

2 Samuel 8: Victory Dedication

2 Samuel 7 Review:

- David wants to build God a house; instead God reveals His plan to **bless David exceedingly**
- **David** knew his inadequacy **and trusted God anyway**

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1 Now after this it came about that David **defeated the Philistines** and subdued them; and David took control of the chief city from the hand of the Philistines. 2 He defeated **Moab**, and measured them with the line, making them lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death and one full line to keep alive And the Moabites **became servants** to David, bringing tribute.

- **Philistine Territory:** Where David **sought refuge from Saul** when Saul was King of Israel. The Philistine king thought David would betray Israel, saying...

1 Samuel 27:12 ..."[David] has surely made himself odious among his people Israel; therefore he will become **my servant forever**."

- **Moab:** Where David left his parents as he ran from Saul, asking the king to...

1 Samuel 22:3 ... "Please let my father and my mother come and stay with you until I know what God will do for me."

- **Philistines defeated.** 2/3 of Moab's army put to death. 1/3 becomes servants paying tribute (taxes) to David. **Seems harsh**
- **King's Motive:** Both kings hoped David would stay and fight Saul and rebel against his own people. David is loyal to his people

3Then David defeated **Hadadezer**, the son of Rehob king of **Zobah**, as he went to restore his rule at the River. 4David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers; and David hamstringed the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for 100 chariots.

- **Hadadezer:** Prince of Zobah; Previously defeated by Saul

1 Samuel 14:47...[Saul] fought against all his enemies on every side,

against Moab, the sons of Ammon, Edom, the **kings of Zobah**, and the Philistines; and wherever he turned, **he inflicted punishment**.

- Now they are back
- Hadadezer is **not killed** and will be **back again**

Hebrews 12:1...sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus

- **Temporary victory**...should have taken Hadadzer out (Doeg)
- **Right attitude toward sin:** Irrevocable giving over of things or persons to the LORD often by totally destroying them

John 8:36 "So if the Son makes you free, **you will be free indeed**

- **Hamstrung:** Cutting tendons above the ankle

5When the **Arameans** of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobah, David killed 22,000 Arameans. 6Then David put garrisons among the Arameans of Damascus, and the Arameans **became servants to David**, bringing tribute And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

- Arameans come to help: David kills 22,000; the rest become servants and pay tribute
- **Garrisons:** Israel's presence in Aram. Subjects of David (Us?)
- **Wherever he went:** 2 Samuel 7:9 "I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you...**speaking of one who trusts God's Word:**

Psalms 1:3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in **whatever he does, he prospers**.

- Picture of our Spiritual Victories...becoming like Christ

7David took the shields of **gold** which were carried by the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem. 8From Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a very large amount **of bronze**. 9Now when Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer, 10Toi sent Joram his son to King

David to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him; for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi. And Joram brought with him articles of silver, of gold and of bronze.

- Toi: MY enemies enemy is my friend"
- Bringing gifts. **Appeasement:** hoping you're the last to be eaten (Winston Churchill)

Psalms 2:12 Do homage to [kiss the] the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

- Silver, Gold and Bronze will be used for building the Temple of the Lord

11King David also **dedicated these to the LORD**, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from **all the nations** which he had subdued: 12from Aram and Moab and the sons of Ammon and the Philistines and Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

- **David also "dedicated these to the LORD"**
- **The Secret of David's Victory:** Acknowledging God as the One who gave him victory

Revelation 4: 9 (Read) And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, 10the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will **cast their crowns before the throne**, saying, 11"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

- Crown of **righteousness:** Overcoming sin
- Crown for **"those who love His appearing"** Overcoming the trappings of the world (stuff, fame, money) eternal perspective
- Crown of **life:** Overcoming death
- Crown of **exultation:** Fulfilling our purpose as we glorify God by lifting up Jesus and drawing people to Him

1 Thessalonians 2:19 For who is our hope or joy or **crown of exultation**? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?

- The elders gave their crowns back to the LORD
- David deflected glory back to the Lord
- Constantly aware of his need and God's provision

13So David made a name for himself when he returned from killing 18,000 Arameans in the Valley of Salt. 14He put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons, and all the **Edomites became servants to David**

- **Vassals to David:** Own leadership but under David's supervision
- Edom: Descendent of Esau; **Godless**
- Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:29 (Read) When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished; and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom. 31But Jacob said, "**First sell me your birthright.**" 32Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?" 33And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

- **Birthright:** The birthright of the firstborn consisted in the first place of a double portion of what his father had to leave. This means that he had a double share of such property as could be divided. The firstborn became head of the family. He also, as head, succeeded to a considerable amount of authority over the other members. Further, he generally **received the blessing, which placed him in close and favored covenant-relationship with Yahweh.**
- All these gifts and privileges could be diverted from the firstborn son. This could happen with his own consent, as in the case of Esau, who sold his birthright to Jacob
- Unlike David, Esau sought to please himself, not acknowledging God in his daily actions...godless

Hebrews 12:16 [a] godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

Malachi 1:4 Though Edom says, "We have been beaten down, but **we will return and build up the ruins**"; thus says the LORD of hosts, "**They may build, but I will tear down**; and men will call them the wicked territory, and the people toward whom the LORD is indignant forever."

- Continually beaten down but coming up for more!
- Continually promoting evil (Abortion, Homosexuality, Demonic video games, pornography, etc) though they are miserable

Romans 1: 32 ...and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also **give hearty approval to those who practice them**.

Revelation 16:8 (Read) 9Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they **did not repent so as to give Him glory**. 10Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they **gnawed their tongues because of pain**, 11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they **did not repent of their deeds**.

Revelation 22: 11 (Read) "Let the one who **does wrong, still do wrong**; and the one who is **filthy, still be filthy**; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy." 12"Behold, **I am coming quickly**, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

- Defeated life; afterlife of torment. The day after death will be too late to acknowledge God

Hebrews 12:7 For you know that even afterwards, when [Esau] desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, **though he sought for it with tears**.

- David honored God by acknowledging Him

And the LORD helped David wherever he went. 15So David reigned over all Israel; and David **administered justice and righteousness for all his people**.

- David's key to Victory was **dedicating previous victories to the Lord**; considering God first, others next, and himself last

- Treating people the way God treats him

16 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder. 17 Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, and Seraiah was secretary. 18 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were **chief ministers**.

- **David's sons:** Chief ministers / chief advisors

CONCLUSION: We should be **moving forward in victory** in our pursuit of Godliness. Remembering God's previous victories in our lives and giving God the glory for them is a key to future victories:

- Our Spiritual victory begins with faith in Christ. Acknowledging Jesus as Savior and Lord

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the **victory that has overcome the world--our faith**.

2 Peter 1:6 (Read)....in your faith supply **moral excellence**, and in your moral excellence, **knowledge**, 6and in your knowledge, **self-control**, and in your self-control, **perseverance**, and in your perseverance, **godliness**, 7and in your godliness, **brotherly kindness**, and in your brotherly kindness, **love**. 8For if these qualities are yours and are **increasing**, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9For he who **lacks these qualities** is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

- Dedicating **previous victory** over sin **secures our next victory** over sin... and victory in just everyday life

Mark 4:25 "For **whoever has, to him more shall be given**; and whoever **does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him**."

- **Acknowledging God:** Use it or lose it
- Refuse to acknowledge God...things become "coincidence" and we are defeated
- Give God glory...gain faith and achieve victory
- Dedicating **previous victory to the Lord** secures our next victory as we acknowledge God's hand at work in our life

1 Corinthians 15:57 ...thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Zephaniah 3:17 "The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.