

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 27
2 Samuel 21 – 1 Kings 5, John 4 - 6

2nd Samuel 21: Gibeonite revenge

Key Point:

Even the greatest of us gets old so it is right to honor our Elders and come to their aid when their strength fades.

Key Verse - 2nd Samuel 21:13 (NLT)

So David obtained the bones of Saul and Jonathan, as well as the bones of the men the Gibeonites had executed.

2nd Samuel 22: David's song

Key Point:

God delivers us in this life because of our repentance and humility, not because we are perfect.

Key Verse - 2nd Samuel 22:32 (NLT)

For who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is a solid rock?

2nd Samuel 23: Thirty mighty men

Key Point:

Sacrifice for the love of others is precious and should emotionally draw us into greater devotion to the Lord.

Key Verse - 2nd Samuel 23:15 (NLT)

David remarked longingly to his men, "Oh, how I would love some of that good water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem."

2nd Samuel 24: David's foolish census

Key Point:

We should never count what belongs to God as belonging to us. It is pride to think even our own bodies are "ours" when in fact none of us are responsible for our own existence.

Key Verse - 2nd Samuel 24:10 (NLT)

But after he had taken the census, David's conscience began to bother him. And he said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly by taking this census. Please forgive my guilt, Lord, for doing this foolish thing."

1st Kings 1: Solomon made king

Key Point:

We should not avoid what we KNOW God is leading us to do no matter how difficult that is, how distracted we are or how much we want to put it off or else further problems are likely to come up.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 1:39 (NLT)

There Zadok the priest took the flask of olive oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon with the oil. Then they sounded the ram's horn and all the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!"

1st Kings 2: David's death

Key Point:

We must never make light of God's mercy or in any way press the boundaries of that mercy once it is given.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 2:10 (NLT)

Then David died and was buried with his ancestors in the City of David.

1st Kings 3: Solomon asks for wisdom

Key Point:

Even with great wisdom and favor in life, failing to continue in God's ways can still lead to ruin.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 3:5 (NLT)

That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"

1st Kings 4: Solomon's kingdom

Key Point:

Even in the midst of Gods blessings it is greater wisdom not to ignore the little things because those little things can become a snare.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 4:29 (NLT)

God gave Solomon very great wisdom and understanding, and knowledge as vast as the sands of the seashore.

1st Kings 5: Solomon hires Hiram

Key Point:

Friendship and loyalty can be used to advance the kingdom of God so we should invest in what our friends are doing for the Lord.

Key Verse - 1st Kings 5:8 (NLT)

Then he sent this reply to Solomon: "I have received your message, and I will supply all the cedar and cypress timber you need.

John 4: Well, Well

Key Point:

It is the love of Jesus that reaches us, but it should be our loving response that compels us to tell everyone about our encounter with Him.

Key Verse - John 4:25 – 26 (NLT)

The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!"

John 5: Healed and Herald

Key Point:

There is more than enough testimony to show that Jesus is Lord, but unwillingness and self-seeking can so blind a person that they would rather condemn that innocent than admit the truth.

Key Verse: John 5:24 (NLT)

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

John 6: Bread

Key Point:

The Lord will continually challenge us to take our faith in Him to the deepest level because He wants to discourage every material or earthly motivation to follow Him.

Key Verse: John 6:43 (NLT)

But Jesus replied, "Stop complaining about what I said.