

Reflecting on 2 Samuel 5:6-8:8
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Introduction: As we return to the books of Samuel, we observe that God firmly establishes David's kingdom in chapters 5-8. In this week's study, we uncover several truths from David's life and kingship that allow him to be a platform for God to display his greatness and glory:

1. Through David's obedience, God brings military victory (5:1-25; 8:1-8)
2. In light of David's reverence, God blesses David's house forever (6:1-7:29)
3. Through David's line, God continues his plan to rescue humanity.

The Big Idea of this passage is that *David's obedience to and reverence for God allow David's life to become a platform for the display of God's glory.*

Questions to Discuss:

1. Psalm 37:5 says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act." How does David live out this verse in the two military campaigns recorded at the end of 2 Samuel 5 (vv. 16-25)?

2. We might characterize David's early reign as a time when David looked to God and obeyed Him. Is this something you see in your own life, or is it something you still need to work on?

3. Chapter 6 records the story of bringing the ark to Jerusalem (vv. 5-15) and David's disagreement with Michal (vv. 16-23). Read over both of these passages. While other themes are included here—the second story is obviously an epilogue to Saul's failed kingship—these stories can teach us a few things about worship. Describe David's heart of reverence for God in this section and apply what you find to worshippers in our church.

4. Reverence can be defined as, "an attitude of respect and awe." How should a Christian display reverence for God in worship and in life?

5. In 2 Samuel 5:16, God promises David that someone from his line would rule on the throne “forever.” This promise cements the permanence of the nation in the collective mindset of the Jews from that point forward. This mindset also fuels the prophet’s Messianic expectations (that a “deliverer would come”) and made the Jews who would come to believe see Jesus as the Messiah they had always anticipated. With all of this mind, reflect on Luke 1:26-33 where the angel is announcing Jesus’ birth to Mary. How does Jesus fulfill the Davidic Covenant?