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**Solomon Anointed King**  
**1Kings 1:1-40**

David had seen better days, he is now old, feeble and bedridden, as First Kings begins.

The opening chapter of First Kings presents to us the ascension of Solomon to the throne of David, marked by three movements:

- I. The precarious period of King David. vs. 1-10
- II. The particular plan to warn King David. vs. 11-27
- III. The prompt execution of the command of King David. vs. 28-40

**I. The precarious period of king David. vs. 1-10**

**A. David was in his last days. vs. 1-4**

- 1. The condition of King David was that he had become bedridden. vs. 1
  - a. David was old, advanced in years, indicating his feeble state. vs. 1a-b
    - 1) He was 70 or close to it, for he was 30 when he began to reign and he reigned for 40 years. 2Sam. 5:4-5
    - 2) Without doubt the years of war and running from place to place from Saul had taken a great toll on him.

- 3) The difficulties of his own life, the sin with Bathsheba, the murder of Uriah and the death of child, plus his troubles with Amnon, Tamar and Absalom, took a toll on him.

- b. David was covered with blankets but he could not get warm. vs. 1c-d

- 1) The loss of muscle mass decreased his ability to stay warm

- 2) The inactivity did not help.

- 2. The solution suggested to King David by his servant was one of practicality. vs. 2

- a. That a young virgin be sought out for the King. vs. 2a-d

- 1) A virgin to match the dignity of King David.

- 2) One untouched by a man sexually.

- b. That she might tend to the King and keep him warm. vs. 2c-f

- 1) To stand before the king. vs. 2c

- 2) To care for him. vs. 2d

- 3) To lie in his bosom, that our lord the king may be warm. vs. 2e-f

- 3. The search for the woman. vs. 3-4

- a. They sought for a lovely young woman throughout all the territory of Israel. vs. 3a

- 1) The word lovely “yapheh” means beautiful.

- 2) She would have to be an Israelite.

- b. They found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. vs. 3b-c
    - 1) Abigshag “Abiyshag”, means my father is a wonderer”.
    - 2) She was a Shunammite, located in the tribe of Issachar, about 7 miles from Nazareth. Josh, 19:18
  - c. They entrusted King David to Abishag. vs. 4
    - 1) The young woman *was* very lovely “m@’od”, emphasizing the magnitude and degree of her beauty, in face and from. vs. 4a
    - 2) The young woman cared for the king, and served him; but the king did not know her. vs. 4b-c
- B.** Adonijah was attempting to usurp the throne of his father David. vs. 5-10
- 1. The unfaithful son. vs. 5
    - a. His treachery, “Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself. vs. 5a
      - 1) He was the fourth son of David born to him in Hebron.
      - 2) The first was Amnon, the second Chileab, the third Absalom, all were now dead. 2Sam. 5:4-5
    - b. His words, “saying, “I will be king”; and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.” vs. 5b-e

- \* Like his brother Absalom. 2Sam. 15:1
- 2. The undisciplined father. vs. 6
  - a. David had failed as a parent, “(And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, “Why have you done so?” vs. 6a-b
  - b. Adonijah was full of pride, “He *was* also very good-looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.)” vs. 6c-d
- 3. The conspiracy with Adonijah. vs. 7
  - a. The traitors to David. vs. 7
    - 1) Adonijah conferred with Joab the son of Zeruah, David’s military general. vs. 7a
    - 2) Adonijah conferred with Abiathar the priest, who help David spy against Absalom, but now was against David, to anoint Adonijah. vs. 7a
  - 3) Both followed and helped Adonijah. vs. 7b
    - \* David had already publicly stated Solomon would succeed him. 2Chron. 22:1-19, 28:1-8
- b. The loyal ones to David. vs. 8
  - 1) But Zadok the priest, also spied against Absalom and was place above Abiathar, served at Gibeon. vs. 8a

- \* 1Chron. 24:1-6, 16:39
  - 2) Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a Levites of the family of Aaron head over David's bodyguards, one of the greatest of David's 30 mighty men. vs. 8b
  - \* 1Chron. 27:5, 2Sam. 15:24-25
  - 3) Nathan the prophet, prophesied and confronted David in his sin. vs. 8c
  - 4) Shimei, Rei, two unknown. vs. 8d-e
  - 5) And the mighty men who belonged to David were not with Adonijah, those who fought with David against Saul. vs. 8f
4. The guest list for the feast. vs. 9
- a. The potential dissenters. vs. 9
    - 1) The environment was one of festivities, "And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fattened cattle." vs. 9a
    - 2) The location was by the stone of Zoheleth, meaning serpent, which is by En Rogel, "fountain of the fuller", at the junction of the Hinnom and Kidron valley close to the pool of Gihon. vs. 9a-b
    - 3) The individuals Adonijah invited were all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants. vs. 9c-f

- b. The personal enemies marked for death at the take over. vs. 10
  - 1) The prophet who knew who really belonged on the throne, "But he did not invite Nathan the prophet. vs. 10a
  - 2) The heads of military of David, "Benaiah, the mighty men. vs. 10b-c
  - \* 2Sam. 23:8, 1Chron. 11:15, 25, 29:24
  - 3) The rightful king, "or Solomon his brother." vs. 10d

### Illustration

I have know young adults who have manipulated their parents out of their money, their house and they have no conscience over what they have done. Know your children parents!

### Application

1. The understanding of getting and being old one day is so unthinkable when one is young.
  - a. The thought of not being able to see without glasses is laughable.
  - b. The idea that you won't be able to work hard all day without a nap is unacceptable.
  - c. The thought that someone will have to care for you in your later years is unthinkable.
  - d. Youth is only a portion of our existence, both physical and mental, then comes time

when one is very aware that they can not do what we used to do.

- e. The mind is willing, but the body is not able.
- f. The inability will bring one to either the point of frustration and desperation or the acceptance of life.
- g. The hard miles up front manifest themselves at the end, like David, so it is important we walk and serve God in our youth, in order to draw from those years in our old age.

\* Solomon offers some good advice,  
 “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, “I have no pleasure in them” Eccl. 12:1

2. The Christian is to have his house in order, at every stage of life in case of some illness, disability or dead.

- a. Make sure you have designated someone as the power of attorney, in the event that you are physically or mentally impaired.
- b. Make sure you legally designate who is to be the overseer and benefactor of your material possessions.
- c. Make sure that you legally designate, if you want to be put on life support machines or not, in the event that your body can no longer sustain life or breath on your own, through an accident or end of life.

- d. This can be done by having a living trust and a will, the living trust to insure your children will get as much of their inheritance, without the government robbing them and a will expressing your specific instructions.
- e. I have seen many families be destroyed, as they fight over the material possessions, over greed and jealousy take over.
- f. Some sons and daughters are unnatural, like Adonijah, having no family love, therefore fathers know who your children are and protect your wife from such children, having all your affairs in order, so if you should die, she can live her life out as you wish.  
 \* “These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.” Prov. 6:16-19

***The precarious period of King David marked great danger!***

**II. The particular plan to warn king David. vs. 11-27**

- A.** The prophet Nathan originated the plan. vs. 11-14
- 1.** Nathan went to speak to Bathsheba, to inform her that Adonijah had usurped the throne. vs. 11
    - a.** Nathan is the prophet through who Yahweh has that Solomon would be the next King. vs. 11a  
\* 2Sam. 7:12-14
    - b.** Bathsheba was Solomon's mother, but she was once the wife of Uriah, whom David had murdered to cover up his adulterous pregnancy. vs. 11a  
\* This is recorded. 2Sam. 11
    - c.** Nathan expressed the impending danger. vs. 11b-d
      - 1)** Expressing his surprise at her ignorance of the fact, "saying, "Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king." vs. 11b-c  
\* Adonijah was the oldest living son of David and assumed he was the rightful heir to the throne.
      - 2)** Expressing also his surprise at the ignorance of David the King, "and David our lord does not know it?" vs. 11d
  - 2.** Nathan entreated Bathsheba to listen to his council, due to the impending danger. vs. 12

- a.** He purposed to protect her and Solomon, "Come, please, let me now give you advice, that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon." vs. 12
  - b.** He prompted her to confront King David right away. vs. 13
    - 1)** About Solomon being heir to the throne, "Go immediately to King David and say to him, 'Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your maidservant, saying, "Assuredly your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne"?' " vs. 13a-g
    - 2)** About Adonijah being King, "Why then has Adonijah become king?" vs. 13h
  - c.** He promised to arrive to validate the truth about Adonijah. vs. 14
    - 1)** As David was hearing the words of Bathsheba, "Then, while you are still talking there with the king." vs. 14a-b
    - 2)** As to verify the impending danger, "I also will come in after you and confirm your words." vs. 14c
- B.** The woman Bathsheba consented to the plan. vs. 15-21

1. The entrance of Bathsheba to the Kings chamber. vs. 15-16
  - a. The entrance was unannounced, “So Bathsheba went into the chamber to the king. (Now the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king.) vs. 15
  - b. The approach was respectful, “And Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king. Then the king said, “What is your wish?” vs. 16
2. The words of Bathsheba to the King marked great concern. vs. 17-19
  - a. Bathsheba reminded him of his promise, “Then she said to him, “My lord, you swore by the LORD your God to your maidservant, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.’” vs. 17
    - 1) David knew what God said to him, “And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) He has chosen my son **Solomon** to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.” 1Chron 28:5
    - 2) At Solomon’s birth, God sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah,

- “beloved of Yahweh”, because of the LORD.” 2Sam. 12:25
- b. Bathsheba reproved David for being uninformed, “So now, look! Adonijah has become king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know about it.” vs. 18
  - c. Bathsheba related the treacherous details. vs. 19
    - 1) Adonijah had sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and had invited all the sons of the king. vs. 19a-b
    - 2) Adonijah had invited Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army. vs. 19c-d
    - 3) Adonijah had not invited Solomon, “But Solomon your servant he has not invited.” vs. 19e
  3. The decision of the King was requested from his chamber. vs. 20-21
    - a. The request was based on David’s responsibility to the people, “And as for you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you should tell them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.” vs. 20
    - b. The reality of the situation was that Adonijah would kill Bathsheba and Solomon, “Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king rests with his

fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be counted as offenders.” vs. 21

**C.** The prophet Nathan arrived to verified the plan. vs. 22-27

- 1.** The entrance of Nathan to the Kings chamber. vs. 22
  - a.** The entrance was as he said, “And just then, while she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.” vs. 22
  - b.** The entrance was announced, “So they told the king, saying, “Here is Nathan the prophet.” vs. 23a-c
  - c.** The approach was respectful, “And when he came in before the king, he bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.” vs. 23d-e
- 2.** The words of Nathan to the King validated the concern of Bathsheba. vs. 24-
  - a.** Nathan asked if the King consented to Adonijah the throne, “And Nathan said, “My lord, O king, have you said, ‘Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne’?” vs. 24
  - b.** Nathan confirmed the treacherous details of Bathsheba. vs. 25a-e
    - 1)** Adonijah had gone down that day, and has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in

abundance, and has invited all the king’s sons. vs. 25a-b

- 2)** Adonijah had invited the king’s sons. vs. 25c
- 3)** Adonijah had invited he commanders of the army, and Abiathar the priest. vs. 25d-e
- c.** Nathan passionately expressed the real danger. vs. 25f-27
  - 1)** Adonijah had been made King, “and look! They are eating and drinking before him; and they say, ‘Long live King Adonijah!’” vs. 25f-i
  - 2)** Adonijah had not invited those who would oppose him, “me--me your servant--nor Zadok the priest, nor Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, nor your servant Solomon.” vs. 26
  - d.** Nathan asked King David if he had concealed this decision from him, “Has this thing been done by my lord the king, and you have not told your servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?” vs. 27

### **Illustration**

So often in our day, if a parent is confronted by another adult, informing them about something wrong their child has done, rather than receiving the information and being thankful, they are ready

to fight with the adult and defend their child blindly. Re-enforcing in their child a lack of respect for other adults and telling them that right or wrong Dad or Mom will be there for them!

\* How many children have been totally destroyed in life and are destroyers in life because they never were taught, confronted, disciplined and held accountable for their actions!

### Application

1. Parents you need to be a benefit to each other, as husband and wife.

a. The Bible says ladies, that you are a helpmeet to your husband, one comparable to him, in order to complete him. Gen. 2:18

b. The distinct roles are given, the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church and the wife submits to her husband, as to the Lord. Eph. 5:22-24

\* In all that is scriptural, as unto Christ, not beyond the Scriptures!

c. God has put you together to complement one another, to move through life as one, becoming one flesh. Gen. 2:24, Eph. 5:31

2. The plan of God to make the difficult task of parenting possible is in the complement of the husband and the wife.

a. Wives you spend more time with the children and see them more often in their personal habits, temperaments and sins.

b. You are a great influence and help to your husband to the areas that he may be blind to, as well as the husband to the wife.

c. Both of you need to be one in the discipline of the children, bringing a balance for authority to be maintained in the home.

d. Both should never allow any child to disrespect any one of the parents, without confronting them and dealing with it.

e. Both of you are a check and balance to encourage each other in your responsibility as parents, for the good of the child, knowing your ultimate accountable to God.

\* “Even a **child** is known by his deeds, Whether what he does is pure and right.” Prov. 20:11

3. The Christian has a great advantage to solve problems and make decisions in life, we can not be indifferent, we must be responsible.

a. We have the word of God a wealth of knowledge and wisdom.

\* “Let the word of Christ dwell in you **richly** in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Col. 3:16

b. We have access to this wealth by Jesus.

\* “In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Col. 2:3



- c. We have a wealth of resources in and through the people of God.  
\* “Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the **multitude** of counselors there is safety.” Prov. 11:14
- d. We have to make our decision based on God’s word, for the principles and truth applies to all, including our own children, family or friends, for our protection.  
\* “These things also belong to the wise: It is not good to show **partiality** in judgment.” Prov. 24:23

*The particular plan to warn king David marked great courage!*

### III. The prompt execution of the command of king David. vs. 28-40

- A. The promise of King David to Bathsheba that Solomon would be the next King. vs. 28-31
  - 1. David summoned Bathsheba, “Then King David answered and said, “Call Bathsheba to me.” So she came into the king’s presence and stood before the king.” vs. 28
    - a. She apparently had left once Nathan entered the chamber.
    - b. She enters once again.
  - 2. David took an oath by Yahweh. vs. 29-30

- a. Based on God’s faithful to him in the past, “And the king took an oath and said, “As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from every distress.” vs. 29
- b. Base on his promised by an oath to Bathsheba, “just as I swore to you by the LORD God of Israel, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,’ so I certainly will do this day.” vs. 30
- 3. David was honored by Bathsheba. vs. 31
  - a. Bathsheba did obeisance to David, “Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and paid homage to the king.” vs. 31a-c
  - b. Bathsheba blessed the king, “and said, “Let my lord King David live forever!” vs. 31d-e
- B. The pronouncement of King David to his heads of state to anoint Solomon King. vs. 32-37
  - 1. The anointing was to be made official by the three prominent officials of King David. vs. 32
    - a. And King David said, “Call to me Zadok the priest of God. vs. 32a-b
    - b. And King David said, “Call to me Nathan the prophet of God. vs. 32c

- c. And King David said, “Call to me, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the head of David’s bodyguards and future commander general of the armies of God. vs. 32d
- d. The servants presented themselves, “So they came before the king.” vs. 32e
- 2. The Kingly authority was to be visible to the people. vs. 33
  - a. On king David’s mule, succeeding him, “The king also said to them, “Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule,” vs. 33a-b
  - b. Down by the city of Ophel, “and take him down to Gihon”, meaning “bursting forth”, the source of the Pool of Siloam, as Hezekiah would make a tunnels, in the Kidron Valley,.” vs. 33c  
\* 2Chron. 32:30
  - c. Anointed by the men of God, “There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel.” vs. 34a
  - d. Announced and declared King, “and blow the horn, and say, ‘Long live King Solomon!’” vs. 34b-c
  - e. Seated on David’s throne, “Then you shall come up after him, and he shall

- come and sit on my throne, and he shall be king in my place.” vs. 35a-c
- f. Officially ordered by David, “For I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah.” vs. 35d
- 3. The confirmation of the pronouncement of King David. vs. 36-37
  - a. The affirmation, “Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, “Amen!” vs. 36a-b
  - b. The validation, “May the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.” vs. 36c
  - c. The benediction, “As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.” vs. 37
- C. The public procession ordered by King David was carried out establishing Solomon King. vs. 38-40
  - 1. The official procession, “So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David’s mule, and took him to Gihon.” vs. 38
    - a. The Cherethites and Pelethites were David’s elite bodyguards. 2Sam. 8:18, 15:18, 20:7, 231Chron. 18:17

- b. The Cherethites were thought to be Philistines and Crete mercenaries
- 2. The official anointing, “Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon.” vs. 39a
  - a. Just like Saul was anointed publicly.
  - b. Just as David was anointed publicly.
  - c. From the special anointing oil from the Tabernacle, not the one at Gibeon, but the tent set up by David for the ark. Ex. 30:25, 32, 2Sam. 6:17
- 3. The official declaration, “And they blew the horn, and all the people said, “Long live King Solomon!” vs. 39b-d
  - a. In declaration of the inauguration.
  - b. In expression of the new King.
- 4. The official celebration, “And all the people went up after him; and the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth seemed to split with their sound.” vs. 40
  - \* The sound of festivity was overwhelming!

### **Illustration**

God told Eli for not confronting and correcting his the sinful life-styles of his sons, “Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: ‘I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’ But now the LORD says: ‘Far

be it from Me; for those who **honor** Me I will **honor**, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.” 1Sam. 2:30

### **Application**

1. How important it is that the believers be people of their word.
  - a. That what they say, is what they will do.
  - b. That what is decided be followed with right actions, based on the authority of the Bible, not emotions, the circumstances or the situation.
  - c. In order that the most important thing is to honor the Lord Jesus.
  - d. Too often today I see parents who have walked with God for year, even in leadership capacities, who rather than restraining or being examples to their children, they follow their children in a compromising life and watering down the word of God, after years of having taught them and lived so passionately for the Lord!
    - \* “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” Gal. 6:7-8
2. Our decisions as believers are very important in difficult situation and critical times, they need to

be clear and decisive to all, especially to the one in the wrong.

- a. That if my son or daughter is not walking with God and they challenge my authority and standard, while they live under my roof, that I not ignore it, procrastinate or compromise, but rather deal with the facts and their conduct, implementing correction and consequences.
- c. That they understand clearly your love for them, has everything to do with their good and future formation, to be competent adults in society and examples of Christians and avoid future problems.
  - 1) “David never confronted, rebuked or brought consequences to Amnon for the rape of his sister Tamar, Absalom for killing Amnon or Absalom trying to over-throw him in his kingdom.
  - 2) Nor Adonijah, “And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, “Why have you done so?” 1King. 1:6a  
 \* Paul gives a simple principle, as he had dealt severely with the Corinthians, “And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.” 2Cor. 12:15

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### Conclusion

The ascension of Solomon to the throne of David was marked by three movements:

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