



The Life of  
*David*

*1 and 2 Samuel*

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# Famous Last Words...

- “I'm bored with it all.” -Winston Churchill. ...
- “I want nothing but death.” -Jane Austen. ...
- “Thomas Jefferson survives.” -John Adams. ...
- “Either this wallpaper goes or I do.” -Oscar Wilde. ...
- “Where is my clock?” -Salvador Dal

# Famous Last Words

Are these truly David's last words?

He takes a census and repents in ch. 24

1 Kings 2:1 – gives instructions to Solomon

1 Kings 2:10 – "David slept with his fathers"

What is this section? An oracle

# 2 Samuel 23

- 1. David's Oracle**
- 2. Psalm 78**
- 3. David's Mighty Men**
- 4. Jesus' Last Words**

# David's Oracle (v.1-7)

1. Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, the son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man who was raised on  
high,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the sweet psalmist of Israel:

- What is an oracle? a divine utterance, prophecy, or authoritative message from God, often delivering warnings, judgment, or spiritual direction through a prophet

# David's Oracle (v.1-7)

<sup>2</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me;  
his word is on my tongue.

<sup>3</sup> The God of Israel has spoken;  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
When one rules justly over men,  
ruling in the fear of God.

<sup>4</sup> he dawns on them like the morning light,  
like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning,  
like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

# David's Oracle (v.1-7)

<sup>5</sup> “For does not my house stand so with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure. (2 Sam 7:11-17)

For will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?

<sup>6</sup> But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away,  
for they cannot be taken with the hand;

<sup>7</sup> but the man who touches them  
arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear,  
and they are utterly consumed with fire.”

# Who is David

- Great King of Israel
- Great Prophet of Israel (Acts 2:30)
- Is David a Priest? (2 Samuel 6:13-18) – Psalm 110:4
  
- David fulfills all of the Messianic hopes of Israel.
- He is a type of the King of kings who fulfills all of Israel's hopes (and ours)

# Psalm 78:67-72

<sup>67</sup> He rejected the tent of Joseph; he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

<sup>68</sup> but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loves.

<sup>69</sup> He built his sanctuary like the high heavens, like the earth, which he has founded forever.

<sup>70</sup> He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;\*\*

<sup>71</sup> from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

<sup>72</sup> With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

\*\* (Deut. 17:15)





# David's Mighty Men

Josheb

Eleazar

Shammah

The Three (13-17)

Abishai

Benaiah

V. 23 – The Thirty and the Three (37 in all)

# Famous Last Words

Jesus – from the Cross – It is finished Jn 19:30

The Father – from the throne – It is done Rev. 21:6

“All Sufficient Merit” – singing good theology





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