

Great Differences: Lessons from David & Solomon

This week – The blessings that David received from God for many years of patient faithfulness.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.” Psalm 23v6.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	1 Samuel 31v1-13 (Saul’s sad death, a lost soul)	
Monday	2 Samuel 1v17-27 (David laments Saul’s death)	
Tuesday	2 Samuel 2v1-7 (David publicly anointed King)	
Wednesday	2 Samuel 5v1-5 (David reigns for 40 years)	
Thursday	2 Samuel 8v1-18 (David establishes his rule)	
Friday	2 Samuel 9v1-11 (David cares for Mephiboseth)	
Saturday	Psalm 89v1-20 (Justice and Judgement are God’s alone)	

Important Thought for us Today: Can I have the same experience today as David did?

Yes, you can. You remember that David came to know the Lord as his Saviour as a young boy. He demonstrated his strong faith in the LORD when he killed Goliath, and he showed patience as he waited for God’s timing before being crowned king. We only have to read the Psalms he wrote to get an understanding of his strong trust in God – His Word of Truth in Psalm 119; his confidence in God as the Rock of his Salvation, Psalm 18v2 & 46; his own need of forgiveness, Psalm 51; his recognition of God’s faithfulness, Psalm 89; his anticipation of Christ on calvary, Psalm 34; his trust in the LORD’s tender care as his Shepherd, and his expectation of Heaven, Psalm 23; his Rock & Fortress Psalm 18.

God has not changed, and He never will. David had to believe that Jesus Christ would come to die on Calvary. We have all the benefit of New Testament truth that He has come, how He died to save, rose again, and ascended back into Heaven, ready to return. **Seek Him today and be blessed like David.**

Hymn 89v1, Based on Psalm 89 - David testifies to the faithfulness of the LORD.

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| <p>1. My song for ever shall record
The tender mercies of the Lord;
Thy faithfulness will I proclaim,
And every age shall know Thy name.</p> | <p>2. I sing of mercies that endure,
For ever builded firm and sure,
Of faithfulness that never dies,
Established changeless in the skies.</p> |
| <p>3. Behold God’s Truth and grace displayed,
For He has faithful covenant made,
And sworn that David’s greater Son
Shall ever sit upon His throne.</p> | <p>5. God’s promise is for sure,
The Saviour’s people shall endure;
His throne for ever firm shall stay
When sun and moon have passed away.</p> |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Difference Time Makes.

David is Blessed By God During His Middle Aged Years as King.

- **David Waited for God’s Timing of Saul’s Death. Then He Was Crowned King.**
 - David did not rejoice over Saul and Jonathan’s death in battle. 2 Samuel 1v17-27
 - David patiently sought the Lord’s guidance. The men of Judah anointed him as King. Seven and a half years later Israel acknowledged him as their King.

As a believer we must believe and accept that all our affairs are overruled by the Sovereign Lord.

- **David Establishes Jerusalem (Zion) as His Capital City. 2 Samuel 5.**
 - David made Israel and Judah one nation, bringing peace between them.
 - Jerusalem’s walls were built. The Ark of The Lord is brought with great celebration to the spot where Abraham had offered Isaac 500 years earlier.
 - Worship was established. Providing for the priests, appointing their tasks.
 - David administered judgement and justice to all the people. 2 Samuel 8v15.

Zion is a picture of Heaven – where Jesus Christ rules in His Peoples’ hearts now, and eternally. Unbelievers do not have this peace and joy. Now is the time to become a Citizen of Heaven.

- **David, Under God’s Blessing, Extends His Kingdom. 2 Samuel 5v10.**
 - It grew from the River Euphrates south to Egypt. (6,000 square miles to 60,000).
 - The waring enemies of Israel were subdued by David. Peace reigned.

The Lord will help the Christian to have the victory over sin - pride, dishonesty, unkindness, etc.

- **God Makes Great Promises to David - Rewarding His Faithfulness.**
 - Whatever situation David was in – surrounded by enemies; in the thick of battle; or enjoying victory and success; God protected and rewarded him.
 - David always expressed one great desire - to always live close to the Lord: **“One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple.” Psalm 27v4.**
 - It was David’s great desire to build a permanent Temple for the Lord, planning it in detail and collecting the materials to build it. But God said, **“No, David, you are a man of war, ... your son Solomon will build it.” 1 Chronicles 28v3.**
 - The Lord promised David, **“And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.” 2 Sam 7v16.** This is a clear prophetic promise that the Lord Jesus Christ would, one day, be born into his family and that Christ would be the King of Kings, for ever. One of the many authenticating promises of God’s Word.

What a privilege and honour it is, when the Lord gives us faith, answering our repentant prayer, giving us the assurance that our sins are completely forgiven, and granting us everlasting life.

David said to Solomon, his son, “... if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever.” 1 Chronicles 28v9.