

2 Samuel 5 New International Version (NIV)

David Becomes King Over Israel

¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. ²In 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.'"

³When 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.

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

David Conquers Jerusalem

⁶The 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." ⁷Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David.

⁸On that day David had said, "Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those 'lame and blind' who are David's enemies." That is why they say, "The 'blind and lame' will not enter the palace."

⁹David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. ¹⁰And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

¹¹Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David. ¹²Then David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

¹³After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him. ¹⁴These are the names of the children born to him there: Shammua, Shobab,

Nathan, Solomon, ¹⁵ Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, ¹⁶ Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

David Defeats the Philistines

¹⁷ When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold. ¹⁸ Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; ¹⁹ so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?"

The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands."

²⁰ So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, "As waters break out, the LORD has broken out against my enemies before me." So that place was called Baal Perazim. ²¹ The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.

²² Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; ²³ so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees. ²⁴ As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." ²⁵ So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

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Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

¹⁶At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

¹⁷Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

We're continuing our series on 2 Samuel.

We're looking at 2 Samuel chapter 5

It would be great to have your Bibles open there.

Let me pray before we begin...

Let's pray...

Intro/Context

- We finished up last week (in 2 Sam 4) where Saul's remaining son, King Ish-Bosheth was murdered

[PowerPoint 1-Ishbosheth and Mephibosheth]

- David did not ask for - nor condone - this murder and in fact he had the murderers executed
- And the only other person eligible to be King is Saul's grandson, Mephibosheth, who is too young and also disabled.
- And the culture of the day - would not consider making a disabled person king - such a person would be seen as cursed by God
- The murder of King Ish-Bosheth opened up the way for David to become King of all of Israel
- And as we said last week
- God does not approve of evil ways to accomplish His plans.
- He may well use people's evil ways to achieve His purposes - like the evil plan to kill Jesus - God used that plan - to achieve the good of offering the forgiveness of sins.

- But **God's ways are not our ways** - and **God's ways are higher than our ways** (Isaiah 55:9)

[PowerPoint 2-Promise]

- Now remember too - **David was originally anointed as King by the prophet Samuel** way back in **1 Samuel 16:1** - when **God rejected Saul** as King and chose David. Here's what **God said** to Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king [**DAVID**] among his sons."

- At the time **David** was just a **boy** - around about **15 years** old.
- Now according to our **chapter today** - 2 Sam 5:4 - **David** is now **30 years old**
- It's **taken 15 years for David** to get to this point
- King **Saul's reign** had **limped along** for some time
- And **David was on the run** for some time too - whilst **Saul was out to kill him**
- So even though **God promised David** he would be **King**

[PowerPoint 3-Waiting]

- **David had to WAIT**
- Sometimes we have to **WAIT for God** to act
- We don't like **waiting, do we?**
- We **spend a lot of time waiting**
 - We wait in **traffic**
 - We wait on the **phone** - **Centrelink**

- We wait at the **doctor's** surgery
- Waiting for our **computer** to do an **update**
- Waiting for the **train** or **bus**
- Waiting in line at the **supermarket**
- Waiting for the **man** or **woman** of your **dreams...**
- And so on...

Which bring us to our story today

David has been **waiting** for this moment - for **15 years** or more

Now in 2 Samuel 5:1-5 - **The King is Anointed.**

[PowerPoint 4-Anointed]

The King is Anointed (2 Samuel 5:1-5)

- We pick up the story in v1
- All the tribes of Israel came to David and they gave 3 reasons why they want to make David King of all of Israel
 1. David is their **own flesh and blood** - he's an **Israelite** - even if not the same tribe as Saul - and they'd **rather have** one of their **own** - **than a foreign king** from the **Philistines** or the **Amalekites**
 2. They knew **how well** he has **led military campaigns** in the past (even defeating **Goliath**)
 3. They knew that **God promised** that **David** would 'shepherd' **God's people** - **God** had **chosen David** because he was a **man after God's own heart** (1 Sam 13:14)
- From this we can **see** that **God** had been **preparing David** to **shepherd God's people**

- Remember David was a shepherd boy
- This shepherding will also include **spiritual shepherding**
- Remember David wrote many psalms during his life experiences
- One of the more **famous ones** was Psalm 23
- Which likens the Lord to a shepherd - shepherding us through life

[PowerPoint 5-Jesus Anointed One]

- What we are meant to **see** here - is the link of David shepherding God's people - pointing to Jesus - our Good Shepherd - who not only cares for His sheep (us) - who not only came to find lost sheep - people lost from God - but He also laid down His life for His sheep
- Also, David as God's anointed King
- Should also remind us that Jesus is - God's Anointed One - King of Heaven and Earth
- It's also mentioned that David became King at age 30
- The same age as Jesus began His ministry
- 30 was an **age of maturity** - age priests/rabbis began ministry

Applications:

[PowerPoint 6-Application]

- It's sad that the tribes only turned to David - as their king - when their previous choice was taken away. In the same way, it's sad when Christians only really recognize Jesus as their king when their other choices crumble. We should choose Jesus as our first option, not just when other options fail.

- Note also **David waited** to be king - he could have taken His kingship sooner but he waited on God - like we need to - we **need** to wait on **God's timing**.
- **David never forced** His kingship on the **people** - **Jesus doesn't force** His Kingship on people either - He gave a choice...
 - In Matt 11:28 - Jesus says - **Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.**
 - In Mark 1:17 - Jesus said to the disciples, **'Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men'**
 - In Rev 3:20 - Jesus said - **Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.**
- Continuing the **story** in 2 Sam 5
- Now that **David is King of all Israel**
- All of the land of **Israel must belong** to King **David and the Israelites**
- But there is a **city in Israel** - that is still being occupied by its **original inhabitants**

[PowerPoint 7-Jerusalem occupied]

- 400 years earlier **when the Israelites first came into the Promised Land** - which is now **Israel** - **God had told** them to **remove** the original occupants the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites and Perizzites. (Deut 20:16-18) - so that the **Israelites would not be corrupted by** these people and their **false worship and false gods.**

- But the city of **Jerusalem** was still occupied by a **Canaanite tribe** called the **Jebusites** (Judges 1:21) - because the Israelites hadn't been able to kick them out
- So, in our story today - King **David** came to **Jerusalem** with his men - verses 6 to 16 - **to complete** the job that God had set 400 years earlier.

The King comes to Jerusalem (5:6-16)

- When David arrived
- The **Jebusites'** made a **boast** to **David** that he and his men will never be able to **penetrate** their **fortified city of Jerusalem**
- The **Jebusites claim** is a bit like the claim that the **Titanic** was **unsinkable**
- But - remember **nothing is impossible for God** (Matt 19:26)
- The **Jebusites** are so **confident** - they say that even **blind** and **lame** people could stop any attack from **David**

[PowerPoint 8-David takes Jerusalem]

- But **David** captured the fortress of **Jerusalem** by his men climbing through a **water shaft** (v8)
- **David** took up **residence** in **Jerusalem** in the fortress and the city was **known** as the **City of David** - v9
- **Jerusalem** was the **perfect** place for a **capital city** because it's **built upon Mount Zion** - about 765m (2509ft) - so **easy to defend** and **easy to see** the **enemy approaching**
- We see in v10 that **David** became more and more **powerful**. Why? Because the **Lord Almighty** was with **David**.
- **God** blessed **David** because **David** trusted **God**

- So, the **King** had **come** to **Jerusalem**

[PowerPoint 9-Application]

Application

- This should **remind** us of another **King** who **came** to the city of **Jerusalem** - **1000 years** after **David**
- A **King** who is from **David's** family line
- This **King** is **Jesus**
- **Jerusalem** figured a lot in **Jesus' life**
- Jesus was presented at the temple in Jerusalem as a baby (Luke 2:22)
- Jesus was found by his parents in the temple at Jerusalem talking with the teachers (Luke 2:44-46)
- Jesus set his face resolutely towards Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)
- Jesus wept for Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)
- Jesus rode into Jerusalem as King – on that 1st Palm Sunday (Luke 19:28-44; Matt 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10 and John 12:12-13)
- Jesus drove out the moneychangers and traders in the temple in Jerusalem (Luke 19:45-48; Matt 21:12-16; Mark 11:15-18; John 2:13-16)
- And of course, Jesus was crucified in Jerusalem too
- The **tribes** of **Israel** made a **covenant** with **David** for him to be **their King**
- The **question** for each **person** on this **planet** is...
- Is **Jesus** your **King**?
- Have you **sworn allegiance** to **King Jesus** as **ruler** of your **life**?

- As Rom 10:9 puts it: **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.**

- **The story continues**
- **In v11 - a foreign King - Hiram of Tyre - sent representatives to congratulate King David**

[PowerPoint 10-Palace]

- **They brought with them cedar logs (Lebanon) and carpenters and stonemasons and built David a Palace**
- **V12 - From this - David KNEW God was with him**
 - **Because - God had established him as King over ALL of Israel**
 - **Because - God had lifted up David's Kingdom - such that a foreign king built a palace for him**
 - **And because - God had done this - not for David's sake - but for the sake of God's people's**

Application

- **In the same way God established Jesus' Kingdom - and allowed King Jesus to come - for the sake of His people - to rescue His people from their sins and offer salvation**
- **But David - despite doing so much right and despite God being with him**
- **David made a wrong choice in vv13-16**

[PowerPoint 12-David's concubines and wives]

- David **took** more **concubines** and **wives** when he settled in **Jerusalem**
- This was in **direct disobedience** to **Deut 17:17** - **which says:**
He (The King) must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.
- As David's life pans out - many of his **problems come from** the **relationships with** the **women** in his life **and** from the **relationships with** **his children**

Application

[PowerPoint 13-Application]

- David fitted in with the **world's way** and the **culture** of the day where many wives and concubines were quite common - **God allowed it** but there would be **consequences!**
- We must not fit in with the world's way - instead - **we need to trust God in all things** - and not follow the **ways** of the world - but follow **God's ways**.
- We also need to **obey God's commands** - or reap the **consequences** of disobeying them!

The King defeats the Enemy (5:6-8; 17-25)

[PowerPoint 14-Defeat Enemies]

- Nevertheless, David had **defeated** the enemy - the **Jebusites** -
- They had to be **defeated** because they were a **Canaanite tribe**
- And the **Canaanites** were a **wicked idolatrous** people [descending from Noah's grandson, Canaan, son of Ham] who worshipped false gods.
- David still had **another enemy to defeat**

- The **Philistines** - who worshipped **3 false gods** - Ashtoreth, Dagon and Baal-Zebub
- The **Philistines** even carried images of their gods into battle
- Picking up the story from v17
- The **Philistines** had heard about David being anointed king
- So, they went to fight David
- Impressively David - in v19
- Asked God what he should do - "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?"
- **God answered 'Go'** and said that He would deliver the **Philistines** into David's hands
- And that's **exactly** what happened - the **Philistines** were **defeated**
- And notice v21 - they **left** their idols and **fled**
- These idols of their false gods were no use to them
- They were **no match** for the **one true God**
- But the **Philistines** hadn't finished
- They came for a **second go** at David
- Now **David** could easily have said to himself - **God helped me** beat them **last time** - I'll just go and do it again
- But no - see v23 - **David asked God** what to do a second time
- And **God answered** by telling David - still v23 - to not go straight up to the Philistines but **circle** around **behind** them - and **attack** from the rear
- **God** even gave David an **amazing sign** in v24

- David and his men **will hear the sound of marching** in the tops of the poplar **trees**
- **Many Rabbis** - and even **Charles Spurgeon** - liken this **sign** of the sound of **marching** in the tops of the trees - to **angels walking** on the tops of the trees
- **God's heavenly army** is right there with **David** and his men
- **God's instruction** to David was - **when he heard these angels marching** in the tree tops - **David and his men** - v24 - **were to move quickly** - because the **Lord's army** had gone **before them** to **strike down** the **Philistines**.
- Importantly - v25 - **David obeyed** - and did exactly as the **Lord commanded**

Application

[PowerPoint 15-Application]

- Are we inquiring and **asking God** in all situations? Or just in some situations? Or do we never ask God?
- Are we alert to the **work of God** around us - do we hear the **rustling** in the **tree tops** - and the **angels marching** in the tree tops so to speak
- Are we in tune with **God**?
- Perhaps we're out of tune with God - because we **fail to pray** - or we **fail to talk to Him** - or we **fail to read His word** - or we **fail to obey His Word** - or we **fail to act upon it**?
- Do we have idols in our lives that we're **relying on** rather than God - we **need to abandon them** - and come to the only one who can help us?

Conclusion/Response to Jesus' victory

To finish up then...

King David had victory over His **enemies because He **trusted God** and he **sought and did God's will****

- This should remind us of another King

[PowerPoint 16-Conclusion]

- **King Jesus** - who always did God, the **Father's**, will
- And **King Jesus** had a **victory over two enemies** that we all have - the **enemies of sin and death** - **King Jesus** has **defeated** them **both** - **defeating sin through His death on the cross** - and **defeating death through His resurrection**
- This is **only possible** because of **God's grace** in sending Jesus
- Because of the **grace of Jesus** - WE have **victory over our sin and our death too**
- How will we respond to **King Jesus' grace** this morning?
- The **Apostle Paul** gives us the **answer in Titus 2:11-13** - which we'll finish with:

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Let's pray...