

Summer in Samuel – Week 9 – 2 Samuel 5

2 Samuel 5:1-7: *All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. ² In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’”*

³ *When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.*

⁴ *David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.*

⁶ *The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, “You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off.” They thought, “David cannot get in here.” ⁷ Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David.*

INTRO to Series: “Summer in Samuel” – Throughout Scripture, we see that God uses imperfect people to accomplish His perfect will and purposes for this world. Those who are faithful are set apart because of their trust in Him, whether in successes or failures. Our “Summer in Samuel” study will take us into the books of 1 and 2 Samuel and a few of the Psalms, where time and again God demonstrates His faithfulness. The stories of people like Hannah, Samuel, and David will remind us that no matter the season—in good times and bad—those who put their trust in Him are not put to shame.

INTRO to **2 Samuel 5, 7:** After Saul died, David was poised to become Israel’s king just as Samuel had anointed him (**1 Samuel 16**). For around two years, David was only king of Judah in Hebron. David also had to contend with the Saul’s men and Saul’s house as they attempted to make Saul’s son Ish-Bosheth the king of Israel (**2 Samuel 2-4**).

I. Those who trust in the Lord are not put to shame... (2 Samuel 5)

-David was 30 years old when he became king, much like Jesus was around 30 years old when He began His earthly ministry.

-David was probably 10-15 years old when Samuel anointed him as king as we saw several weeks ago, which means David likely had to wait 15-20 years for this promise of his kingship to be fulfilled. David trusted in the Lord, and he was not put to shame. He grew strong in the Lord and soared to great heights (see **Isaiah 40:31** below)

-As King over all of Israel, David quickly marched to Jerusalem to take the city from the Jebusites for God’s people to live and worship there. Jerusalem becomes not only Israel’s capital as a nation, but also its center of worship as God’s Holy City.

-In **2 Samuel 6**, the Ark of the Covenant of God is brought to Jerusalem and later God’s temple will be built there by David’s son Solomon (**1 Kings 6ff**).

II. Those who trust in the Lord are not put to shame...God's purpose and plans are perfect, and He always keeps His promises to His people... (2 Samuel 7)

2 Samuel 7:1-13: *After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."*

³ *Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."*

⁴ *But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:*

⁵ *"Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. ⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'"*

⁸ *"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. 'The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you:' ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."*

-David has built his palace by this point – "The shepherd boy who slept in the fields has become a king enthroned in his palace."

-David was convicted that the Ark of the Covenant of God was resting in a tent covered with curtains while he, as King of Israel, was living in a lavish palace made of cedar.

-David wanted to do something great for God, but God wanted David to continue to rest in Him and trust in His timing and plans.

-God does not delight in the things we do for Him, God delights in us and wants us to experience Him doing great things through us!

III. Those who trust in the Lord are not put to shame...God's purpose and plans are perfect, and He always keeps His promises to His people...which God has demonstrated to us most clearly through Jesus Christ. (Acts 13)

Acts 13:22-23, 38: *After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'*

²³ *"From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised.*

³⁸ *"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin..."*

-When God made David the King of Israel, He promised that one day through David's line a final and true salvation would come to all who trust in the Lord.

-It is by believing upon the name of Jesus, then, that any person can receive the fulfillment of God's promise to be set free from sin and to be made truly alive through Jesus Christ.

-The call and commission of God's people today—the Church—is to proclaim the message of God's Good News among all the peoples of the world—from our neighborhood to among the nations (see also **Romans 10:9-11** below)!

Other Scriptures Referenced:

Isaiah 40:31: *but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Romans 10:9-11: *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."*

Other Quotes/Resources:

-“Prosperity hardens the heart.” –William Wilberforce