

II Samuel 21-22 –2 June 2022

“Let Them Experience God”

Introduction

- *II Samuel – depicts the entire reign of King David
- *Chap 21-24 is an appendix to the life of David
- *Not dated but these accounts are intended to give us added details from David’s life that are valuable for us to learn from....or they wouldn’t be here
- *Added details are intended to carry the idea of legacy or looking forward to the next generation
- *What lessons do these stories have that we need to pass on to the next generation?
- *These final stories should be character builders
 - *Think of our earthy heroes: We don’t remember all the events that they put us thru, but we remember their character & qualities
- *Today, here’s 3 character qualities to pass on to the next generations**

1st quality: Teach them to be Promise-Keepers

(Chap 21:1-14)

Read Chap 21:1-2

1. David sees that the famine could be divine judgement & communes w/ God about it
 - a. Read Deut 28:47-48
2. Certainly there's a natural cause behind the famine but there could also be a spiritual cause
3. Gibeonites had a covenant w/ Israel since they tricked Joshua and Saul broke that agreement
 - a. Even if we're tricked into an agreement, we're expected to keep our word
 - b. This should cause us to think before making a prideful commitment

Read Vs 3

1. David asks them how he can fix this injustice
2. His title as king means nothing – he represents the guilty
3. Keep the promises of your office....father

Read Vs 4-6

1. Gibeonites didn't want David to do anything whether payment or punishment, they wanted to execute punishment themselves
2. This is a gracious & targeted punishment, not reparations

Read Vs 7-9

1. These 7 descendants of Saul were apparently implicated in the deaths of the Gibeonites
2. There's no generational curse
 - a. Sons aren't responsible for sins of father
 - b. But they are open to falling for the sins their father never taught them to beat
3. We don't know much about this story; so we trust Gen 18:25 – 'Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?'
4. Sparing Mephibosheth is more about keeping an oath than it is about simple kindness

Read Vs 10-14

1. Rizpah is showing that the earth is mourning until the famine has ended
2. Then a proper, respectful burial allows all to put this matter to rest and move forward
3. God's correction may come long after crime
4. If God expects us to keep our promises, how much more will He keep His promises?
5. Jesus role-modeled being a Promise-Keeper
 - a. He kept His 3 promises to Abraham
 - b. He kept His promise to raise Himself to life

2nd quality: Teach them to be Giant-Killers (Chap 21:15-22)

Read Chap 21:15-17

1. General Abishai saves King David in battle with the Philistines
2. David's men ask him to not go to war anymore for the greater good of Israel
3. It's great to have friends – there's a days that we all need them (Read Ecc 4:9-12)

4. David's example of courage has been passed on to his mighty men & generals

Read Vs 18-22

1. Goliath's 4 brothers meet their end by Israel
2. David had picked 5 stones when killing Goliath demonstrating to his men what they would later do
3. David's example taught them giants could be killed so it's right to say they fell by David & his men
4. This is a legacy of faith, believing God will take down giants on our behalf
5. Jesus role-modeled being a Giant-Killer
 - a. He defeated our undefeatable foes like Satan and death itself

3rd quality: Teach them to be Feet-Kissers (Chap 22:1-51)

Intro

1. A true worshipper has grasped the concept that Jesus must increase & we must decrease

2. Consider the humble & beautiful worship of the woman of Luke 7 (Turn to Luk 7:36-48)
3. Feet-kissers know God's forgiveness & greatness

Read Chap 22:1

1. David worshipped God about his experiences
2. David wrote this Psalm to be sung

Read Vs 2-3

1. God is his dwelling place of safety & protection
2. Are we experiencing the **security** of this same Rock?

Read Vs 4-7

1. God is available to him, a very present help in times of trouble
2. Are we experiencing this same **access** to God?
(Heb 4:16 – Boldly to the throne of grace)

Read Vs 8-18

1. God is a warrior, strong to save & deliver
2. Reminds us of Psm 97:1-6
3. Are we waiting on God's timing & **strength** to overcome our challenges?

Read Vs 19-28

1. God delivers those whose hearts are toward Him (II Chr 16:9)
2. Are we living in purity & **righteousness** b4 God?
3. God delights in our obedience & love

Read Vs 29-37

1. God makes a way thru all our adversaries
2. Are we seeing movement forward with our **Waymaker** God?

Read Vs 38-46

1. God's cleansing power to rid of sin & enemies
2. Are we experiencing the **cleansing power** of God to bring growth in our spiritual lives?

Read Vs 47-51

1. God is our salvation who enables us to stand tall in the end
2. Are we living in true hope of our **salvation** & glorification to come?
3. Jesus role-modeled a Feet-Kisser in the Garden

Conclusion

When you think of passing on to your posterity, don't worry about passing on the comfort of finance, or the commitment of fitness, but pass on the character of faith in God

1. Teach them to be Promise-Keepers

- a. Be diligent to get facts before committing
- b. Be known as honest & faithful
- c. If broken, take the role of making it right

2. Teach them to be Giant-Killers

- a. Demonstrate to them how to act in faith
- b. Point out & slay the enemies of God in life
- c. Teach them & show them what victory looks like

3. Teach them to be Feet-Kissers

- a. You'll never arrive here unless you learn, thru experience how good God is
- b. You'll stay here b/c you've witnessed the goodness of God thru your own failings