

## 1 Kings Chapter 2

### I. The Death of King David (Verses 1-12)

#### 1. His final words to Solomon (Verses 1-9)

- a) Follow God and obey His word (1-4)
  - ◆ This is the only way in life to be successful and satisfied
    - ✎ *Joshua 1:7* “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.”
    - ✎ *Psalms 1:1-3* “Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.”
- b) Make sure that justice is done in the land
  - ◆ Punishment for Joab and Shimei
    - ✎ *Proverbs 24:24-25* “He who says to the wicked, “You are righteous,” Him the people will curse;  
Nations will abhor him. 25 But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, And a good blessing will come upon them.”
  - ◆ Kindness for Barzillai

#### 2. David dies (Verses 10-12)

- a) "He was a shepherd, a soldier, an outlaw, a king, a fugitive, a sinner, a saint, a poet . . . His experiences were the writing of God on his life, making him into a man after God's own heart." (Redpath)
- b) Now we turn to Solomon

### II. Solomon Cleanses the Kingdom, Beginning His Reign with Justice (Verses 13-46)

#### 1. Adonijah (13-25)

- a) He wanted to take the kingdom back. Securing David’s concubine was a big first step.
- b) Solomon knew what he was planning and quickly punished him for his treason against God and king.
- c) Adonijah was a man of self exaltation.
  - ◆ He wanted to exalt himself at the expense of others and against the Lords will. This type of self exalting pride is an abomination to the Lord.
    - ✎ *Proverbs 8:13* “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.
    - ✎ *Proverbs 6:16-17* “These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look...”
    - ✎ *Romans 12:16* “...Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”
    - ✎ *Galatians 5:19-21* “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

#### 2. Abiathar (26-27)

- a) Abiathar was the priest who followed Adonijah
  - ◆ Solomon did not put him to death, however, because he had carried the ark and been a priest of God.
  - ◆ God was fulfilling a promise of judgment upon Eli. (1 sam 2:31-35; 3:12-14)
- b) Abiathar was a man of compromise
  - ◆ His story is especially sad. He had been with David even during his most difficult times (running from Saul and Absalom) He was committed and faithful. Sadly, however, he compromised his commitment to the Lord and God’s chosen king.

- ◆ Many of us make compromises in our walk with King Jesus. Many times because we are afraid that if we do the right thing people may not like us or we may lose something.
- ✎ *Revelation 21:7-8* “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

### 3. Joab (28-35)

- a) Joab shed innocent blood and had no fear of consequences.
  - ◆ Maybe this was because Joab knew what David did to Uriah and could hold it against him.
  - ◆ Exodus 21:14 "But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die."
- b) Joab was a sinful man with false security
  - ◆ Joab tried to save his life by grabbing the altar. Many people fool themselves into thinking that they are saved. They try to comfort themselves in their sinful indulgence by claiming that Jesus died for them—yet their lives have never changed.
  - ✎ *1 Peter 2:16* “as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice...”
  - ✎ *2 Timothy 2:19* “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”
  - ✎ *Matthew 7:21-23* "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"
  - ✎ *1 Corinthians 6:9-11* “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

### 4. Shimei (36-46)

- a) Shimei was given mercy again by Solomon
  - ◆ Even though David gave clear instructions to Solomon to punish Shimei, Solomon had compassion on him.
- b) Shimei was a man who didn't take the grace of Solomon seriously
  - ◆ He neglected the gift of life that was given to him. He chose rather to go his own way, disregarding the salvation that had been given to him.
  - ✎ *Hebrews 2:3* “how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him”
  - ◆ Don't stray away from the grace of God.