

After God's Heart

David Receives the Kingdom
Taken from 2 Samuel
Chapters 2, 5, 6, and 7

Lesson 9

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Recall a specific way last week's study of David ministered to you and share why.
2. After David spent years in exile with his life constantly in peril, the promise of God to him was finally fulfilled. However, David's ascendancy to the throne did not happen all at once. Initially, David only reigned over the tribe of Judah. After seven years the other tribes of Israel acknowledged David as king. God then had *the man after His own heart* ruling over His nation. From the sections below detail David's demeanor as God established him as king:
 - a. 2 Samuel 2:1
 - b. 2 Samuel 5:10
 - c. 2 Samuel 6:14-15
 - d. 2 Samuel 7:1-2
 - e. 2 Samuel 7:18-21
3. As you sit *before the Lord* ask Him to prepare your heart for the study of His Word.

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD.
2 Samuel 7:18a

SECOND DAY: Read 2 Samuel 2:1-7; 5:1-5

1. Recall that David and his men had gone to battle and recovered the city of Ziklag from the Amalekites. On the *third day* after his victory, word came to David that Saul and his sons had fallen in battle against the Philistines (2 Samuel 1:1-4). What did he do *after this*? 2 Samuel 2:1a
 - a. Why was this a wise thing for David to do? See Proverbs 3:6.

2. What did the Lord tell David? 2 Samuel 2:1b
 - a. How did David respond? 2 Samuel 2:2-3

3. What two things did the *men of Judah* do? 2 Samuel 2:4

4. What stands out to you from David's words to the *men of Jabesh Gilead*? 2 Samuel 2:5-7

5. Before the events of 2 Samuel 5, David reigned only over the tribe of Judah. Who *came to David at Hebron* after he had reigned for seven years? 2 Samuel 5:1
 - a. What did they say to David? 2 Samuel 5:2a

 - b. What had *the Lord said* to David? 2 Samuel 5:2b
 - (1) Why was it significant that these men affirmed God's Word?

 - (2) Share a time when God's Word was affirmed to you.

6. Write a short description of David's reign from 2 Samuel 5:3-5.

7. David assumed the throne of Israel fifteen to twenty years after Samuel first anointed him as king. How does this minister to you concerning:
 - a. The fulfillment of God's plans and purposes

 - b. Our role in God's plans and purposes

THIRD DAY: Read 2 Samuel 5:6-12

1. Summarize what took place in 2 Samuel 5:6-9.
 - a. Notice the *nevertheless* in 2 Samuel 5:7. What happened *nevertheless*?
 - (1) Briefly share a *nevertheless* testimony.
 - b. Read the parallel account of these events in 1 Chronicles 11:4-9 and note any additional observations.
2. According to 2 Samuel 5:10, why did David become *great*?
3. What did *Hiram king of Tyre* do for David? 2 Samuel 5:11
4. Use 2 Samuel 5:12 to cite the things that *David knew*.
 - a. Considering what you have learned about David so far, describe a few ways God did this.
5. Psalm 30 was composed *at the dedication of the house of David*. Read this Psalm and answer the following:
 - a. What did David declare that God had done for him? verses 1, 2, 3, 7, 11
 - b. How did David choose to respond to God's blessings? verses 1, 12
 - c. What did David learn through his experience? verses 5, 6, 7, 11
 - d. What did David encourage God's people to do? verse 4
 - e. How does this Psalm reflect the attitude of a man *after God's own heart*?
 - f. Choose a phrase from this Psalm that best reflects your experience with God.

FOURTH DAY: Read 2 Samuel 6:1-15

1. In the days of Eli and his sons, the Philistines captured *the ark of God*. In 1 Samuel 7:1-2 the *ark* had been reclaimed and placed in the house of Abinadab. From 2 Samuel 6:1-5 what did David decide to do?

2. Relate the shocking events of 2 Samuel 6:6-7.
 - a. Why was Uzzah in *error*? See Numbers 4:15b.

 - b. Read Exodus 25:12-15 and comment on how the *ark* was supposed to be handled.

3. What do you observe about David from his reaction to this event? 2 Samuel 6:8-9

4. From 2 Samuel 6:10-11 record what took place.
 - a. Obed-Edom was a Levite, which qualified him to minister in the things of God. What did David hear about *Obed-Edom and all his household*? 2 Samuel 6:12a

 - b. How did David react to this news? 2 Samuel 6:12b
 - (1) Using 1 Chronicles 15:12-13 comment on what David learned from this incident.

 - (2) Why do you think this was an important lesson for David as the king of Israel?

5. From 2 Samuel 6:13-15 describe David's actions and demeanor as he *brought up the ark of the Lord*.
 - a. Observe David's defense for his actions in 2 Samuel 6:21-22a. What does this convey concerning his heart?

 - b. Use Psalm 100:4 and comment on the attitude of worship.
 - (1) How can you incorporate David's perspective into your worship?

FIFTH DAY: Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17

1. Use 2 Samuel 7:1 to record what God had done for David.
 - a. How did David respond to God's blessing? 2 Samuel 7:2
 - b. How did *Nathan the prophet* answer David? 2 Samuel 7:3
 - (1) Why do you think Nathan was so quick to encourage David in this?
2. Comment on the *word of the Lord* that *came to Nathan*. 2 Samuel 7:4-7
3. Cite the Lord's deeds on David's behalf from:
 - a. 2 Samuel 7:8
 - b. 2 Samuel 7:9
 - c. 2 Samuel 7:10
 - d. 2 Samuel 7:11-12
4. Using 2 Samuel 7:12-16 summarize what the Lord promised to do through David's son.
 - a. Years later David told Solomon, his son, why the Lord chose to do this. Read his explanation in 1 Chronicles 22:7-10 and share your thoughts.
 - b. Nathan's prophecy was ultimately fulfilled through Jesus Christ. Link 2 Samuel 7:16 with Luke 1:32-33. What do you see?
5. There is an old saying, "You can't out-give God." Although David desired to bless the Lord, God had even greater blessings in store for David. Share how this truth ministers to you.

