

26. Who caused the people of Israel to decide that David could be their king? (Read 2 Samuel 3:19-21)
27. Who killed Abner? Why? (Read 2 Samuel 3:26-27,30)
28. How did David honor Abner? (REad 2 Samuel 3:31-34)
29. How did the people feel about David because he honored Abner? (Read 2 Samuel 3:36-37)
30. On whom had David relied to avenge him? (Read 2 Samuel 4:9)

VI. DAVID REMEMBERED THE PROMISES HE HAD MADE. David had made a promise to his friend, Jonathan, many years before David became king. David remembered his promise and kept it.

31. What promise did David make to Jonathan concerning Jonathan's family? (Read 1 Samuel 20:14-16)
32. Who is Mephibosheth? What happened to him when he was five years old? (2 Samuel 4:4)
33. What did David want to do for Mephibosheth? (2 Samuel 9:1)
34. What happened to Isbosheth? (Read 2 Samuel 4:5-8)
35. What was David's reaction to Isbosheth's murder? What does this tell you about David's respect for Saul? (2 Samuel 4:9-12)
36. What lesson had David learned? Had it been worth waiting fifteen years to be king? (Read 2 Samuel 5:12)
37. What does God tell us about waiting on Him? (Read Isaiah 55:8-9) Why is it often hard to wait for the Lord's timing? What lesson have you learned from this study?

Second Baptist Church
Sunday School Lessons
Week 11 out of 18

THE TENDER WARRIOR, THE LIFE OF DAVID

2 Samuel 2-5

DAVID THE KING

David is now about thirty years old. He has been waiting for approximately fifteen years to become king of Israel. The time has now arrived. In Psalm 78 we find that God "chose David His servant". When David was about seventeen God took him from the sheepfold to slay the giant, and now God has brought a shepherd to Israel, His people. Finally, David becomes king. How did he take the throne? Did he storm into the role and demand everyone to submit to his rule? No. David was a sensitive man. He had learned through all the ordeals of dealing with Saul how to be king. He was a man of great integrity, and he brought this integrity to the throne.

1. Define the word "integrity"?
 2. How did God describe David's life? (Read Psalm 78:70-72)
 3. When you had to wait patiently upon the Lord, what helped you get through it?
 4. Why do you think God allows us to wait so often?
- I. DAVID REFUSED TO REJOICE AT HIS COMPETITOR'S FALL. David had every right to be glad that Saul was dead; yet, David was stricken with tremendous grief.**
5. How did David deal with the death of Saul? (Read 2 Samuel 1)
 6. How did the way David handle Saul's death impact the people of Israel?

II. DAVID REQUESTED CLEAR COUNSEL FROM THE LORD. David's prayer to God had to do with where David should live now that he was to be king. Remember, David was in Ziklag, Philistine territory.

7. What did David ask the Lord? (Read 2 Samuel 2:1)
8. What was the Lord's will for David's life at this point?
9. To which tribe did Hebron belong? Why was this a good place for David to begin his reign? (Read Numbers 34:19 and Joshua 14:13)
10. Why do you think it was important that David seek counsel from the Lord before he took on the responsibility of the kingdom?
11. What makes a person wise? (Read Ephesians 5:17)
12. Did David obey the Lord?(Read 2 Samuel 2:2-3)

FYI: The city of Hebron is approximately twenty miles south of Jerusalem and was located on the top of the mountain range which extended along the western side of Jordan. Being on a mountain, it provided great military protection and advantage. It was also located near a plain where livestock could graze and grain could be planted. Hebron was where Abraham pitched his tent and received many divine revelations. Hebron was where Abraham and Sarah had their names changed and where God promised Isaac. It was where Sarah died, and Abraham purchased a cave in the outskirts in which to bury her. And not only was Sarah buried there, but also was Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, and Jacob. Hebron was Isaac's and Jacob's home. It is near where the spies cut down the cluster of grapes which they brought back to Moses.

III. DAVID RECEIVED A FRESH ANOINTING FROM GOD. Surely, the Lord knew David needed a fresh assurance of his anointing as king. It had been so long ago since the first time that Samuel had whispered in his ear that he was to be the next king of Israel. God knows what we need, and when we need it.

13. When was David's first anointing? (Read 1 Samuel 16:13)

14. Who anointed David king for the second time? (Read 2 Samuel 2:4)
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16. Over whom did David rule first? (Read 2 Samuel 2:11)
17. When anointed the third time, over whom did David rule? (Read 2 Samuel 5:1-3)
18. How long was David's total rule? How long did David rule in Hebron? Jerusalem? (Read 2 Samuel 5:4-5)

IV. DAVID REPAID THE DEBTS OWED HIS PREDECESSOR. It was after his coronation in Hebron that David found out about the burial of Saul. His first act as king was to commend the bravery of those who buried Saul.

19. Who had buried Saul? (Read 2 Samuel 2:4)
20. What blessing did David pronounce over these people? (Read 2 Samuel 2:5-7)
21. Why do you think it was wise for David to commend the people of Jabesh-Gilead?

V. DAVID RELIED ON GOD TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM. It is not surprising that David's rise to the throne was met with considerable contempt. This is evidence in the fact that only the tribe of Judah was present for the coronation.

22. Who was the second king of Israel? How long did he reign? What was Abner's part in this? (Read 2 Samuel 2:8-10)
23. After David's Coronation, describe the events that followed between Judah and Israel. (Read 2 Samuel 2:15-17)
24. How long did the civil war last? Which side was winning? (Read 2 Samuel 3:1)
25. What was the only condition David laid down to Abner in order for Abner to come to David's side? (Read 2 Samuel 3:12-13)

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