

II Samuel 8-10 –28 April 2022

“Living In Victorious Purpose”

Introduction

- *II Samuel – depicts the entire reign of King David
 - *This is also where I Chronicles begins
- *In II Samuel, David has taken the throne of all Israel
- *Chap 5-7 we saw the zenith of the Davidic Kingdom
 - *Jerusalem became their eternal capital city
 - *The Ark has been moved to Jerusalem
- *These are the moments in life we long for
- *But what does the victorious Christian life look like?
- *The godly principles that brought David to throne are on full display are in the zenith of his power
- *Today, we see 3 ways to know that you’re living in the blessing of victory**

1st way to know you're living in victory is that you're seeking God's promises (Chap 8:1-18)

Read Chap 8:1

1. Methegammah is probably a reference to Gath the 'bridle of the mother city'
2. David is still focused on claim all the land promised to them by God thru Abraham

Read Vs 2

1. 1 line tall was a youth that was spared
2. Seems odd David would smite Moabites whom his g-grandma was from & whom protected his parents
 - a. Tradition states that Moab misused or even killed David's family including a brother

Read Vs 3-4

1. Zobah was a Syrian city N of Damascus
2. Indication is David went to see the land toward the Euphrates Promised to Abe's seed (Gen 15)

- a. While there Zobah tried extending his kingdom that direction when David defeated him
- b. Read Heb 4:1 – True rest comes by pressing into the mission God’s given you & not allowing sin & enemies to multiply around you

Read Vs 5-8

1. Damascus was a substantial city that required David’s armies to stay and maintain the peace
2. Solomon used this brass to make the brazen sea for the temple (see I Chr 18:8)
3. B/c David was subdued before God, God subdued nations before David
 - a. Unlike Saul who was focused inward
 - b. An outward focus prevents inward discontentment, staleness and contention

Read Vs 9-12

1. Hamath in the far N of Aram as you come to the Euphrates, they made peace with David
2. Not every unbeliever is hostile toward God

Read Vs 13-14

1. Verse is run together: 'he gat him a name' when he returned from smiting Syrians from the N
2. THEN, 18,000 Edomites were smitten in the Valley of Salt at the Dead Sea
 - a. Chap 10 will pick up on this in great detail

Read Vs 15-18

1. Here's David's officers & order w/i kingdom
2. Samuel predicted Zadok would replace Abiathar
3. Every org needs a TEAM empowered by God

2nd way to know you're living in victory is that you're seeking to grace others (Chap 9:1-13)

Read Chap 9:1

1. David wants to show grace b/c of Jonathan's friendship & his vow to him

Read Vs 2-3

1. Kindness given to the helpless one: remind you of anything?

2. What a picture of God's grace to us!
 - a. God made a vow of friendship to Abraham and his family to come (us)
 - b. David made a vow of friendship to Jonathan and his family to come
 - c. Read I Pet 4:10 – receive then give grace
3. We were dispossessed of our place in the Garden of Eden & God gave grace to us

Read Vs 4-6

1. This is the proper way to approach the King

Read Vs 7-8

1. Grace is an inheritance & constant sustainment
2. Grace provides us the same as Mephibosheth

Read Vs 9-10

1. Grace provides even the strength & empowering to live this new life (it's the H.S.)

Read Vs 11-13

1. Grace gives you proximity to King Himself!

3rd way to know you're living in victory is that you're seeking peace (Chap 10:1-19)

Read Chap 10:1-4

1. David was intending to show kindness to the new king of Ammon b/c of his late father
 - a. Read I Pet 3:10-11 – start with peace
2. However, the new king was convinced (wrongly) that David was spying on him
3. Treating the Ambassadors thus is same as treating the King this way
 - a. Read John 15:18 – the hate is from what we represent to them that they don't want

Read Vs 5-7

1. Ammonites hire the Syrians for protection against David & Israel
2. You ever try to do something nice & helpful and it blows up in your face?
 - a. You were still right for offering the kindness & grace, whether received or not

Read Vs 8-10

1. Israel set 2 generals: Joab facing the Syrians and his brother facing the Ammonites

Read Vs 11-12

1. Notice there's no retreat option built in here
2. 'We will step up to our part and let the Lord do whatever He sees fit'
3. Offering help & peace doesn't mean you're not willing to protect what God has given you

Read Vs 13-14

1. First the Syrians flee then the Ammonites flee

Read Vs 15-17

1. Syrian King calls for Syrian reinforcement to battle David and Israel

Read Vs 18-19

1. After turning back these Syrians the 2nd time, they make peace with David and Israel
2. David wants peace with his neighbors whether the easy way or the hard proven way
3. When godly men are stronger; there is peace

Conclusion

So the victorious Christian life doesn't mean the easy Christian life. There's still plenty of conflicts to work thru in order to bring God glory. But it's a life that's characterized by...

1. Seeking God's promises in our life

- a. What mission has Jesus put you on?
- b. Go take it!

2. Seeking to grace others with good

- a. What we've been freely given, let us give

3. Seeking peace with everyone believer or not

- a. Maybe peace thru agreement
- b. Maybe peace by strength of protecting what God's doing in your life

What's the key to this kind of victory in our life?

Read I John 5:4 – It takes **faith** to do all 3 of these

Trust God that it's good to serve Him in this way!