the king.
He had waited patiently on God;
and now God’s timing and God’s plan was revealed.**

**So he begins his reign at Hebron
where he has a limited reign over
the people of Judah for 7 ½ years.**

**He doesn’t complain.
He isn’t anxious.
He has learned to wait on God.**

DAVID’S FAMILY:

**The total size of David’s immediate family is
20 sons and 1 daughter -
excluding concubines and their offspring who are
named in Scripture.**

**Keep this in mind,
because David's enormous family becomes an important
issue later in life,
especially after his adultery w/Bathsheba.**

DAVID'S AUTHORITY:

II Samuel 5:1-5

**Here the elders of Israel come to David at Hebron
& anoint him king over all of Israel.**

**Now he has the limitless reign
he had been promised as God's anointed leader.**

He has great power & great blessing from God.

**IN FACT< when the blessings began,
they overflowed David's cup
for few monarchs have known such
remarkable power & prestige.**

NOTE: it is important for us to REMEMBER –

**That DAVID IS STILL JUST A MAN -
& HE COULD STILL BE GIVEN TO FAILURE.**

But MORE ABOUT THAT LATER.

LET'S LOOK AT HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

1. He expanded the boundaries of Is. from 6 thou. – 60 thou.
2. Set up extensive trade routes
that reached thru-out the known world.
3. From that, wealth came into Israel
that the nation had never known before.
4. Unified ... nation under Jehovah God,
creating a national interest in spiritual things.
5. He destroyed the idol altars.

HE WAS A REMARKABLE MAN.

HE WAS A BRILLIANT ORGANIZER,
MANAGER,
PLANNER;

HE HAD BRILLIANT BATTLEFIELD SAVVY.

But – he was also human, very human.

In fact, he had 3 major failures in his life.

(1) He became so involved in public pursuits
that he lost control of his family.

**HE HAD TOO MANY WIVES &
TOO MANY CHILDREN TO LEAD &
REAR PROPERLY.**

The children just sort of raised themselves.

There was insufficient parental direction & guidance.

Ergo: undisciplined children.

**Absalom rebelled,
deceived his father,
pushed him from ... throne & sent David running again.**

Amnon, raped his own half-sister, Tamar.

**This led to murder &
enormous dysfunctional relationships
w/in the royal family.**

**In his later years, another son – A-do-ni'-jah –
also tried to usurp the throne.**

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THAT HE LOST CONTROL OF HIS FAMILY.**

2ND FAILURE:

**HE INDULGED HIMSELF IN EXTRAVAGANT
EXTREMES OF PASSION.**

He was indolent,
 lazy, &
 indifferent.

His failure to curb his passions for sex
 led him to uncontrollable desire.
 which resulted in lies & murder.

More later.

J. Oswald Sanders:
“David’s greatest fault lay in his
yielding to passions of the flesh.”

3rd TRAGIC FAILURE:

**HE BECAME A VICTIM OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY
& PRIDE.**

i.e. David began to believe his own PRESS.

LIFE LESSON:

When God begins to use you,
there are four faults that become easy to fall into.

1. silver
2. sloth
3. sex
4. self.

EITHER ONE IS A SURE AVENUE TO FAILURE.

2 TIMELESS TRUTHS THAT OUTLIVE KING DAVID

1. NO PURSUIT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE CULTIVATION OF A GODLY FAMILY.

David lost most of his family;
& it might be well for us to
take a good long look at the places & people
in our lives
that need our attention.

2. NO CHARACTER TRAIT Is MORE NEEDED THAN GENUINE INTEGRITY.

Let your yea be yea; and your nay be nay.

3 LASTING LESSONS LEARNED AT DAVID'S EXPENSE:

- 1. prosperity & ease are perilous times,
not merely blessings.***
- 2. gross sin is a culmination of a process,
not a sudden act.***
- 3. confession & repentance help heal a wound,
but they will never erase all the scars.***

People say: “Well, I can do this now
& then confess and repent,
& God will forgive me.”

& THAT'S TRUE.

BUT BE WARNED –

**YOU CAN NEVER ERASE THE SCARS;
& YOUR CHILDREN MAY SUFFER
AS A RESULT,
& THEIR CHILDREN AFTER THEM.**

THAT'S THE HEARTACHE OF IT ALL.

SIN HAS TERRIBLE WAGES.

OUR ONLY HOPE IS

A DAILY DEPENDANCE ON ... LIVING LORD.

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FEELINGS OF INFIRMITY,

OUR WEAKNESSES,

**OUR INABILITY IN THE DARK & LONELY
TIMES TO SAY NO.**

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