

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

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2 Samuel 3

² Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon the son of Ahinoam of Jezreel;
³ his second, Kileab the son of Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel;
the third, Absalom the son of Maakah daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;
⁴ the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;
⁵ and the sixth, Ithream the son of David's wife Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron.

Look at [Genesis 2:24](#) and [Deuteronomy 17:14-17](#). David was God's chosen king but David was not perfect and his choices would result in consequences just as ours do today. Sometimes consequences are immediate but other times they take years to manifest. We can re-visit that idea after chapter 8.

2 Samuel 5

¹ 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.

So David was somewhere between 12-15 when The Lord had Samuel anoint him as king. For half his life The Lord prepared him for the responsibility.

2 Samuel 7

"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. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." ¹⁷ Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: "Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ... ²² "How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears... ²⁸ Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.

The Lord shows His love for His children here, and David shows the Love and respect we as His children should always have for our God.

2 Samuel 8

¹⁵ David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.

Fifteen years of preparation seem to have paid off. Still, as we mentioned David was not perfect. 2 Samuel 11 tells us the story of David, Bathsheba and Uriah. 2 Samuel 12 tells us the story of the death of David and Bathsheba's first son – difficult consequences. 2 Samuel 13-18 give us, among many other things, a detailed description of the consequences of David's sin; consequences that over the course of years resulted in great sorrow, including the betrayal and death of his son Absalom.

2 Samuel 16

⁵ As King David approached Bahurim, a man from the same clan as Saul's family came out from there. His name was Shimei son of Gera, and he cursed as he came out. ⁶ He pelted David and all the king's officials with stones, though all the troops and the special guard were on David's right and left. ⁷ As he cursed, Shimei said, "Get out, get out, you murderer, you scoundrel!" ⁸ The Lord has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. The Lord has given the kingdom into the hands of your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a murderer!"

It is a fact of life in a fallen world – you cannot please all the people all the time.

⁹ Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head."

¹⁰ But the king said, "What does this have to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the Lord said to him, 'Curse David,' who can ask, 'Why do you do this?'"

¹¹ David then said to Abishai and all his officials, "My son, my own flesh and blood, is trying to kill me. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the Lord has told him to. ¹² It may be that the Lord will look upon my misery and restore to me his covenant blessing instead of his curse today."

David understood he was a sinner and that there were consequences to sin. He also understood the sovereignty, justice and grace of the Lord.

2 Samuel 23

¹ These are the last words of David: "The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs:

² "The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.

³ The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me:

'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God,

⁴ he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.'

⁵ "If my house were not right with God, surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part; surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire.

I don't know about you but I am so grateful for salvation and the amazing blessings the Lord has granted me in spite of my sin and its consequences. May I ever live in the fear of God and strive for righteousness – Amen.