

“Lessons from the Life of David” – Pastor Jim Ruddy

Study # 21 – 2 Samuel 5:1-5 – David Anointed King Over All Israel

I. GOD’S ELECTION OF DAVID 2 Sam. 3:1 - 4:12

A. THE EFFORTS OF ABNER 2 Sam. 3:1-39

- Following his argument with Ishbosheth, Abner urged the elders of Israel to transfer their allegiance to David. v1-21
- Abner was murdered by Joab before the transfer was complete and thus, the union was delayed. v22-39

B. THE ELIMINATION OF ISBOSHETH 2 Sam. 4:1-12

- Ishbosheth was assassinated by two of his own captains who sought to find favor with an up-and-coming David.
- Saul’s brief dynasty comes to an end as the assassins remove the final obstacle from David’s path to kingship.
- David understands that God is working behind the scenes to accomplish His own will with His people. David is willing to wait and be patient as long as he must, because he knows that it is the LORD who is preparing his way.

II. ISRAEL’S EMBRACING OF DAVID 2 Sam 5:1-3

- The preliminary arrangement Abner had with the elders of each of the tribes fell apart following his murder. cf. 2 Sam. 3:17-19
- The elders now come to Hebron on their own initiative for the expressed purpose of submitting themselves to David’s rule.
 - cf. 1 Chr. 11:1-3; 12:23-40

A. THEY RECOGNIZED HIS AFFINITY v1

- “*your bone and your flesh*” speaks of kinship. cf. 2 Sam 19:13
NIV = “*flesh and blood*” cf. Gen 29:14
- They recognized their common descent from Jacob (Israel). Thus, the King and the people were made for each other.
 - Note the stipulation of Deut. 17:14-15; cf. Matt. 1:1-6

B. THEY RECOGNIZED HIS ABILITY v2a

- David was the most competent and celebrated military officer in Israel’s history. cf. 1 Sam 18:12-16; 29:3-5
- David had led them literally, “*out, and back in!*”
 - cf. 1 Sam 8:4, 20; 29:6; Josh 14:11
- Every ounce of David’s *administrative skill* would be required to help the people heal from the civil war and deal properly with the different factions, divided loyalties, and old wounds.
- Every degree of David’s *military skill* would be required to equip Israel to stand against the powerful adversaries that now surrounded her on every side, seeing that the House of Saul had lost more territory than it had gained, and the kingdom was smaller than when Saul was first inaugurated.

C. THEY RECOGNIZED HIS ANOINTING v2b

- The LORD'S appointment of David dates back some twenty years to the prophecies and private anointing by Samuel. cf. 1 Sam 15:28; 16:13
- David's second anointing came by the tribe of Judah who recognized him as king at the death of Saul. cf. 2 Sam. 2:1-4
- The elders of the remaining tribes of Israel now come, knowing that David has been chosen by the LORD (2 Sam. 3:18), and has been invested with the titles of shepherd, ruler and king.

D. THEY RECOGNIZED HIS AGREEMENT v3

- Whereas Abner had suggested a covenant, (2 Sam. 3:21), it is now the king who initiates the covenant with his subjects and not the other way around. cf. Jer. 31:31; Matt. 26:28
- The covenant does not empower David as an unrestrained, all-powerful dictator or make Israel his spineless servants, but it is cut "*before the LORD*," affirming that the agreement is under God's guidance and enjoys His blessing.

III. GOD'S ESTABLISHMENT OF DAVID 5:4-5

A. GOD'S ENTHRONEMENT OF DAVID

- God establishes David in the prime of his life. cf. Num 4:3
 - Note: Joseph - Gen. 41:46; Jesus - Luke 3:23
- David reigned 40 years - a full generation (cf. Acts 13:36), and reached the Psalmist's ideal age! cf. Psalm 90:10
- The fact that the Kingdom established under David is a united monarchy is underscored by the word "*all*" (v1, 3, 5).

B. DAVID'S ENTHRONEMENT OF GOD

- David realized that his success was of the LORD! 2 Sam 5:12
 - Note Psalm 21; cf. 1 Chr. 22:17-18
- As seen in the covenant, David recognized that there is a Greater Shepherd (Leadership), a Mightier Ruler (Headship), and a Higher King (Lordship) than he. cf. 2 Sam. 7:18
- Herein is the secret to David being "a man after God's heart." David's reign enhanced the rule of God among His people. David exercised his leadership over Israel in such a way that God was *more* the King in people's lives than ever before!
 - David, "*shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.*" Ps. 78:72
- David said, "*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.*" 1 Chr. 29:11