

GOING DEEPER STUDY NOTES (August 3, 2025)

For Personal or Group Study

As a society we have become a bit skeptical about what is promised to us. Often, we are amazed when a product does what it says it will in an advertisement, and we tend to accept a fair bit of discrepancy. We certainly take a large pinch of salt when we hear our politicians promise that they will do something. That's not very honoring of those who rule over us but sadly it has become the norm that we are skeptical about what comes out a politician's mouth. Personally, I find myself being more skeptical about many things the older I get (I am working on this).

The thing is - this skepticism can find its way into our faith. We read promises in scripture, and we think "but can we really trust them?" Or we have words spoken over us and we have a predisposition to think that'll be nice, but I'll wait and see if that comes to pass and then I will embrace it, instead of accepting it as a gift from God and then watching it unfold in our lives.

But thankfully this is not the example that we find in today's reading. What we actually find is another example of a God who always fulfills His promises, who is ever faithful and who holds true to His word. What we find today is the continued fulfillment of the covenant promise, not just with David, but also the earlier covenants with Moses, Jacob and Abraham. God's promises and David's patience are all through the story of David.

Like David, we need to hold onto the promises and remember God's greatest promise - Eternal Life. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16 ESV

2 Samuel 5:1-12 David Anointed King of Israel

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and flesh. ²In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.'" ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁶And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, "You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will ward you off"—thinking, "David cannot come in here." ⁷Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David. ⁸And David said on that day, "Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack 'the lame and the blind,' who are hated by David's soul." Therefore, it is said, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." ⁹And David lived in the stronghold and called it the city of David. And David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

¹¹And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also carpenters and masons who built David a house. ¹²And David knew that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

1. Why did the elders of Israel believe in David? What are three reasons they wanted David as their king?
2. Why did David choose Jerusalem to be the capitol city?
3. What has David's life been like since he was first anointed by Samuel?
4. Who were the Jebusites?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

5. Why was David so successful in conquering the City?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

6. If you had absolute assurance that the Lord was with you, how would your upcoming week be affected?
 7. What new mission would you take on? What old habits would you break?
 8. How has God blessed you to be a blessing to others?
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