

## Meeting the New King

### A neurotic emperor

“I can no longer obey. I have tasted command, I cannot give it up.”

“Power is my mistress. I have worked too hard at her conquest to allow anyone to take her away from me.”

“The surest way to remain poor is to be an honest man.”

This man’s neurotic warfare resulted in the life of 3.5 million people.

*With king Saul finally dead, how will David rule? Will he believe lies? Will he reward evil behavior? Will he rejoice in the death of his enemies?*

## The Wisdom of the King

### Perceiving the truth (vss. 1-10)

*We know the true story from the narrator in chapter 31.*

*About Amalekites – Deuteronomy 25:17*

*“Where do you come from?” (v. 3)*

*“How do you know that Saul and Jonathan are dead?” (v.5)*

*“Where do you come from?” (v. 13)*

### Christ, the wisdom of God

1 Cor 1:23-24 “but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

1. *A wise king will lead you to a life that works.*

2. *We need wisdom in a world of misinformation.*

## The Faithfulness of the King

### David’s deep respect for God’s sovereign choice of his king

*“How is it you were not afraid to put out your hand to destroy the LORD’s anointed?”*

*Compare to Acts 23:1-5*

### Psalms 37:7-9 (written by David)

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.”

*David was faithful in all his ways: to God, to his king to his men, to his family, to his wife, to his children.*

*He kept his promises. He fulfilled his duty. He was steadfast in his commitment. He waited on the Lord.*

### The Justice of the King

#### Justice dispensed

<sup>15</sup> Then David called one of the young men and said, “Go, execute him.” And he struck him down so that he died. <sup>16</sup> And David said to him, “Your blood be on your head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, ‘I have killed the LORD’s anointed.’ ”

*Did you know... Generally speaking, the older generations just wanted a “God of love.” The younger generation isn’t so much interested in that, they want a God who is going to establish justice.*

#### It’s OK to want justice

Revelation 6:10 “They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?””

#### God’s justice is delayed because of love

2 Peter 3:8-9 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

### The Sadness of the King

*How do you react to a world that is full of death and loss? You cry.*

*The greater king’s sadness, John 11.*

### Questions for Study and Reflection

1. What are the benefits of having a wise king rule over your life? Do you let Jesus be your king?
2. How has God shown his faithfulness to you?
3. Why is God’s justice good news? What do you think about the generational difference in this?
4. How is David’s sadness a picture of Jesus? How does Jesus’ kingship give hope over all of the sad things of this life?