

Lecture 15: 2 Samuel – Kings and Covenants

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Who are these people?

David – honoring King Saul after death, inquiring of the Lord, given a covenant—and yet...

Sloth – Idle hands are the devil’s play.

Sin – the seventh commandment, the sixth commandment (2 Sam. 11)

You have despised Me: “And if that had been too little...” (cf. Ps. 51:4)

Sentimentality – “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom!” (2 Sam. 18:33)

Absalom – five pounds of hair, winsome manipulation

Ahithophel vs. Hushai: “The LORD had ordained to thwart the good counsel...” (2 Sam. 17:14).

Joab – David’s cousin and leading general, a murderous old man

David charged Solomon, “Do not let his grey hair go down to Sheol in peace” (1 Kgs. 2:6).

→ What do we learn about man?

Human Loyalty – becomes evil, if God is not a higher loyalty (e.g. patriotism)

Human Revenge – repaying evil with evil (opp. Rom. 12:19)

What do we learn about God?

Silent & Slow – people draw the wrong conclusions (Ps. 50:21; Isa. 57:11)

Subtly Just – the baby, the sword, the concubines (private and public)

What lessons can we learn?

Do not trust in people: *The best of men are men at best.*

Do not trust in circumstances: “...your sin will find you out” (Num. 32:23).

Trust in the Lord for the king we need—a *perfect* King with a *new* covenant.

The Monarchy Era

Samuel → a line of prophets, the conscience for the king

David → an empire and a dynasty (400 years)

Solomon → a temple, no longer a tabernacle

} New Capital: *Jerusalem*

Deuteronomy 17 – a limited, constitutional monarchy

No stockpiling of horses, harem, or hoarded gold and silver.

1 Kings 10-11 – Solomon broke **all three**...the beginning of the end!

Covenants

Definition – a promise to be and do, sealed in blood with an oath (cf. Peter Gentry)

Every covenant establishes a relational bond as strong as a family bond.

Divisions – five major covenants (a covenant with Adam is debated)

Noah – creation (again)

Abraham – land and seed

Moses – if the people obey...

David – throne and seed

...if the sons of David obey...

The New Covenant...

Jesus, the Seed of David and Seed of Abraham, obeyed (Mt. 1:1)!

} The promises are absolutely certain to Abraham and David, but *when* they will come depends on the obedience of their sons.