

9-10-2025 – Journey with King David – Week 10 – King in Jerusalem

Last week - David set up throne in Jerusalem. Brought Ark.

David's 1st move – didn't go well: **Abinadab's son** Uzzah died.

David learned from mistake. **He didn't just get angry . . .** He got educated.

Life is **lessons**. What we don't learn, God has us **repeat**. Some stay / cycle.

- **Repeat mistake** after mistake b/c they don't learn the lesson.

1 Chronicles 15 - David had the Ark brought i/a/w law of Moses.

David led the nation in worship, w/ music & singing & dancing.

Background. 2 Samuel 3. Abner's negotiations w/David:

¹² Then Abner sent messengers to David, saying, "Doesn't the entire land belong to you? Make a solemn pact with me, and I will help turn over all of Israel to you." ¹³ "All right," David replied, "but I will not negotiate with you unless you bring back my wife Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come." ¹⁴ David then sent this message to Ishbosheth, Saul's son: "Give me back my wife Michal, for I bought her with the lives^{id} of 100 Philistines." ¹⁵ So Ishbosheth took Michal away from her husband, Palti son of Laish. ¹⁶ Palti followed along behind her as far as Bahurim, weeping as he went. Then Abner told him, "Go back home!" So Palti returned.

- Michal was treated like a commodity . . . traded for position, power.
 - Her feelings aren't recorded . . . aren't known . . . aren't valued.
 - But we can guess – Michal has some bitterness.
 - What's in our hearts comes out.

The Q for David is - **why does he want her?** First love? Maybe.

- **2 Sam. 3:2-5** - David's 6 sons/born in Hebron. **6 sons/6 women**.
 - Acquiring many wives was practice of ancient kings, it wasn't to be the practice of Israel's kings. **Deut. 17:16-17 – Guidelines/King:**
 - A king must not acquire a great number of horses, or "take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold."
 - **A glance at what will become the dark side of David's legacy**

2 Sam 6 - David has Ark brought to Jerusalem with great **praise/celebration**.

- **David danced before God “w/ all his might” – 2 Sam 6:14.**
- ¹⁶ But as the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, **Michal, the daughter of Saul**, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him.

NOTE: she’s watching, not participating. Not fully in!

David sacrificed burnt offerings to the Lord, blessed the people, gave them food, they left He goes home.

- ²⁰ When David returned home to bless his own family, **Michal, the daughter of Saul**, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, “How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!” ²¹ David retorted to Michal, “I was dancing before the LORD, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the LORD, so I celebrate before the LORD. ²² Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!” ²³ So **Michal, the daughter of Saul**, remained childless throughout her entire life.
- **3x – Michal** is named as “the **daughter of Saul**”
 - Emphasis is to remind us that **Saul** had **no interest** in the Ark or God or worship. Michal shows same attitude. **Disdain. Distance.**
 - Michal sees David as foolish, dishonoring himself, embarrassing.

David was **willing to dishonor himself to honor God**.

David was **more concerned** about **praising God** than looking **perfect**.

- He **chose worship** & God over pleasing others.
- He **cared more** about what God thought than other people.
 - There will be people who belittle our worship... faith.
 - Will we choose God over others? Put God in 1st place?

Putting God first puts us in direct line to God’s blessings.

2 Samuel 7 - David wants to do something good for God.

He feels blessed, so he wants to bless God. David said, “I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent!”

- David tells this to Nathan, a prophet. He initially says yes.
- ⁴ But that same night the LORD said to Nathan, ⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD has declared: Are you the one to build a house for me to live in? ⁶ I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. I have always moved from one place to another with a tent and a Tabernacle as my dwelling. ⁷ Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel's tribal leaders, the shepherds of my people Israel. I have never asked them, "Why haven't you built me a beautiful cedar house?"
- ⁸ "Now go and say to my servant David, 'This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies has declared: **I took you from tending sheep in the pasture and selected you** to be the leader of my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before your eyes. Now **I will make your name as famous** as anyone who has ever lived on the earth! ¹⁰ And I will provide a homeland for my people Israel, **planting them in a secure place** where they will never be disturbed. Evil nations won't oppress them as they've done in the past, ¹¹ starting from the time I appointed judges to rule my people Israel. And **I will give you rest from all your enemies.**
- "Furthermore, the **LORD declares that he will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings!** ¹² For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. ¹⁵ But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and **your throne will be secure forever.**" ¹⁷ So Nathan went back to David and told him everything the LORD had said in this vision.

God tells David "no" – but blessings in that "no." It's a different yes.

- **God rejects David's plan . . . but God doesn't reject David.**
 - "No" from God doesn't mean God doesn't love us; punishing
 - No means God has a **better plan** for us. **SELECTED HIM.**
 - **Remember – God has always been the Provider.**
 - **God's plan is to bless David – 4 promises:**

1 - I will make your name famous

David is known as the greatest King. City of David. **Fulfilled.**

2 - I will provide a secure homeland, make the people secure

Jerusalem: Capital of Israel. Known as “City of Peace.” **Fulfilled.**

3 - I will give you rest from all your enemies

David’s throne had no challenges from outside enemies.

2 Sam. 8 - David was the conqueror . . . he was not conquered.

Fulfilled.

4 - I will make a house for you

David wanted to build a temple – a building – but God wants to build a house – a dynasty. A “house of thrones.” A throne that will last forever. **Fulfilled.**

- David’s son **Solomon** will build the temple.

- The **throne** that last **forever** is the throne of **Jesus**.

- Jesus is descendant of David. From the “root of Jesse” – Is. 11

- **Isaiah 9** - For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and
upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

When David hears God’s promises from Nathan, he is humbled. (2 Sam. 7)

Prays - Who am I, God? What is my family? You’ve brought me so far!

- ²² “How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! **There is no one like you.** We have never even heard of another God like you!”

- ²⁵ “And now, O LORD God, I am your servant; do as you have promised concerning me and my family. Confirm it as a promise that will last forever. . . . ²⁹ And now, may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you have spoken, and when you grant a blessing to your servant, O Sovereign LORD, it is an eternal blessing!”

- **We have eternal blessings from God, too!**

